



Mr. DeWayne Yates

June 21, 1939 - June 15, 2025

A celebration of the life of Mr. DeWayne Yates, 85, of Henderson, will be held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, in the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church with Dr. David Higgs and Rev. Toby Tipps officiating. The family will receive friends following the service in the Family Life Center on Wednesday.

Mr. Yates passed from this life to his home in Glory on June 15, 2025, in Henderson. He was born June 21, 1939, in Bivins to the late Fineous Yates and Lillian E. Yates. Mr. Yates served his country in the United States Air Force where he was part of the air and sea rescue team in Alaska. He finished his education at Jacksonville Baptist College after his service to the Air Force. He would go on to work for Safety Kleen Corporation for 29 years where he served as a branch manager in San Antonio and Dallas. DeWayne and Kay moved back to Henderson in 1989 and he was a long-time member of First Baptist Church where he served in many roles over 29 years. He headed up the Upwards Basketball program, organized church camping trips to Beavers Bend in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, taught Sunday School, and served as church administrator for 10 years before his retirement. DeWayne was also very involved with the local prison ministry and was instrumental in helping to get a chapel built at Bradshaw State Jail. It's also hard to think about DeWayne and not remember what an avid fisherman he was! He enjoyed those quiet moments on the dock or in the boat.

He was preceded in death by his father Fineous Yates, mother Lillian Yates, and his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Jan and Wayne Tipps.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Kay Yates of Henderson; children, Walter Yates and wife Pam of San Antonio, Darrel Yates and wife Kelly of Austin, Robert Yates and wife Kandy of Cleburne, Michael Yates and wife Cindy of Rowlett, and Melissa Burton of Henderson; sister, Theresia Johns of Tyler; brother, Donovan Yates and wife Carol of Houston; grandchildren, Kyler, Kolten, Wesley, Kaitlyn, Kimberly, Kyndall, and Rudy; 7 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and close friends. The family would also like to say a special word of thanks to DeWayne's caregiver, Angie Thompson, Brookdale of Henderson, Thousand Oaks Hospice and Tracey for all of their tender love and care.

Pallbearers will be Kyler Yates, Kolten Yates, Wesley Yates, Ronnie Schweng, Neal Vinson, Corey Spoon, Brad Tipps, and Brett Schweng. Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Archer, Mike Head, Jacob Arnold, Brett Robinson, Dr. Doyle Sumrall, and Wendell Pool.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church Children's Building Fund at 207 W. Main St, Henderson, TX 75652, and/or Full Armor Christian Academy attn: Finance Director, PO Box 2035, Henderson, Texas 75653.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Family Life Center
207 W. Main St.
Henderson
Henderson, TX 75652

Visitation

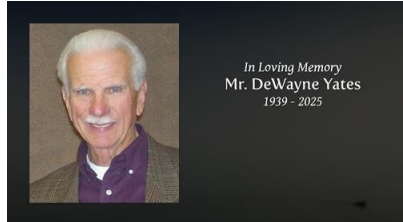
JUN 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Family Life Center
207 W. Main St.
Henderson
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Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. DeWayne Yates*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - June 17, 2025 at 02:20 PM

CS

He was a great man and great Christian!! Sweet so loving to all!!

