



## Cleophis (Cleo) Bates, Jr.

January 28, 1969 - June 29, 2018

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighted in his way.  
Psalm 37:23

Cleophis Von Dervin Bates, affectionately called Von by his family and Cleo by his friends, made his transition from earth to his heavenly home Friday, June 29, 2018 in Columbia, South Carolina. Born January 28, 1969, in Columbia, Richland County, South Carolina, he was the oldest of three children born to Vera Scott-Bates and Cleophis Bates and was a grandson of the late Mr. Willie and Mrs. Lucy Bates and the late Mr. Benjamin and Mrs. Rosa Lee Scott. Von was previously married to Shawnee Collins-Bates, of Blackville, South Carolina, and they were blessed with Four children.

Von attended the public schools of Richland County School District Two and graduated from Richland Northeast High School in the Class of 1987. While at Richland Northeast, he played the trombone with the band. Following his high school graduation, Von continued his studies at South Carolina State University. As a youth, Von attended church services at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with his family where, at an early age, he became a member and served as an acolyte. He also participated in outreach activities with the local church.

Von loved sports and was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan. He was known for

his passionate love of fishing, grilling, traveling, and watching movies. Not only did he enjoy spending time with his family, friends, and co-workers, but Von also was very committed to the relationships he had with his children, parents, and his brothers, among others. Von's most notable love-language was giving. Once entering the workforce, Von was employed by Tee's Company, Golden State Foods, and most recently, by Trane Industries for 13 years as a welder and brazer. He was also a talented barber.

In addition to his grandparents, Von was preceded in death by a brother, Clevon Montoya Bates.

He leaves to cherish precious memories his two sons: Collins Xavier Manning Bates and Cleo Vaughn-Dervin Bates; two daughters: Alexis Shavaughn Bates and Corynn Alizabeth Shaveira Bates, all of Columbia; three granddaughters: Sha'niya Bates, Sha'nylah Bates, and Nyomi Bates all of Columbia; his mother Vera Scott-Bates of Columbia; his father Cleophis Bates of Columbia; his brother C. Jason Arthur Bates of Charlotte, North Carolina; four aunts: Mary G. Scott of Columbus, Georgia, Wilhelmenia Broughton, Renay Fulwood, and Minnie Scott, all of Columbia; four uncles: Benjamin Scott, Reginald Scott, and Roland Scott, all of Columbia, and Monroe (Pamela) Haynes of New York; one grandaunt Georgia Ann Pearson of Columbia; a devoted friend treated as a sister Atiya McPherson; a special friend Menyan Sims; and a host of cousins, other devoted friends and loved ones.

God has seen fit to give His precious one rest with Him and though we will deeply miss him our loved one; we understand and cling to scripture which tells us, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. II Corinthians 5:8b"

# Cemetery Details

## Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens

Columbia, SC

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUL 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia  
1200 Fontaine Place  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 786-6300  
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

## Family Visitation

JUL 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia  
1200 Fontaine Place  
Columbia, SC 29223  
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## **Public Viewing**

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JUL 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethel AME Church  
819 Woodrow Street  
Columbia, SC 29205

## **Celebration of Life**

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JUL 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethel AME Church  
819 Woodrow Street  
Columbia, SC 29205

# Tribute Wall



“ *Miss you still, Big Cousin. We love you always!* ”

Roni Fulwood Stearns - June 29, 2025 at 10:05 PM



“ *Cleophis (Cleo) Bates, Jr.* ”

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Love you pops still think about you everyday you will always be in my heart always and forever your babygirl corynn* ”

corynn - May 27, 2019 at 12:55 PM



love you 5L & after da

corynn - May 31, 2023 at 10:34 PM



*I love youuuu so much da miss you*

Corynn Bates - December 25, 2024 at 07:25 PM



*love you da merry Christmas in heaven we miss you I know your so much better in a better place now*

Corynn Bates - December 25, 2024 at 07:31 PM



*Missss youuuu soooo much Da*

Corynn Bates - March 09 at 03:45 AM

JF

“ I Love You Cleo My Best Freind from High School I will Miss you!  
Your Best Freind Jeffrey

JEFFREY FLEMING - July 24, 2018 at 03:08 PM

YV

“ To my dear faithful, fun loving cousin Von. I will always carry your  
spirit in my heart. You will be missed....until we meet again.  
Your Cousin Yvette

Yvette - July 08, 2018 at 01:42 PM

GM

“ I am lighting a candle to the family of the late  
Cleophis Von Bates. You and your family  
have my deepest sympathy. May God  
continue to strengthen and bless all of you in  
a special way.

Gloria B. Minick  
US Postal Family

Gloria B. Minick - July 07, 2018 at 11:29 PM



WS

“ Willie Simmons lit a candle in memory of  
Cleophis (Cleo) Bates, Jr.

