



Richard Earl Bates

September 21, 1946 - July 30, 2020

RICHARD EARL BATES, AGE 73

And a resident of Thomas died Thursday morning July 30, 2020 at his home. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War and a former welder at shipyards in the area. Richard later worked as a painter and other contracting jobs. He always enjoyed building things. Richard loved deer hunting and fishing.

Survived by:

3 Children and Spouses: Richard Dwayne Bates and Melissa Bates of Thomas,
Melissa Bates and Jason Hunt of Columbia, MS,
Bryan Patrick Bates and Brittney Bates of Franklinton

Grandchildren: Cody Bates,
Justin Bates,
Colbie Bates,
Heylie Tackett,
Marley Hunt,
Maddison Hunt,
Bailey Bates,

Bryanna Bates

Brother and Sister in law: Glen and Linda Bates

Sisters and Brothers in law: Ruth and Paul Bailey,
Susan and James Haley

Also numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by wives Janelle Bates and Clareth M. Bates, parents Bunyan Bates and Fordia Smith Bates, brothers Eugene Bates, Roy Bates, Howard Bates.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Saturday August 1st from 8:00 am until 10:00 am. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 10:00 am Saturday with Rev. Leon Hickman officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the Thomas Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for your loss. God Bless You All. Joy
Pope Nielson



Joy Nielson - July 31, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ I sure do miss Uncle Richard praying for main family

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So sorry for ur loss. Debbie and John jones

Deborah smith Jones - August 23, 2020 at 05:08 PM