carol sledge - June 17, 2025 at 03:21 PM

CK

“ *Chris And Linda King lit a candle in memory of Mr. DeWayne Yates*



Chris and Linda King - June 30, 2025 at 02:19 PM

JC

“ *Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Mr. DeWayne Yates*



Jan Crow - June 30, 2025 at 12:05 PM

MM

“ *Mark Murphy lit a candle in memory of DeWayne Yates*



Mark Murphy - June 20, 2025 at 09:42 AM

MR

“ *Mike & Sharon Rollins lit a candle in memory of DeWayne Yates*



Mike & Sharon Rollins - June 19, 2025 at 09:48 PM

TB

“ *Taylor Burton lit a candle in memory of DeWayne Yates*



Taylor Burton - June 18, 2025 at 12:02 AM

TM

“ *Taylor Burton & Jaymes Mahan lit a candle in memory of DeWayne Yates*



Taylor Burton & Jaymes Mahan - June 18, 2025 at 12:01 AM

ST

“ Sherie and Mike Tillison lit a candle in memory of DeWayne Yates



Sherie and Mike Tillison - June 17, 2025 at 11:02 PM

SC

“ Suzanne Cross lit a candle in memory of DeWayne Yates



Suzanne Cross - June 17, 2025 at 10:48 PM

BB

“ Brandy Bridges lit a candle in memory of DeWayne Yates



Brandy Bridges - June 17, 2025 at 07:01 PM

MH

“ *Most will never know the impact that Dewayne made when he agreed to be a leader in building the Chapel at Bradshaw's 2000 inmate prison in Henderson. Prison is a time when you can reach folks for Christ when they can't be reached at any other time in their lives. Years went by before the Chapel was opened when many who wanted to hear God's message but restrictions prevented such. The "Only Way Home" Chapel is now being used 6 days a week and soon will go to 7. With the 2-3 year stay these guys have there God's volunteers are able thru the Master's power to turn lives around when nothing else will.*



Mollie & Ken Hale - June 17, 2025 at 04:48 PM

CS

“ *Carl & Diana Smith lit a candle in memory of DeWayne Yates*



Carl & Diana Smith - June 17, 2025 at 04:33 PM

DF

“ *A man who exemplified character, integrity, Godliness, service to his country & others, love, leadership & so much more. My thoughts & prayers are with Kay & the family.*

Denise Faulkner - June 17, 2025 at 04:04 PM

PB

“ Patricia L Blevins lit a candle in memory of DeWayne Yates



Patricia L Blevins - June 17, 2025 at 03:52 PM

AO

“ Andrea Owens lit a candle in memory of DeWayne Yates



Andrea Owens - June 17, 2025 at 01:36 PM

BD

“ What a precious soul, praying for you Kay and your family for comfort and strength!



BobbieSue Dumas - June 17, 2025 at 11:00 AM

SH

“ Sara Hancock lit a candle in memory of DeWayne Yates



Sara Hancock - June 17, 2025 at 10:53 AM

CR

“ Dewayne was a true inspiration to all who knew him. Kay you are in my prayers for peace and comfort!

Cindy Rush

Cindy Rush - June 17, 2025 at 10:39 AM



BJ

“ Barbara Jolley lit a candle in memory of DeWayne Yates

Barbara Jolley - June 17, 2025 at 10:06 AM



SC

“ Scott and Dawn Crawford lit a candle in memory of DeWayne Yates

Scott and Dawn Crawford - June 17, 2025 at 08:36 AM

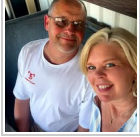


GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of DeWayne Yates

Gary Wilkerson - June 17, 2025 at 08:30 AM





“ Love and prayers for you Kay!

Christy Stanearth - June 17, 2025 at 07:59 AM

ED

“ Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of DeWayne Yates



Elaine Davis - June 17, 2025 at 07:45 AM

CD

“ Dwayne was a shining example of what a Christian man can be to all he came in contact with and was a true encourager.
Chad Dean

Chad Dean - June 17, 2025 at 07:31 AM

ST

“ May he rest in peace. May God give his family and friends comfort at this sad time.
Shereen



Shereen G Tipps - June 16, 2025 at 11:59 PM

CR

“ Coach Kay, we're so sorry to learn of your loss. Know that we are thinking about you during this time. Much love, Colt & Jess; Cammie & Matt Richard

Cammie Richard - June 16, 2025 at 11:14 PM

DA

“ *Donna Dorsey Aaron*



Donna Aaron - June 16, 2025 at 10:40 PM

BP

“ *Prayers for family*

Beth Pope

Beth Pope - June 16, 2025 at 10:06 PM

WF

“ *I worked with Dewayne many times over the years at Safety Kleen. He was one heck of an inspiration to me and I never heard a discouraging word from him. I enjoyed fishing at his pond there in Henderson. Kay and family I will keep you in my prayers.*
Bill Farmer

William "Bill" Farmer - June 16, 2025 at 08:15 PM

AR

“ *DeWayne is one of the first people I worked with when I joined S-K. He was very patient and understanding which was truly appreciated by some one with so little experience in the waste industry!*

Alan Rogers - June 16, 2025 at 08:02 PM

WY

“ *Wilma Young lit a candle in memory of
DeWayne Yates*



Wilma Young - June 16, 2025 at 05:56 PM