Willie Simmons - July 07, 2018 at 05:05 PM



DS

“ *SENDING MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF CLEO BATES MAY HE FOREVER REST IN HEAVENLY PEACE*



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**deloris scott** - July 06, 2018 at 02:12 PM

PA

“ *Pandora S Allen lit a candle in memory of Cleophis (Cleo) Bates, Jr.*



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**Pandora S Allen** - July 06, 2018 at 12:02 PM

DJ

“ *DON JENNINGS lit a candle in memory of Cleophis (Cleo) Bates, Jr.*



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**DON JENNINGS** - July 06, 2018 at 03:30 AM

LC

“ *Love Robin E. Chavis purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Cleophis (Cleo) Bates, Jr..*



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**Love Robin E. Chavis** - July 06, 2018 at 12:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cleophis (Cleo) Bates, Jr..*



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July 05, 2018 at 06:55 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cleophis (Cleo) Bates, Jr..*



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July 05, 2018 at 12:26 PM



“ *Cleo and I worked together at Trane.A fun and crazy guy.We shared many interesting conversations about the people that we knew.God Bless.Annie D. Pelzer*

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**Annie D.Pelzer** - July 05, 2018 at 11:29 AM



“ *I worked at trane with him and we used to hangout with each other he was always the one telling me to chill.i never listened though.he was a good person and gave me good advice about things i had problems with.i will miss him*

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**Najee** - July 05, 2018 at 11:29 AM

MW

“ Cleo "Von" a long time neighbor, Heaven gained a true fun angel. May God continue to guide and give strength to your family.

Maria Williams - July 05, 2018 at 10:55 AM

TB

“ I worked with cleo when i was at trane and he was a great guy fun to talk to and full of life.may god continue to bless his family and friends...

Thaddeus Byrd - July 04, 2018 at 06:15 PM

TF

“ From the Fulwoods with Love (Proverbs 3:5,6)



The Fulwood Family - July 04, 2018 at 03:31 PM

RP

“ My sincere condolences and prayers go out to the entire family. Such a beautiful human being will truly be missed! May God's Presence be with you all!

Rob Fulwood PhD - July 04, 2018 at 03:28 PM

NG

“ I never lost my trust in you Lord' and now I'm going away to a place to live forever' a special place prepared for me' no more tears' no more sorrows' to live free from every care' to shout and sing into the Glory of the Lord!

Nicholas Gordon - July 04, 2018 at 07:11 AM

VR

“ We worked together at Trane, and I remember him as a good friend.  
He will truly be missed

*Victor 'V Rock' Rodgers*

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**Victor Rodgers** - July 03, 2018 at 08:00 PM

TW

“ *Trust in the Lord at all times.*



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**Tanya Washington-Fanning** - July 03, 2018 at 07:44 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Cleophis (Cleo) Bates, Jr..*



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July 03, 2018 at 07:05 PM

NM

“ *Nicole Outen McCune lit a candle in memory of Cleophis (Cleo) Bates, Jr.*



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**Nicole Outen McCune** - July 03, 2018 at 06:02 PM

LM

*Cleo was a beautiful person. I work with him for many years. We shared some laughter together at Trane. I know they will miss him dearly. To the family God needed a flower in Heaven. He chose Cleo.*  
Lottie

lottie mccants. - July 05, 2018 at 05:01 PM

RC

“Ronnie C. lit a candle in memory of Cleophis (Cleo) Bates, Jr.



Ronnie C. - July 03, 2018 at 04:26 PM

NJ

“Nancy And Bill Jackson lit a candle in memory of Cleophis (Cleo) Bates, Jr.



Nancy and Bill Jackson - July 03, 2018 at 08:31 AM

MR

“MICHELLE RICHARDSON (SPICKER)



MICHELLE RICHARDSON - July 03, 2018 at 05:50 AM

MR

“ WHERE DO I BEGIN, NO MORE LATE NIGHT DROP IN'S, NO MORE LATE NIGHT PHONES CALLS, I'M JUST NOT UNDERSTANDING....TAKE YOUR REST COUSIN, THE CHAIN IS BROKEN , BUT YOU WILL ALWAYS LIVE IN ALL OUR HEARTS FOREVER. WE LOVE YOU BUT GOD LOVE YOU BEST. LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART..... YOUR COUSIN MICHELLE (SPICKER)



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**MICHELLE RICHARDSON** - July 03, 2018 at 05:49 AM

ER

“ So sorry for your loss,praying for you and family.Dot sends her condolences to you.It's need easy but we have faith.

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**Earnestine Rivers** - July 03, 2018 at 01:24 AM

SH

“ Our Pub family will surely miss you! All the football talk, drinks, fun, laughs and great times! RIP to a great man my Steelers guy!!!!

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**Shantae** - July 02, 2018 at 09:29 PM

WM

“ Willie and Carrie McLone



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**Willie McLone** - July 02, 2018 at 08:19 PM

PB

“ *Paula Bates lit a candle in memory of Cleophis (Cleo) Bates, Jr.*



Paula Bates - July 02, 2018 at 06:36 PM

PB

“ *Paula Bates lit a candle in memory of Cleophis (Cleo) Bates, Jr.*



Paula Bates - July 02, 2018 at 06:35 PM

PB

“ *Everytime i see you !! You always had a smile on your face !! But i'm going to keep you in my heart !! May you R.I.P cousin Von*

Paula Bates - July 02, 2018 at 06:30 PM

NC

*Memories that shall not be forgotten' as a candle that shines in remembrance' Thank You Lord for giving us Cleo and now you have called him Home to your everlasting Love*

Nicholas Gordon/ Coworker - July 03, 2018 at 07:11 PM

RB

“ *Rodney Brown lit a candle in memory of Cleophis (Cleo) Bates, Jr.*



Rodney Brown - July 02, 2018 at 04:32 PM