

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

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I'm Still Here

*Just because you cannot see me,
does not mean I am not there.*

*Just because I am in heaven,
does not mean I do not care.*

I often see you crying, you often say my name,

I want to hold you tight,

I want to ease your pain. It's easy for me,

for I know heaven is real,

If you knew the truth,

how much better would you feel.

One day we will meet again,

but only when the time is right,

when you step out of the darkness,

I will be standing in the light.

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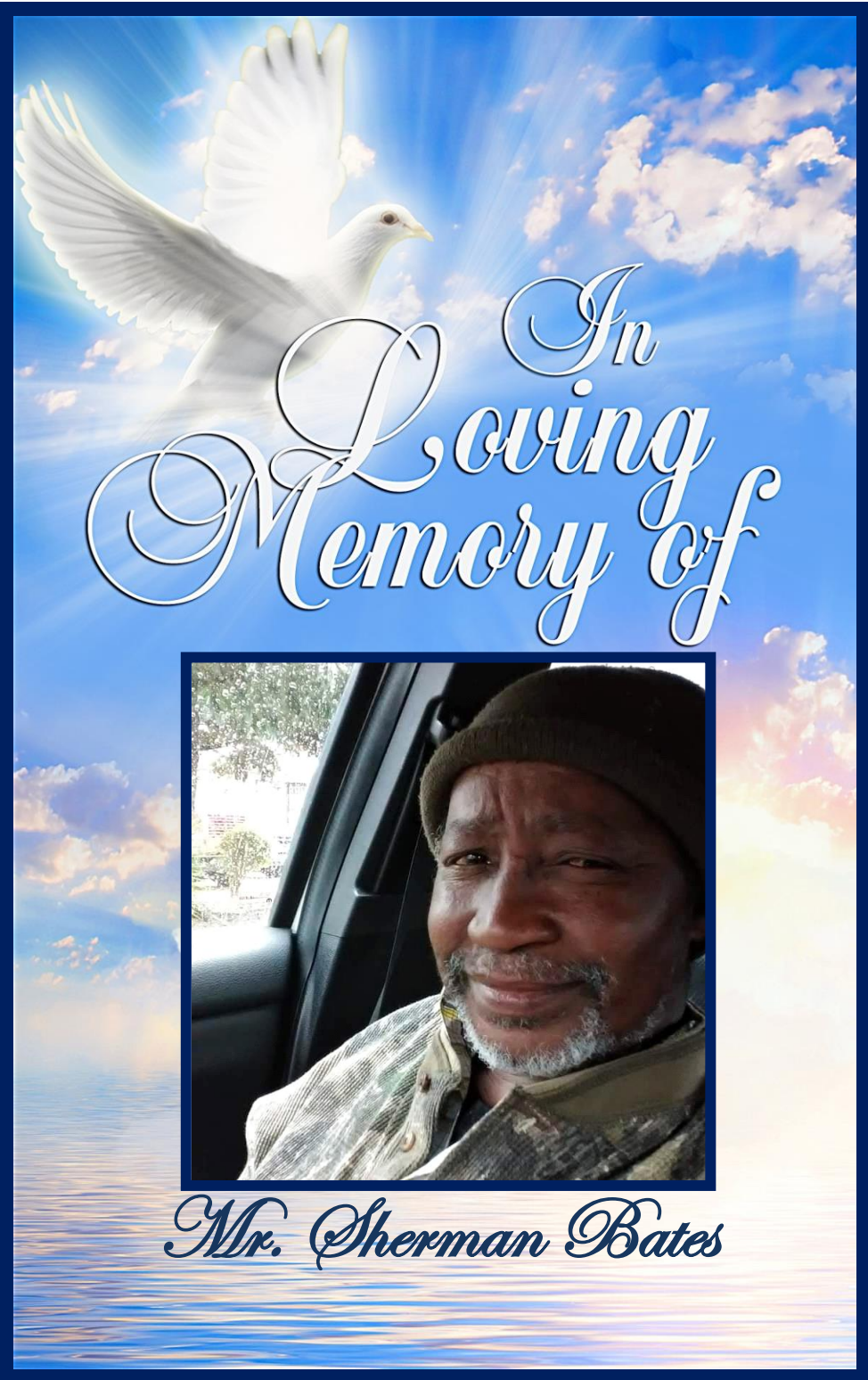
FUNERAL HOME

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Obituary

Mr. Sherman Bates was born in Columbia, South Carolina on January 29, 1957. He was the youngest child of the late Marion Bates, Sr. and Viola Buchanan Bates. *Shep*, as he was affectionately called, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at Prisma Health Richland, in Columbia, South Carolina.

Shep was employed with Richland One School District at Satchel-Ford Elementary School. He was also employed with KFC, Marion & Robert Bates Painting, and a self-employed mechanic. He enjoyed working on vehicles. He loved helping others, by showing acts of kindness towards them.

In addition to his parents, *Shep* was preceded in death by his brothers, Wilbur Buchanan, Marion Bates, Jr., Franklen Bates, and William Bates; sisters, Georgia Jones and Bessie L. Durham; brothers-in-law, John Durham, Robert Jones, James Jones, and John Dreher; sisters-in-law, Ruby Bates, Mary Bates, and Brenda Bynum, and mother-in-law, Fannie Bynum.

Mr. Sherman Bates leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Pamala R. Bates; two sons, Sherman T. Bates, of Columbia, SC and Sheldon Bynum, of Greenville, SC; two daughters, Latoya Bynum, of Columbia, SC and Lisa Counts, of Boston, MA; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers, Robert (Loretta) Bates, Henry (Beatrice) Bates, and George Bates; sisters, Mozelle Jones and Dorothy (Warner) Cooke, sisters-in-law, Renita (Ward) Hacklen, Jackie Leysath, and Marie Bates; brothers-in-law, Willie Ronald and Terry Bynum; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Sherman Bates, wish to thank each of you for the many loving and wonderful acts of kindness and hospitality rendered, during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you with His grace and mercy.

Funeral Service

Saturday, November 12, 2022 - 1:00p.m.

Levy's Funeral Home Chapel

1831 Taylor Street, Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Robert Bates, Officiating



- Prelude.....“Walk Around Heaven”
Recording by: The Gospel Keynotes
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Selection.....“I’m Still Here”.....Minister Warner Cooke
- Old and New Testament.....Deacon Derrick Lewis
- Prayer.....Minister Warner Cooke
- Selection.....The Cooke Family and Friends
- Remarks.....A Family Member
A Friend
- Selection.....The Cooke Family and Friends
- Words of ComfortReverend Robert Bates
- Selection “Well Done” Mr. Derrick Haddon
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery
10216 Farrow Road
Blythewood, South Carolina