



Willard Pierce Yates

October 14, 1931 - July 24, 2019

Willard Pierce Yates, age 87, died Wednesday, July 24, 2019, in Memphis, TN. He was born October 14, 1931, in Rector, AR, to Frank Clayton Yates and Ruby Maude Eaton. He was a veteran having served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was the former owner of Jumpertown Furniture. He enjoyed farming, traveling, gardening, taking care of his yard, and watching preaching on TV. Willard was a member of the Wheeler Grove Baptist Church.

Services were Saturday, July 27, 2019, at 3 p.m. at the Booneville Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James Nanney and the Rev. David Harper officiating. Burial was in the Jumpertown Cemetery. Booneville Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

He is survived by three daughters, Cheryl Nix (Terry) of Booneville, Deanna Lonero (Dominic) of Batavia, IL, and Jill Yates Dickerson of Saltillo; two sons, Jimmie Yates (Kathleen) of Vonore, TN and Mark Yates of Phillips, WI; three brothers, Anthony Yates (Clydene), David Yates, and Frank Yates all of Jumpertown; fourteen grandchildren, Tracy Fleming (Jeff), Cindy Greene (Jonathan), T.J. Nix (Tiffany), Leanne White, Jim Lonero (Haley), Michael Lonero, Melissa Schwark (Dominic), Melanie Yates, Emily Yates, Kyle Yates, Brandon Yates, Tom Engel, Timothy Engel, and Tyler Engel; and fifteen great-grandchildren, Dylan, Baylee, Drew, Kloe, Trevor, Tanner, Addie, Ellie, Elise, Chase, Brennan, Kylie, Tyler, Hunter, and Ryley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Alice Eaton.

Pallbearers were T.J. Nix, Drew Fitzsimmons, Jonathan Greene, Tyler Michael, Dylan Fitzsimmons, Hunter White, Ryley White, Trevor Nix, and Tanner Nix.

Visitation was Saturday, July 27, 2019, at the funeral home from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Jumpertown

Jumpertown, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Booneville Funeral Home
506 North Third Street
Booneville, MS 38829
(662) 728-6607
<https://www.boonevillefuneralhome.net>

Service

JUL 27. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JY

“ *Miss you dad!* ”



Jimmie Yates - April 19 at 11:43 PM

JY

“ *Jimmie Yates lit a candle in memory of Willard Pierce Yates* ”



Jimmie Yates - June 16, 2025 at 12:38 AM

JY

“ *Happy heavenly Father's Day dad! Miss you so much!* ”

Jimmie Yates - June 16, 2025 at 12:37 AM

JY

“Dad, Yesterday your little brother Anthony joined you in heaven. It is tough to lose him as he was so special in my life. I’m proud though to know where you both are and you’re together with Aunt Clydene, Uncle Frank, Aunt Alice, Maw and Paw. Love you all!



jimmie yates - October 11, 2024 at 10:24 AM

JY

“Happy 92nd birthday Dad! Miss you!!
Love always,
Jimmie

JW Yates - October 14, 2023 at 01:56 PM

JY

“JW Yates lit a candle in memory of Willard
Pierce Yates



JW Yates - October 14, 2023 at 01:53 PM

JY

“ *Jimmie Yates lit a candle in memory of Willard Pierce Yates*



Jimmie Yates - August 04, 2023 at 01:29 AM

JY

Thinking of you dad!

Jimmie Yates - August 04, 2023 at 01:28 AM

JY

“ *Jimmie Yates lit a candle in memory of Willard Pierce Yates*



Jimmie Yates - December 14, 2022 at 02:46 PM

JY

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jimmie Yates - October 14, 2022 at 02:25 PM

JY

“ Happy 91st birthday dad! We miss you so much! Love you always!



