



Joseph "Smokin Joe" Mitchell Bates

December 15, 1964 - May 16, 2016

Joseph "Smokin Joe" Mitchell Bates, of House Springs, Missouri was born December 15, 1964, in St Louis, Missouri, to Michael and Agnes (nee Dengler) Bates, and entered into rest, Monday, May 16, 2016, at his residence in House Springs, Missouri, at the age of 51 years, 5 months and 1 day.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving wife, Wendy (nee Vollmer) Bates of House Springs, Missouri, two (2) children, Jessica (Dale) Morgan of House Springs, Missouri and Joseph (Becky Henley) Bates II of House Springs, Missouri, four (4) grandchildren, GracieRae Morgan, Daniel Morgan, Lillian Bates and Briana Bates, Mother in law, Juanita Vollmer of House Springs, Missouri, two (2) siblings, John Bates of Cedar Hill, Missouri and his son, John Bates II of Dittmer, Missouri and Jeremiah Bates of St Charles, Missouri, along with many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Smokin Joe was a member of the High Ridge Elks Lodge #2455 and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was employed at WAM Hauling as a dump truck driver. He will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Memorial visitation Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. until time of service at 4:00 p.m. at CHAPEL HILL MORTUARY, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, Missouri. Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 1001 Craig Road, Suite 480, St Louis, MO 63146. Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at www.stlfuneral.com and follow details of this event and others in the community at www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Cedar Hill
6300 Highway 30
Cedar Hill, MO 63016
(636) 274-4100
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Joseph "Smokin Joe" Mitchell Bates

January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ Red Oak Resort and family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph "Smokin Joe" Mitchell Bates.



Red Oak Resort and family. - May 21, 2016 at 11:23 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph "Smokin Joe" Mitchell Bates.



May 20, 2016 at 01:57 PM



“ Cedar Hill Topsoil - Randy, Rick, Coby, Carl, and John purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph "Smokin Joe" Mitchell Bates.



Cedar Hill Topsoil - Randy, Rick, Coby, Carl, and John - May 20, 2016 at 09:18 AM



“ *I haven't been in touch with Joe for a long time but my heart goes out to his wife and children. You will be missed. RIP little brother we love you.*

Nana Sida - May 19, 2016 at 09:19 AM

GR

“ *Our hearts go out to all family and friends of Joes. We have had so many great memories with Smokey. He was such a giving man, and would do anything to help anyone in need. You will be deeply missed Smokey Joe*

Greg and Jamie Reinhold- Red Oak Resort - May 18, 2016 at 08:10 PM

CM

“ *I'm truly sorry for the loss that the Bates Family is going thru. I have so many memories with Smokin Joe. He has left me a life time of smiles, giggles, and laughter with the thing that he might have said, are do when we would work together. One thing for sure heavens above has one of the most unique individuals I've ever known. Rest in peace Joe, see you again one day my friend.*

Cathy Mcdaniel

Cathy McDaniel - May 18, 2016 at 07:46 PM

CE

“ *You and your family is in my thoughts. Such a tragedy.*

Cindy Eaton - May 18, 2016 at 07:09 PM

SL

“ We lost touch after I went to college but we kept tabs on each other over the years, rest well brother.
The best memories i have of all things were our fights, we were close in age and fought like demons over some trivial matter or another. But always made up after and were fine...until the next one. We were brothers by chance, but brothers nonetheless. I will miss you.

Sean Lock - May 18, 2016 at 06:23 PM



“ You were always one of the "Seven". The Tribe as mom called us. A mixing bowl of kids. No matter how we disfunctioned as a family, if you messed with one of us you got the whole Tribe. Rest Easy now Joe.

Terry Bass - May 18, 2016 at 03:27 PM

SB

“ Bless you!!! We will always have you in our hearts!! A fond memory was when you caught the wall & chimney on fire because the fire got to hot!! I pray you find peace. I love you!!

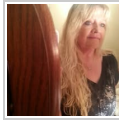
SHARON BATES - May 18, 2016 at 02:34 PM

JB

“ My brother was, well the main character in a story all his own. I have many a memory, but I always loved telling this one. So here it goes, after many failed attempts at bagging a prize buck on my own, I swallowed my pride, and called the best I knew of (Good Ole Smokey) he says, "we'll get your ass up here to the state line....." And 6 hours later I was there, we had a few beers, a few laughs, (not a lot of folks can make me laugh like that) and got ready for the morning, now I know many folks know, but where he took me, there were deer every 1/4 mile of driving! As we pulled through a field we jumped the biggest live buck I'd ever seen, small in comparison to what Joe had harvested through the years, but big enough for me! So we get out and walk to a stand that was facing an old orchard, he says, "now be watching through that cut and they'll be coming, don't shoot the first thing u see dumbass! I'm gonna be just behind you in this field." So me knowing Smokey, he had an eye on something coming through that field, so as the daylight came, I'm watching over at that field! After about 15 minutes into dawn, I seen through the orchard that same buck we had jumped pulling in, I can't explain the excitement (if you hunt, you know) so here I am shaking like a cat shitting a peach seed, and crack off a shot at about 50 yards, he jumps and runs 20 yards and stops. I didn't know for sure if I'd hit him, so I cracked another shot and dropped him. Soon after my phones vibrating and its Joe. "WTF are you doing over there? Did you get 2?" I says, "no, just one" He let out that low giggle laugh, and said, "be there in a minute." He gets over there and says, "what the hell you still doing in that tree? We gotta go!" So we got the truck, and as we were loading him, he had a stinking festered up hole in his spine, smiling Joe says, "looks like somebody shot over his back and missed him.....a few weeks ago.....with a Broadheads..." And that was Joe! The time will tick by, and my memories may fade, but my love for my brother is as solid as the promise made by God. He had accepted Jesus as his Savior, and I know he made it to Heaven. I'll see you there soon enough brother, I will miss you, and I will always love you, unconditionally. P.S. The picture of the mount is so anyone reading this can see that my bro was a rather large man, and made my buck look small!!!!!!



Jeremiah Bates - May 18, 2016 at 02:32 PM



That's a beautiful story ! My condolences to the entire Bates family. May God and time bring peace to you heart and soul . Kay

Kay Eifert Hardesty - May 18, 2016 at 04:31 PM



Wow where do I start thru thick and thin we always had each others back all the laughs and dumb shit we pulled and mostly got away with fishing hunting what not but ill never forget the time we were squirrel hunting I told him make sure they're dead before you put it in your pouch one time he didn't and it came to tried tearin his back up he's runnin around screaming took off his vest and shot the vest i was laughing my ass off love now always did and will a piece of me goes with you

Brain Hance - May 18, 2016 at 05:50 PM



My prayers are with you all.

Tina & Larry Leek - May 18, 2016 at 11:36 PM



My deepest sympathy to the Bates Family. What a great loss of a very good person. Joe, I remember you had a heart of gold and a personality to match. I'm sure you will be greatly missed. Heaven has another good one; RIP cuz. Love you.

Cindy Griffin Albertson - May 19, 2016 at 02:12 PM

KR

“ Jessica, Chris and I are so sorry for your loss. Please know we are praying for the whole family. Please let me know if there is anything we can do.

Krista - May 18, 2016 at 01:03 PM