



## Raymond (Bubba) Jennings Yates

January 3, 1952 - July 11, 2019

Raymond (Bubba) Jennings Yates 67, of Jackson, MO succumbed to Alzheimer's at the Lutheran Home on July 11, 2019. He was born January 3, 1952 in Blytheville, Arkansas and was a 1970 graduate of Blytheville High School.

Ray was a member of New McKendree Methodist Church in Jackson, MO. Also, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Ray is survived by his beloved wife, Mariola Yates of Jackson, MO. A son, Jason Yates of Amory, Mississippi, two grandsons, Parker Yates of Gosnell, Arkansas and Cameron Yates of Houlka, Mississippi. Additionally, Ray is survived by three step-daughters, Michelle Glueck of Cape Girardeau, MO; Sarah Jo (Eric) Kelley, two step-grandchildren, Jackson and Monroe of Ste. Genevieve, MO; Anna (T.J.) De Bie and step-grandson, Case of Wellington, Colorado.

Ray loved sports, especially baseball and golf. As a Little Leaguer pitcher, Ray pitched a perfect game, striking out all 18 batters. This record still holds true in Blytheville, AR. He achieved two hole in ones, and he enjoyed following the Arkansas Razorbacks and Saint Louis Cardinals. Ray worked at the Blytheville Police Department, where he also achieved many awards and commendations and was promoted to Sergeant before retiring in 2005.

Ray was an avid collector of baseball cards, knives, and anything of value. He loved a good deal! Ray loved duck hunting, taking every opportunity to go. He also loved being with his friends and family!

A celebration of Ray's life and memorial will be in Paragould, Arkansas at the Paragould Country Club on July 18, 2019, 4:00-8:00.

In lieu of flowers, a scholarship has been set up in honor of Ray to benefit youngsters with baseball equipment needs in Houlka, Mississippi. Contributions can be sent to the Bank of Missouri in Jackson, Missouri or may be given to Mariola.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Paragould Country Club  
Paragould, AR

# Tribute Wall

HB

“ Dear Mariola, and Jason, so sorry for your loss, we go way back with Ray, me Ricky, and Brett, he was one of a kind.

howard bass - July 15, 2019 at 12:24 PM

TJ

“ I worked with Ray at Blytheville PD. He was a really fun guy to be around most of the time. He was quick witted, and kind hearted. I grew up around his son Jason, and my thoughts and prayers go out to Jason and his entire family. Rest In Love Bubba. You will be missed

Terry Byrd Jr - July 15, 2019 at 10:28 AM

SR

“ I remember Ray so fondly as hosting several newcomers cookouts and helping us in 2008 to hide bicycles for Christmas for my boys, then delivering them himself with his pickup truck. He was such a great guy and I know you will miss him so much Mariola. I am so sorry for his early passing, but at the same time glad he is no longer suffering and is well now with God in heaven. May God comfort you Mariola, as only He can, and know I am here for you whenever you need me.

Sharon Reynolds - July 15, 2019 at 12:35 AM

PM

“ As I said, no pain for Ray now..just peace. And peace to you....love you. Phyllis Meier

phyllis meier - July 14, 2019 at 10:45 PM

LM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, Mariola. Sending prayers for you and your family.* ”



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**Lanna Maxwell** - July 14, 2019 at 06:55 PM

EC

*So sorry for your loss. I lost my husband in December*

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**Elizabeth Callahan** - July 14, 2019 at 11:38 PM