Jimmie Yates - October 14, 2022 at 02:25 PM

JY

“ Jimmie Yates lit a candle in memory of Willard Pierce Yates



Jimmie Yates - July 24, 2022 at 06:05 PM

JY

“ Dad it's been 3 years today since you passed. Although I miss you terribly it's more clear than ever your exactly where you should be! Heaven!!
Love you,
Jimmie

Jimmie Yates - July 24, 2022 at 06:04 PM

JY

“ Happy Father's Day dad! Thinking of you often and encouraged I will see you soon and be with you for eternity!
Love,
Jimmie

Jimmie Yates - June 19, 2022 at 11:47 AM

CN

“ Happy 90th Birthday Dad in Heaven❤️🌹 thank You for sending us a cardinal at least once a Day since You have left us. I seen 2 cross in front of my windshield on the way going and coming back home today. I know one sent from You Dad, and one sent from our God The Father Creator of All🙌🙌❤️ Just when i thaught you stopped sending them, you let me know You are Always with me and The Kids.This was my Blessing for today on your Birthday🕊️ We Will Always miss You, but have Peace knowing we will see You and our other Loved ones again Soon. Life goes by Like a vapor and a Blink.

You will Always be in Our Hearts and Precious Memories.❤️🌹 We will Love You through Eternity.



Cheryl&Terry Nix - October 14, 2021 at 11:54 PM

JY

“ Dad I still miss our times of just loafing together or talking on the phone. The good Lord stepped in and answered your and our prayers and all was done as you wished. We love you always,
Mark, Jill, & Jimmie



Jimmie Yates - September 21, 2021 at 11:05 PM

TC

“ Terry Cheryl lit a candle in memory of Willard Pierce Yates



Terry Cheryl - December 27, 2020 at 02:15 AM

TC

Dad we miss You being here with us and all the kids. I will always keep you in my heart and will Always remember the talks and laughs we shared. You were Always here for us during good times and sad times. A part of me left when You left, but i feel You are still here trying to give me Peace

to let me know You are at Peace by sending a cardinal every once in awhile. Oh and i still hear Your pickup pulling up in our driveway and look to see You are not here. The windchimes Deanna gave to me in rememerance of You, will ring when there is no wind and the others i have don't. I will continue on by knowing you are really not so far away, and Always be Happy the way You would want me to be. I know I will see You again. I Love You So Much and so does Deanna, who we have helped each other through this heartbreak, with Jesus carrying us both with only one set of footprints in the sand. We know You had Merry Christmas celebrating Jesus our Lord ❤️🕊️ with the others.

Terry Cheryl - December 27, 2020 at 02:35 AM

TC

We will All be together again one day ❤️🕊️ We Love You

Terry Cheryl - December 27, 2020 at 02:43 AM

JY

“ Thinking of you dad! Miss you!



Jimmie Yates - September 06, 2020 at 05:00 PM

JY

“ *Dad you left this earth a year ago to be with the lord. We miss you terribly but find comfort in knowing your in heaven and we will see you again.
I will love you for eternity.
Jimmie*



Jimmie Yates - July 24, 2020 at 08:49 AM

JY

“ *1 file added to the album*

A screenshot of a text file containing lyrics.

You never said goodbye
You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knew why
A million times I needed you,
A million times I cried
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died
In life I loved you dearly
In death I love you still
In my heart you hold a place,
That no one could ever fill
It broke my heart to lose you,

Jimmie Yates - June 21, 2020 at 01:41 AM

JY

Thinking of you always dad.

Jimmie Yates - June 21, 2020 at 01:55 AM

JY

“ *Dad,
I sure miss you not being here this Father's Day. I just want you to know you are a big part of the man I've become. I'm so grateful that I got to know you as not only a father but as a man, a friend and Christian. I know your exactly where you want to be and deserve to be with our Heavenly Father. I love you always and know we will be together again.
Love,
Jimmie*



Jimmie Yates - June 21, 2020 at 01:31 AM



“ *I want to light a candle for Willard for Easter Sunday 4/12/2020 God Bless Him*



Carol Yates - April 12, 2020 at 03:26 PM

CY

“ *Carol Yates lit a candle in memory of Willard Pierce Yates*



Carol Yates - November 24, 2019 at 09:35 PM

JY

“ *Dad today would of been your 88th birthday. I miss you and love you!
Your in the presence of the Lord and that eternal present is the greatest of all.
Love you,
Jimmie*



