



Sidney Bates Jr.

May 23, 1932 - October 29, 2017

The life of Sidney Bates, Jr. began on May 23, 1932, in Prosperity, SC. The youngest of four children born to the late Granville Bates and Bessie Mae Gallman Bates, he departed this earthly life for his heavenly home on Sunday, October 29, 2017, at his residence.

Sidney, affectionately known as "Shug," attended the public schools of Newberry County and enlisted in the United States Army, serving as a Staff Sergeant before his retirement. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam where he earned the Bronze Star Medal for his leadership and accomplishments. He served in Korea as well. After completing his military duty, Shug attended college. He was later employed by Nabisco, where he retired after twenty-five years of committed service to focus on his family, especially his girls.

Being the father of all girls, Sidney's deep love for his family showed in his being a true provider and strong father. Prior to losing his sight, he loved attending church, working out, doing yard work and watching baseball, especially the Atlanta Braves. Shug also loved Cadillacs owning several through his lifetime. Even after the loss of his sight, he was still independent, self-sufficient and enjoyed his life.

In addition to his parents, Sidney was preceded in death by his siblings: Willie Ray Bates, Naomi Jackson, and Bennie Bates.

He leaves to cherish precious memories six daughters: Kecia Bates, Sydney Bates, Sidney Bates, Beverly Moyd, Teresa (Bernard) Faust, all of Columbia, and Petra Lubowitski of Germany; two stepdaughters: Clarissa Fitzpatrick and Barbara Smith; nineteen grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; one brother Steven (Joyce) Bates of Newberry; his buddy and beloved granddaughter Victoria Chandler; his grandson Trevon Drayton Bates; his adopted son-in-law Gary Mitchell; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Cemetery

Events

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

SC,

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Public Viewing

01:00PM - 08:00PM

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia

1200 Fontaine Place, Columbia, SC, US, 29223

NOV

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Public Viewing

10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Celebration of Life

11:00AM - 12:15PM

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Graveside service

01:00PM

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Comments



“ About Granddaddy - from Victoria Chandler

Cigarettes and baseball games on TV, the smell of ashes in the air and good advice hanging behind it, Channel 10 instead of Channel 3 and breakfast on Sunday...

Blue eyes and strong muscles, blue and red rocking chairs with a green cup right beside...

Electric razor humming as you shaved, not knowing you were to disappear...

You were a fighter. And you did just that until the end. You fought in the war, you fought with cigarettes, and you fought with your own body...

It would seem you lost, but I'll always see you as a winner. A part of my self has died with you, and I hate that but I know you had to go...

And so tonight as I cry for you, I also remember you. These candles burn for you but I think but I think cigarettes are more appropriate. The pain will fade but your memory won't...

Every time I pass your room I can see you - white T-shirt, blue short pants (as you called them) and your shoes at the end...

You are forever in my memory with a cigarette in your hand and your advice in my head. I make this final promise to you because you told me this everyday. I promise not to do anything stupid, to pay attention in school, and to make something of my life...

Thank you for what we had and for our memories and your legacy...

So cheers to you. To your memories, to your advice, and to the cigarettes and fish on Saturday that remind me of you. Goodbye, I hope the cigarettes stay lit forever and the fish is good...

Victoria Chandler - November 07, 2017 at 12:24 PM



“ I am sorry to hear about Sidney's death. I worked with him for 25 years at Nabisco. My condolences and sympathies for the family. John Swygert

John Swygert - November 06, 2017 at 08:57 AM



“ Kecia Bates lit a candle in memory of Sidney Bates Jr.



Kecia Bates - November 05, 2017 at 07:20 PM



“ Sydney Bates lit a candle in memory of Sidney Bates Jr.



Sydney Bates - November 05, 2017 at 06:38 PM



“ I watched Dr. Stanley this morning but it wasn't the same. The first in many Sunday's to come without spending it with you, Watching Dr. Stanley, meet the Press, and listening to the Leevy hour. I will miss you dearly but wont forget our Sunday morning talks over cooking breakfast and the words of advice given over the years. I promise to take my butt to work and get Victoria to school on time. Rest in Peace Daddy, Love Always Boop

Sydney Bates - November 05, 2017 at 10:52 AM