



## Steve Bates

April 7, 1947 - September 10, 2023

Steve Bates age 75 of Centre passed away Sunday September 10th at his residence.

A Memorial service will be 3 PM Sunday September 17th at New Bethel Baptist Church with Rev. Brett Clemens officiating. The family will receive friends from 2 until 3 PM Sunday at the church.

Survivors include wife, Sharon Bates; son, Greg (Kelly) Bates; daughter, Tara (Bruce) Reedy; 6 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 1 brother and 3 sisters; caretaker, Shawn Covington; special thanks to Amedysis Hospice. Mr. Bates was a native of Jacksonville and the son of the late Walter and Delma Bates.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to New Bethel Baptist Church Women World Missions.

Perry Funeral Home Directing  
[www.perryfuneral.net](http://www.perryfuneral.net)

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Receive Friends

SEP 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

New Bethel Baptist Church  
411 N  
Centre, AL

### Memorial Service

SEP 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

New Bethel Baptist Church  
411 N  
Centre, AL

# Tribute Wall

LP

“ Sharon,I was looking [n different funeral homes and happened to see Steve Bates..Immediately I thought of you and thought I would look to see if I saw you name and immediately I did.I can remember when you and I worked @ Piedmont Executive we talked alot and I remember you talking alot about Steve and your children.We were both young way back then...I know you loved him dearly and I am so sorry to learn he had to leave you.I know you miss him so much! Y'all were like us,been married a long time!! We have been married 61 years!  
Love,sympathy and prayers for you!  
Lila Parris

---

**Lila Estes Parris** - November 11, 2023 at 12:40 AM

MW

“ Mallory and I are so sorry to hear of Steve's death. You and your family are in our prayers.

---

**Margaret Whorton** - September 11, 2023 at 10:00 PM

EJ

“ Edna Jennings lit a candle in memory of Steve Bates



---

**Edna Jennings** - September 11, 2023 at 08:59 PM

MP

“ Sharon, Greg, and Tara,  
Mike and I were so sorry to learn of Steve's passing! We so enjoyed being with him during Piedmont Bulldog sporting events!! He was a very dedicated and supportive Dad and Granddad to his children and grandchildren. He always had a BIG smile on his face when he was surrounded by his precious GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN!! He will truly be missed by those of us who considered him a friend.  
Sincerely,  
Mike and Melinda Pody



---

**Melinda Pody** - September 11, 2023 at 12:37 PM