Jimmie Yates - October 14, 2019 at 01:12 AM

JY

“ *Jimmie Yates lit a candle in memory of Willard Pierce Yates*



Jimmie Yates - September 21, 2019 at 10:20 PM

JY

“ *Jill Yates lit a candle in memory of Willard Pierce Yates*



jill yates - September 11, 2019 at 01:17 AM

JY

Left us too soon. I want to Roll over Heaven with you someday...will keep you in my memory and heart..always and forever..xoxoxox thanks for being a good Dad! ThankYOU Heavenly Father for your Son Jesus who died and rose again so we where you are we may also be....Amen

jill yates - September 11, 2019 at 01:22 AM



Thank you Jill for the sweet tribute to your Dad. I know you loved him very much love, MOM

Carol Yates - April 12, 2020 at 03:31 PM

JY

“ *Jimmie Yates lit a candle in memory of Willard Pierce Yates*



Jimmie Yates - August 24, 2019 at 11:26 PM

JY

Dad you left this earth 1 month ago today. We all miss you so much but we know your in heaven with Vickie, Paw, Maw and all the others. It was special Deanna got to spend your last night on earth alone with you. I will never forget being with Jill as we shared your last breath. Because of you we received the gift of being with Mark again. Thank you Dad! Thank you Jesus for the gift of dad as our earthly father and your gift of being our Heavenly Father. Rest In Peace dad!
Love you,
Jimmie

Jimmie Yates - August 24, 2019 at 11:55 PM

CY

I do still miss Willard and hope to see him again in heaven. But I need to thank him and God for having the family we had together. All the kids we had, Jimmie, Deanna, Cheryl, Jill and Mark turned out to be some great God loving Christians and I am so proud of them and love them all. I know Willard was proud of them and loved them all equally. I was so sad to hear that he walked with God before I did. I always thought that I'd go first. Rest in Peace, Willard. You were so loved in my and your time together.

Carol Yates - September 4, 2019

Carol Yates - September 04, 2019 at 04:39 PM

CN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

the shoes on the other foot, it is hard to accept. I Pray it will get easier for me as the years go by. Even as a little girl, I felt a close bond to you. Then when I got married to Terry, you grew so close to him and he with you too. Then our kids and grandkids, were blessed to have you in their lives. These last 2 years of me and you time on the mornings on my porch meant more to me than any money or gold in this world. I want you to know I didn't give up on you, that you would have a peaceful life here. I promised you in the hospital I wouldn't give up on you, and it was up to you and The Good Lord when you would leave us. I told you when you were ready, to reach for Jesus hand and let go of mine. You were ready.

Cheryl Nix - August 21, 2019 at 09:59 PM

CD

“ Cheryl Nix Willards Daughter lit a candle in memory of Willard Pierce Yates



cheryl nix Willards Daughter - August 21, 2019 at 09:57 PM

JY

“ I pray this site and Willards (Dad's) legacy will focus on him and our Lord.

Lord I come to you to thank you for giving us a father, son, brother and friend for 87 years. I pray that all who are grieving will focus on what you our Lord gave us instead of what we are missing or feel has been lost. For those of the Lord are never lost and promised eternity. The promise of eternal life is greater than anything left here on earth.

Our memories are a gift and should be cherished. Anyone that knew Willard (Dad) would know he was not a man about the things he or others had but about you our Lord. To honor Willard (Dad) and the Lord I pray we all continue to mature as Christians by showing others it's not about us or material things but about becoming better examples and disciples of the Lord. We are called to tell others who don't know Jesus to tell them of him. Willard (Dad) would tell us to turn to the Lord and accept Jesus as our savior.

