



James Allen Bates

August 4, 1935 - January 17, 2022

James Allen Bates, 86, of Bourbon, Indiana passed at 12:40 am, Monday, Jan. 17, 2022 at Woodlawn Hospital of Rochester, Indiana.

James was born on Aug. 4, 1935 in Marshall County, Indiana to the late Harry W. and Olive H. (Ecker) Bates. He was a lifelong resident of Bourbon, living at his present home for 60 years. He graduated from Bourbon High School in 1953, where he played baseball, basketball, and was in the band. He also was active in FFA, and served as a State Officer. He furthered his education serving in the ROTC at Purdue University. James married Margaret Louise Hall, his high school sweetheart, on April 8, 1956 at the Bourbon First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his children James Bates Jr., Jo Bates, Judith Weissert and husband Marc, Jon Bates and wife Kim; 6 Grandchildren; and 11 Great Grandchildren.

James was preceded in death by his parents, wife of 58 years Margaret Louise Bates, a brother Jay F. Bates, and a sister Barbara Faulkner.

James was a lifetime farmer of grain and cattle. He drove truck for his brother hauling livestock to the Chicago Stockyards as well as being employed at Metheny Elevator, feed truck driver for Farm Bureau Co-Op, Ferros of

Plymouth, and a part-time driver for Shells of Bourbon, where he retired.

James was a 10 year 4-H member and served as a 4-H leader and on the 4-H County Council. He served his community as the Tippecanoe Township Trustee for a term. He was a member of the Silver Dollar Saddle Club, the Bourbon Antique Tractor and Engine Show, and the Bull Haulers Group. He loved to chat with people wherever he went on his pickup or Ranger rides with his dog Max as well as at the Etna Green Café.

A graveside service will take place at 11:00 am, Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery of Bourbon, Indiana.

The arrangements are entrusted to King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the donor's choice of charity.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Bourbon, IN

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM.

Pleasant Hill Cemetery Of Bourbon

Tribute Wall

MA

“ Wink and I send our sympathy and love to all the Bates family. We have fun and fond memories of Jim from visits with the cousins in Bourbon over the last 25 years: weddings, birthdays, funerals, graduations, etc. We loved his "spunk", mischievous twinkle in his eye, and his love of being with family and friends. Wink remembers his sharp wit and sharing trucking stories. We will miss you, Jim! Love, Marcia (cousin Mary Alice's daughter) and Wink Litton

Marcia - January 22, 2022 at 08:37 AM

PB

“ Will always remember his kindness to me as a kid. Long ago from Pauline Becknell

Pauline Becknell - January 21, 2022 at 09:43 AM

MF

“ Jim Bates, Jr. and Bates Family,

We are so very sorry for your loss. He will be missed by so many. God Bless, Mark, Abby, Jed, Jack, Joel, and Juliana McIntire

Mark McIntire Family - January 18, 2022 at 08:25 PM

RF

“ Sorry Jon (miss-spelled your name). Ron Faulkner

Ron Faulkner - January 18, 2022 at 08:22 AM

RF

“ Our thoughts & prayers to Jim Jr, Jo, Judi, & John. Sorry for your loss.

Ron & Jo Faulkner

Ron Faulkner - January 18, 2022 at 08:20 AM

RF

“ Uncle Jim was one of the most fun & ornery uncles that I ever had (the Bates fun came through very strong in him).

Memories:

As a young kid I stayed overnight with uncle Jim, aunt Margaret, & my cousins (my first time to stay overnight anywhere without my parents). I got scared in the middle of the night, I remember uncle Jim sitting on the top step of the stairs with me, offered to take me home, but sat with me, talked, until I calmed down and went back to bed.

Another memory - he pulled a string of sled behind a horse & sleight for several miles through the Bourbon countryside. It was a great time in my childhood.

Ron Faulkner

Ron Faulkner - January 18, 2022 at 08:19 AM