



James Donald "Donnie" Yates

August 4, 1958 - September 16, 2020

James Donald "Donnie" Yates, 62, passed away Wednesday September 16, 2020 peacefully at home surrounded by his family.

Donnie was a Army veteran, a maintenance supervisor at Paradise Tomato Kitchen and was catholic by faith. He loved to do things with his hands such as woodworking, fishing and playing guitar with a band named Ordinary Tyme. Preceded in death by his parents, John Yates and Eva Skees as well as a step father Anthony Skees; a sister, Martha Cunningham.

Survived by his wife, Debra Wilkerson Yates; two daughters, Linda Nalley (Joe), Kayla Biddle (Andrew); three grandchildren, Ryan and Madalynn Nalley, Evelyn Mae Biddle and one on the way Lorelai Jean Biddle; four brothers, Joseph Ronald Yates, Gerald Lewis Yates(Ann), John Michael Yates(Gail) and Ray Anthony Yates(Teresa); one sister, Alice Ann Wall (Joe); and two faithful furry companions Jo Jo and Callie.

Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway entrusted with his arrangements. Memorial mass will be held at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central

2501 N Dixie Blvd
Radcliff, KY 40160

Tribute Wall



“ Owen Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of James Donald "Donnie" Yates



Owen Funeral Homes - September 18, 2020 at 03:22 PM

PT

Donnie was a great guy. Dirk and I remember him from Western and we were in band together. We always enjoyed talking to him whenever we would run into him. The video was awesome. Our prayers are with the family. Pam Trowbridge Turner and Dirk Turner

Pam Turner - September 19, 2020 at 06:25 PM

LB

Dear Debbie and Family,

*I was saddened to learn of Donnie's passing. I remember him as such a caring and loving person when we shared time together in our fellowship. Please accept my sincere sympathy.
Laurie B.*

Laurie Bliven - September 20, 2020 at 10:49 PM

JE


Beautiful life, Donnie. Sad to hear of your passing. Fond memories of you and Ronnie at St. Lawrence.

Joe Eigel - September 23, 2020 at 05:39 PM

MS

“ *Donnie and his siblings grew up behind us and are in most every childhood memory of our neighborhood. They were and still are an amazing family. I'm so deeply sorry for you loss. Rest in peace my friend. Mary Helen Nauert Stovall*

Mary Helen Stovall - September 21, 2020 at 11:49 AM

 Daniel Polley

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Daniel Polley - September 20, 2020 at 06:52 PM

PF

“ *Debbie and family, we are sorry for your loss. Just as everyone has said, Donnie was a great guy that loved his wife and kids so much. You all are in our prayers.*

Pam & Mike Curtis & The Horsman family - September 20, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of James Donald "Donnie" Yates.*



September 19, 2020 at 11:35 AM

DA

“ *Husband, father, grand-father, Engineer, Musician, Pontoon Boat Captain, a simple Fisherman, Philosopher, a true Renaissance man. But in addition to that, someone we were proud to call our friend.*
David and Debbie

Debbie Beattie and David Anderson - September 19, 2020 at 05:56 AM

FB

“ *On 9-14-2013 at 5:46:07 p.m., Rick Thurston stopped a "bush holdup" as Donald "Donnie" Yates was escorting Kayla Marie, his daughter, toward her and Andrew Biddle's Wedding Ceremony site at Big Springs Country Club in Louisville, KY. That incident put a big smile on Donnie's face; as well as, Karen and my faces that day! As grandparents then and now, of Andrew and Kayla Yates Biddle, we were happy that wedding day! However, now we are truly saddened by the passing of James Donald Yates. Our prayers are extended to all of his family!!!*

F. Keith Biddle - September 18, 2020 at 02:43 PM

BC

“ *Bob and Beth Crews purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Donald "Donnie" Yates.*



Bob and Beth Crews - September 17, 2020 at 10:00 PM

PN

“ *Debbie and Family — Our hearts ache for you. We always enjoyed seeing Donnie and he and Phil always had interesting talks! May God bless all of you in this journey of grief and may Donnie's love for all of you sustain you and bring you peace.*

Phil & Patti Nalley - September 17, 2020 at 08:29 PM

SH

“ *Debbie and family, I am so sorry to learn of Donnie's death. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sr. Ann Marie*

Sister Ann Marie Howard - September 17, 2020 at 08:19 PM

FF

“ *When Fred and me were ever with Donnie and Debbie we always had a great time. He was such a kind person and will be greatly missed. You are now in Heaven. Prayers to Debbie and family. Love Dotty and Fred 🙏🙏*

Fred and Dotty Flaspoebler - September 17, 2020 at 06:53 PM

SB

“ *While time will sometime distance many of our family, I will always cherish the love our families shared especially at the farm in Hardin County. Beautiful people always make enduring memories. God Bless you and I hope you and Uncle John are playing a welcome home song for our heavenly family. Cousin Steve Brian*

Stephen Brian - September 17, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Donald "Donnie" Yates.*



September 17, 2020 at 05:33 PM

CK

“ *Donnie was a wonderful, caring man. My husband Mike met him through work and they became very good friends. Donnie and Debbie was always there for me when Mike passed. I will miss him but know that is having a ball with Mike in heaven. I pray for peace for his family.*

Cindy Kirkman - September 17, 2020 at 02:45 PM

RY

“ *Donnie was literally my soul brother, my forever best friend, my twin. Twins, as you know, love to love, and love to hate one another. We were closer and yet further apart than our other siblings. It is a dichotomy that I believe all twins share. Be that as it may, we remained, until his death, loyal and faithful brothers who would do anything for one another and for our family. And though his death is a train wreck for me, emotionally, I know he would not want us to dwell on our grief. Donnie loved life, and would want us to continue loving life as well. I will do that, Donnie, as long as I am able. Farewell my beloved, brother. Play a song for the angels, and be sure to make them laugh.*

Ronnie Yates - September 17, 2020 at 12:00 PM

JB

Ronnie, so sorry for the great loss you and your family are enduring right now.

jim brown - September 17, 2020 at 02:11 PM

RY

Thanks, Jim.

Ronnie Yates - September 18, 2020 at 01:47 AM

SD

“ *Donnie was a loving gracious man. I will miss his sweet smile and twinkle in his eyes. He will be surely missed. His Spirit will be felt.* ”

Sandi Dial - September 17, 2020 at 11:51 AM

LH

“ *Leighanne Harl lit a candle in memory of James Donald "Donnie" Yates* ”



Leighanne Harl - September 17, 2020 at 11:11 AM

LH

“ *Kayla, My deepest sympathies to you and your family. Donnie will be greatly missed. Leighanne* ”

Leighanne Harl - September 17, 2020 at 11:11 AM