Grief is impossible to compare or measure. I pray that you Lord give us all the strength, wisdom, courage and desire to add to Willard's (Dad's) legacy by showing our love and faith to you our Lord. There is comfort in our Lord and knowing we will see Willard (Dad) again. I pray for all to find refuge, grace and mercy in our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Jimmie Yates - August 16, 2019 at 11:12 AM

CY

“ Carol Yates lit a candle in memory of Willard Pierce Yates



Carol Yates - August 12, 2019 at 06:03 PM



“ Jenn Yates sent a virtual gift in memory of Willard Pierce Yates



Jenn Yates - July 28, 2019 at 01:52 PM

CH

Thank You Jenn❤️ I finally got around to listening to all my voicemails. It is hard to believe Dad is not here with us anymore. I so bad want to walk in his house and see him sitting in his recliner watching the news or the preacher he always listened to. Or to see him in the kitchen cooking himself a hamburger lime he'd be doing at least a couple times a week. Whats going to really hurt is when we have to sell his pickup to give the rest of the kids all their parts of it. Then it won't be under his carport. I keep looking for him to come pull up in our yard under the shade ir in our driveway. The others may cry they'll miss him, im sure they will as far as talking on the phone as they did. But not as i will or Terry to see him everyday or talk and sit here on our porch. It will be a long time getting over this!

Thank You for your virtual gift in memory to him. Im planning on going to visit Your Dad soon! InLove him too! I have many memories of him coming to the shoe store when we had it opened, as well as your Mom too!! I know all up in Heaven are having a ball!

Love You Sweet Cousin, take care of yourself until we see each other again🙏❤️

cheryl - August 03, 2019 at 10:00 PM

JY

Jenn thank you for remembering dad and your act of kindness. I

Jimmie Yates - August 16, 2019 at 05:18 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Willard Pierce Yates.*



July 26, 2019 at 09:15 AM

JY

“ *Jimmie Yates lit a candle in memory of Willard Pierce Yates*



Jimmie Yates - July 25, 2019 at 11:30 PM

JY

“ *Dad,
You were a great father! You will forever be in our hearts and we will see you again when we pass to meet you in heaven. Just know our love for you will last forever!
All my love,
Your son Jimmie*

Jimmie Yates - July 25, 2019 at 11:28 PM

CD

*Dad, I am so sorry, I thought when this time came, I'd be able to give you up! But it is So much harder than I thought. I have told others when they lost a loved one, that they were in a better place. I believe with all my heart you are. But I hope and pray you know, now that the shoes on the other foot, it is hard to accept 💔 I Pray, it will get easier for me as the years go by. Even as a little girl, I felt a close bond to you. Then when I got married to Terry, You grew so close to him and he with you too. Then our kids and grandkids, were blessed to have you in their lives. These last 2 Years of me and you time in the mornings on my porch meant more to me than any money or gold in this world ! I want you to know I didn't give up on you, that you would have a peaceful life here. I promised you in the hospital I wouldn't give up on You, and it was up to You and The Good Lord when You would leave us. I told You, when You were ready, to reach for Jesus hand and let go of mine. You were ready, but I wasn't💔 I will miss You until i Can hold your hand once more. Thank You for Our. Precious Memories. That will Always be in my 💔
I Love You Dad, and Happy You got a New ❤️*

cheryl nix Willards Daughter - August 21, 2019 at 09:43 PM

CD

I Love You and Miss You So Much Dad💔

cheryl nix Willards Daughter - August 21, 2019 at 09:53 PM

KM

“*Mr. Yates always came in the bank with a smile, we will miss him dearly.*”



Karen Michael - July 25, 2019 at 07:36 PM

JY

Thank you Karen for you kind words and memory.

Jimmie Yates - July 25, 2019 at 11:38 PM

JY

First thing comes to mind about Uncle Willard is him dancing with LeAnn when I was babysitting once. It was so cute.

jennifer yates - July 26, 2019 at 08:59 AM

JY

Thank you Jennifer..love you ! We All had many times with Dad, even tho, some may not know that, He loved his" whole" Yates family.. and then some he met along the life journey.. Rest In Peace My Dear Dad..GOD fulfills all Promises.Dad knew that and always said THE LORD will call him HOME one day.. XOXOXOXX

jill yates - August 12, 2019 at 11:07 PM

JY

I think of you daily and Miss seeing you! I often hear your voice and what you would say.. You are in my heart so I know you with me..LOVE you dearly now and forever until we see each other again..ONE FINE DAY.. love you always JILL

jill Yates - September 05, 2019 at 10:52 PM