



## Alfred L Yates

April 17, 1930 - November 14, 2019

Alfred L Yates, age 89, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, November 14, 2019 surrounded by his children. He was born at home on Caney Ridge on April 17, 1930 to the late Sylvan and Dacie Stanley Yates. Preceding him in death are Sylvan and Dacie Yates, his parents, Joan Barrett Yates, his wife of 48 years, an infant son Alan Yates, two sisters, Osia Stanley and Agness Salyers, three brothers, Holmes Yates, Foster Yates and Theo Yates.

He is survived by wife Dorothy Dotson Yates, one sister, Zella Mullins of Clintwood VA, one brother Phillip E Lee and wife Valerie of Big Stone Gap, VA, two daughters, Jennifer J and husband George Spolarich and Rita Yates Smith, all of King, NC, two sons, Jeffrey L Yates and wife Susan Alderman Yates, and Timothy G Yates and wife Deborah Killen Yates, all of Clintwood, VA; grandchildren Kevin Spolarich, Kenny Spolarich, Stephanie Smith, Phillip Smith, Christopher Yates, and Nathan Yates; great-grandchildren Makayla, Faith and Cayleigh. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends and relatives.

He was honored to serve his country in the US Army during the Korean War, earning several citations.

Dad was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He loved the outdoors, and especially when it included his grandchildren.

A. L was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for almost 45 years. His brothers and sisters in love were especially dear to him. He served as minister for the Turner Old Regular Baptist Church for more than 35 years and as moderator for several years, considering it an honor and labor of love.

Services will be held at Mullins Funeral Home on Sunday, November 17, 2019. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. with services to follow at 11:00 a.m., officiated by Mike Stanley. Burial will follow at Zachary Yates Family Cemetery on Caney Ridge.

Grandsons and nephews will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Cure SMA, 925 Busse Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Pl, Memphis TN 38105-9959.

Mullins Funeral Home and Staff are serving the Yates Family.

Online condolences may be made at [www.mullinsfuneralhome.net](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Zachary Yates Cemetery

Crack Rock Rd/Caney Ridge  
Clintwood, VA 24228

# Previous Events

## Family will receive friends

NOV 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory  
210 Main Street  
P O Box 928  
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## Funeral Service

NOV 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Alfred L Yates*



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**Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory** - November 15, 2019 at 09:59 PM

RS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Rita Yates Smith** - November 16, 2019 at 01:44 PM

RS

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Rita Yates Smith** - November 16, 2019 at 01:41 PM

CY

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Christopher Yates** - November 16, 2019 at 10:47 AM

BH

“ So thankful that I had the opportunity to meet Brother A L. He was one of those people that you knew without a doubt he was a child of God as soon as you started talking to him. It was an honor to be able to talk to him, and to hear him minister. My deepest condolences to his family, and all who knew and loved him. Rest In Peace my Brother.

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**Betty Hall** - November 16, 2019 at 10:23 AM

MM

“ This man was a man of God I know where he's at he always welcomed me into his church no matter what I considered him a friend praying God's peace down on this family his pain ends and ours begins

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**Mark mullins** - November 16, 2019 at 07:08 AM

LP

“ My heart is very heavy after hearing of the passing of Brother A.L. I have so many fond memories of Brother AL at Turner Church, and hearing him speak. He would always tell you after you complimented him on the sermon that "it wasn't me. It was God". I loved hearing him sing the old hymns during the beginning of service. It was a voice and a sound I will carry with me my whole life. After the passing of my father in 2012, Brother AL gave me so much comfort. I used to love when the first and third Sunday would come around to be able to go to Turner Church and see him and hear his service. Next to my father, I looked up to him as to what a man is supposed to be. Mrs. Yates you are in me and my brothers, and my family's thoughts and prayers. Brother AL was a great man.

*Lucien and Caleb Patton  
Sons of William K. and Lagwenna Patton  
Great Grandsons of Will and Willie Hay*

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**Lucien Patton** - November 15, 2019 at 11:45 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory** - November 15, 2019 at 09:35 PM

MT

“ Dorothy & family,  
My heart is broken over the passing of Brother AL 💔. I loved to set  
and talk with him and most of all hear him preach the gospel.  
Memories of Turner Church and Brother AL will always remain dear  
to my heart ! Love and prayers .  
Lynne Patton Taylor  
Daughter of Bill & Jan Patton  
Granddaughter of Willard & Willie Hay

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**Myra L Taylor** - November 15, 2019 at 09:21 PM

LP

“ I remember first time I ever met AL was after church at Turner he an  
Joan cam to Will and Willie Hays for dinner. I loved hearing him talk  
about God and preaching. He was a great comfort to us all when we  
lost Bill, Jan and Kim Patton. My son's Lucien and Caleb Patton  
speak of him often and thought so highly of him. Brother AL will be  
missed by so many.

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**Lagwenna Patton** - November 15, 2019 at 06:58 PM

RF

“ My deepest sympathy to the family.

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**Rosalie Fleming** - November 15, 2019 at 03:08 PM

DE

“ Jeff, Tim and all family, my deepest sympathy  
in the loss of your dad and loved one. I have  
fond memories of A.L. and the great times we  
all had hunting with him in Bath county. He  
will surely be missed by all who knew him.  
Danny



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**Danny L Edwards** - November 15, 2019 at 03:00 PM



“ *My heart breaks for the family. He was such a sweet person.love and prayers* ”

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**Pam Fletcher** - November 15, 2019 at 02:24 PM