



## Mr. John Edward Bates

November 7, 1960 - February 16, 2026

John Edward Bates was born to Annoise Lorraine Bates and James Martinus Bates Sr. on November 7, 1960 in Saginaw, Michigan, the tenth child of eleven children. He passed away February 16, 2026 at Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center in Woodbridge, Virginia.

John attended Jones Elementary, Central Junior High and Saginaw High School. In high school he was a member of both the yearbook committee and Quill & Scroll, an international club of high school journalists. John completed his Bachelor's Degree in Marketing at Michigan State University. He relocated after graduation to Chicago, Maryland and later Virginia. He retired in 2023 as a project manager for CVS Pharmacy Inc.

John was called “Johnny Cake” as a child by his father and neighborhood friends. He was enterprising as a child with his “nightcrawlers” farm. That “farm” was a special box that his father built for him and his sister Jeanetta. We don’t recall him ever being a fisherman, but he and Jeanetta made a pretty penny catching and selling the fish bait. In the early 1970s, he and his nephew Willie Wright Jr. - “Champ” to family - built his father a brick barbecue grill in the backyard on Cherry Street and although it has not been used in a long time, it still stands. John vacationed annually in Myrtle Beach with friends for sun, fun and - primarily - golf. He, his cousin Robert "Bobby" Thomas and friends enjoyed attending race car events, car shows and auctions. He also

was a pretty good mechanic and enjoyed a bit of gardening.

John is survived by siblings Joyce Williams, Jacqueline Bates, Jeraldine Burnell, Julia (Tonza) Price, Jeanetta Bates and Jennifer Bates; nieces Regina Ryan, Cynthia Wright, Tangya Moore, Rachel Burnell, Rochelle (Damon Sr.) Grant, Jenise Bates, Jana (Robert) Bates Brown, Shontell Tillman, Bria Burnell and Jamia Bates; nephews Willie Wright Jr., Winfred Morgan Jr., Corey (Tiombe) Morgan Sr., Herschel Burnell III, Jamarr Bates Sr., Charles Bates Sr., Justin Burnell, Torrance Burnell, Tonza Price II and Jonathan Price; several grandnieces and grandnephews; brother-in-law Willie Wright Sr.; aunts Marcene Ramsey and Fannie Bates; and uncle Walter Bates. He also leaves many cousins in Virginia, Pennsylvania and throughout the country. John also leaves a significant other, Darla Douthitt; and a close friend, Craig Geris.

John was preceded in death by his parents Lorraine and James; sisters Joan Wright and Jocelyn Jackson; brothers James Bates Jr. and Jeffrey Bates; brother-in-law Donald Williams; sister-in-law Martha Bates; maternal grandparents, Robert and Ovella Bates; paternal grandparents James and Fannie Bates and step grandmother Catherine Bates; uncles Robert E. Bates, Joe B. McCurdy Sr., Willie Sykes, the Rev. Frederick Jones, Roland Thomas Sr., Jesse Bates, Charles Ramsey Sr., Lloyd Diggs Sr., Marvin Bates, Reginald Bates, Gilbert Davis, Herman Peterson, Walter McClenton, Lawrence Davis and Herbert Mallory Sr.; aunts Emma Bates, Sylvia McCurdy, Ione Sykes, Mary C. Jones, Dorothy Thomas, Pauline Diggs, Loretta Bates, Hazel Davis, Edith Peterson, Addie McClenton, Virginia Davis, Pearl Mallory, Aleene Rogers and Phyllis Bates; special cousins Janet McCurdy Miller and Robert (Bobby) Thomas.

Johnny will be buried in Triangle, Virginia on Saturday March 7, 2026. Burial will take place at Sisson Family Cemetery, in Triangle, Virginia.

A memorial service will be held in Saginaw, Michigan at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ *David G Lawrence Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates* ”



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**David G Lawrence Jr** - April 06 at 07:01 PM

TP

“ *Toni Pringle lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates* ”



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**Toni Pringle** - March 26 at 06:58 PM

EM

“ *Evon Chism, Wixom Michigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates* ”



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**Evon Chism, Wixom Michigan** - March 22 at 09:02 PM

GP

“ *I light this yellow candle for old times friendship, rest in Paradise Johnnie* ”



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**Gwendolyn Perry** - March 15 at 12:24 AM

VJ

“ *Val Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**Val Johnson** - March 08 at 03:58 PM

ST

“ *Sheryl Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**Sheryl Thomas** - March 08 at 12:30 PM



“ *Condolences to the family.*

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**Mary Lawrence** - March 08 at 03:05 AM



“ *Mary Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**Mary Lawrence** - March 08 at 03:02 AM

AP

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire family. May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding be with you now and forever more 🙏*



Alberta Smith Palmer - March 02 at 11:32 AM

DM

“ *Sending our Prayers, Condolences and Love to the Bates Family. With. Love, The Tillman Family*



Delphine Martin - March 01 at 05:51 AM

RT

“ *Rosalind Tillman lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



Rosalind Tillman - February 27 at 10:56 PM

WF

“ *Wanda Faye Reynolds And The Reynolds Fam lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



