



## Mr. Michael Francis Bates

October 21, 1943 - May 31, 2016

Michael Francis Bates, 72, of Salisbury, passed away Monday, May 30, at Rowan Regional Medical Center after a brief illness.

Born on October 21, 1943 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Benjamin Francis Bates and Margaret Louise Alexander Bates.

A graduate of Pittsfield High School, he was a member of Pittsfield's 1960 American Legion baseball team, which finished third out of 33,000 teams in the country. Mr. Bates retired as a General Manager of Wonder Bread/Hostess Cake in Columbus, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, Michael was preceded in death by his wife Karen May Bates in 1999.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, David Michael Bates (Angelia), and Mark Alan Bates (Julia) of Greensboro, North Carolina; Brother, Larry Bates of Hollywood, Florida, sister Sandra (Bob) Wheat of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and Bonnie Whichmann of Leland, North Carolina; grandchildren, Michael Benjamin, Zachary David, and Karen Nicole, all of Salisbury; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday June 2nd at 10:30 a.m. at

Summersett Funeral Home, 1315 West Innes Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. Burial will be in the Blendon Central Cemetery, 6330 South Hempsted Road, Westerville, Ohio 43081 on Saturday, June 4th.

Memorial donations may be made to American Legion Post #342, 1024 Lincolnton Road, Salisbury, North Carolina 28144.

Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a very sweet man. He will be missed

Karen sides - June 04, 2016 at 08:47 AM

MK

“ Sending love and prayers for peace to all of Mike's family. We are so sorry for your loss and that we aren't able to be with you at this sad time. May beautiful memories help you through the next days.  
Mike and Becky Knox



mike knox - June 03, 2016 at 11:08 AM

DS

“ Prayers for you and the family. Sorry for your loss. May God give each of you the comfort you need.

Dan & Rose simetson - June 02, 2016 at 08:26 PM

JH

“ So sorry for your loss. We are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Joe & Bernice Hager - June 02, 2016 at 09:06 AM

MB

Thanks, it means so much to my family

Mark A. Bates - June 02, 2016 at 07:13 PM

AC

“ I will be praying for all of you. He was a great man and always treated me like family. May he rest in peace.....Amara Camarata and family

Amara Camarata - June 02, 2016 at 12:11 AM

MB

Thanks Amara! Too bad you can't drive me in the Miata that broke down at St. Pauls parking lot. Lol! We are having a hard time... We had a quick showing here in Salisbury NC. Then he will be transferred to Westerville on American Airlines tomorrow for a June 11th 9:00-11:00 showing and immediately following an 11:30 cemetery service. The wake is at Moreland funeral home @ 55 Shrock rd. Same place Mom had hers but no church service as he was Protestant so your car would've been safe this time.. LOL... I'm looking forward to seeing Alice & George as they have always been there for me and my family. Hope you Kevin and the kids are doing great! I couldn't of got through living in the hospital this past week if I didn't have Julia, Joe, and Jack by my side... June 11th will be so much harder but Julia and our boy's will help me get through it. Again, hope your all well and god bless!:

Mark A. Bates - June 02, 2016 at 07:10 PM

BS

“ WHAT A LOVELY, GRACIOUS MAN. HE WILL BE MISSED AT PRINCE CHARLES.

BARBARA SENTER

BARBARA SENTER - June 01, 2016 at 05:48 PM

MB

Thanks so much!

Mark A. Bates - June 02, 2016 at 07:12 PM

TF

“ *To: The Bates Family  
From: Mya, Mikayla & Michelle Woodhouse*

*I will forever cherish the memories of my first Christmas in Salisbury with the Bates family. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Bates then and I enjoyed listening to his stories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are very sorry for your loss. May his soul rest in peace.*

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**The Woodhouse Family** - June 01, 2016 at 12:32 PM

MW

“ *Mikayla Woodhouse lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Michael Francis Bates*



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**Mikayla Woodhouse** - June 01, 2016 at 12:23 PM

MB

*Thanks, Mark Bates*

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**Mark A. Bates** - June 02, 2016 at 07:17 PM

MW

“ *Mya, Mikayla & Michelle Woodhouse lit a  
candle in memory of Mr. Michael Francis  
Bates*



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**Mya, Mikayla & Michelle Woodhouse** - June 01, 2016 at 12:22 PM

BO

“ *Bonnie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Francis Bates*



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**Bonnie** - June 01, 2016 at 08:51 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Francis Bates.*



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May 31, 2016 at 10:37 PM