Wanda Faye Reynolds and the Reynolds fam - February 27 at 07:09 PM

CD

“ *Charlotte Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**Charlotte Dixon** - February 27 at 06:41 PM

CS

“ *Colleen Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**Colleen Smith** - February 27 at 12:01 AM

IC

“ *Irma Chism lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**Irma Chism** - February 26 at 04:52 PM

JH

“ *Jerry & Dennis Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**Jerry & Dennis Hall** - February 26 at 02:15 PM

GW

“ *Gogi West lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**Gogi West** - February 26 at 10:04 AM

TT

“ *Terry Triplett lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**Terry Triplett** - February 26 at 09:17 AM

JH

“ *Jerry & Dennis Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**Jerry & Dennis Hall** - February 25 at 04:31 PM

TW

“ *Tammy Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**Tammy Williams** - February 25 at 04:27 PM

CM

“ *Carol Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**Carol Mitchell** - February 24 at 10:47 AM

AP

“ *ANN PATRICK lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**ANN PATRICK** - February 24 at 10:40 AM

MB

“ *Michelle Blair lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**Michelle Blair** - February 23 at 01:36 PM

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**Michelle Blair** - February 23 at 01:36 PM

JH

“ *Jerry & Dennis Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**Jerry & Dennis Hall** - February 23 at 01:32 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Hamilton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**Kathy Hamilton** - February 22 at 11:25 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**Deborah Morris-Williams** - February 22 at 09:59 PM

SL

“ *Sirocca Layton lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



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**Sirocca Layton** - February 22 at 07:37 AM

EC

“ *My Condolences to the Bates Family. John and I reconnected after Grade School around 1983 and You knew he was Going Places.*  
*RIH JOHN*

Eddie Canada - February 22 at 07:06 AM

AC

“ *Heartfelt condolences to my classmates  
entire family & friends... RIHP John c/o 78*

*Annie Carr*



Annie Carr - February 21 at 11:16 PM

BM

“ *Beatrice McAfee lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
John Edward Bates*



Beatrice McAfee - February 21 at 07:34 PM

MJ

“ *MR.&MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. lit a  
candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



MR.&MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. - February 21 at 03:41 PM

DD

“ Jennifer, I am so sorry to hear of your brother's passing. Prayers to you and the family.



Donna Dawkins - February 21 at 10:16 AM

RR

“ Rosemary Ruth lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates



Rosemary Ruth - February 21 at 10:12 AM

TO

“ Tom lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates



Tom - February 21 at 10:08 AM

GL

“ Glendorah Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates



Glendorah Lawrence - February 21 at 09:59 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



**Brenda Jones** - February 21 at 12:19 AM

WF

“ *Weems Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



**Weems Family** - February 20 at 08:19 PM



“ *Phyllis Thorne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates*



**Phyllis Thorne** - February 20 at 07:20 PM

EK

“ *Sometimes you don't want to believe who has passed. John you were a good classmate and friend. From coming by, to playing baseball to rocking that big afro. You will be missed. Prayers for the family. Get your rest. EJ*

**Edward J. Kemp** - February 20 at 06:19 PM

PD

“ *My high school shot gun, we rode to school everyday for his junior year, quiet storm, silent yet effective, recently built a Christmas kitchen set. I'll miss you my friend.* ”



Philip Drake - February 20 at 05:27 PM

RF

“ *Praying for the Bates Family.* ”



Ralph & Lynette Fird - February 20 at 04:38 PM



“ *Cosmo DeGennaro lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates* ”



Cosmo DeGennaro - February 20 at 02:16 PM

TP

“ *My heartfelt condolences your the entire family, your in my thoughts and prayers.* ”



Toni Pringle - February 20 at 01:34 PM

MJ

“ MR.&MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR.



MR.&MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. - February 20 at 11:49 AM

CD

“ I knew John for over 30 years working in CVS projects. He was the most laid back easy to work with project manager I ever worked for. He will be missed. My condolences to his family & friends. Cosmo D.



Cosmo DeGennaro - February 20 at 11:46 AM

ED

“ Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates



Elaine Davis - February 20 at 10:35 AM

DD

“ Debra Drake-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates



Debra Drake-Brown - February 20 at 10:10 AM

DB

“ Debra Drake Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates



Debra Drake Brown - February 20 at 10:08 AM

SP

“ Sending condolences to the Bates family in the loss of your brother John. May God give you strength through this most difficult time.



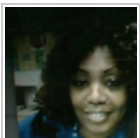
Shelaine Parrish - February 20 at 09:55 AM

VH

“ Vanessa Humesjohnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates



Vanessa Humesjohnson - February 20 at 08:44 AM



“ Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates



Joanie Williams - February 20 at 06:59 AM

AZ

“ Prayers and Condolences to the entire family



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**AlbertFrancesHam Zackrie** - February 19 at 10:15 PM

RB

“ Rochelle Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Bates



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**rochelle brewer** - February 19 at 05:50 PM

DD

“ Jennifer, I am praying for you and the family!  
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**Donna Dawkins** - February 19 at 05:15 PM