



## Mr. James N. Yates Sr.

February 23, 2015

YATES, Sr., James N., 90, of Balm, Florida, and formerly Ironville, Kentucky, entered into eternal rest on February 23, 2015. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, and a retired electrician with Allied Chemical in Ashland, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Yates; and daughter-in-law Phyllis Yates. He is survived by his children James N. "Jimmy" Yates, Jr. (Donna) of Lithia; Marcia Forrest (Chuck) of Ironville, Kentucky, and Debbie Ratliff (Brian) of Balm; 9 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and other family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, February 27 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

KJ

“ Dear Jimmy Marcia and Debbie,

*Heaven is truly a brighter place today. Even as our hearts continue to be burdened with the loss of our Uncle, father, grandfather, and friend. Uncle James was clearly one of the finest people I've ever met. I never heard him talk bad about anyone. He gave of himself, his heart and what he had. He enjoyed the simpler things in life and worshipped the ground his wife and my Aunt Mary walked on. I saw the sadness on his face the day we buried her, and it remained there when I saw him last in July 2013.*

*His burden is now lifted, his departure from our lives here was to take him home and in the arms of those that he loved and missed so much. That reunion was and shall ever remain the greatest celebration known to be.*

*I am so fortunate and thankful to have had him as my Uncle. He gave to me unselfishly, took me many places I would otherwise never have gone, and always treated me kind and special.*

*We shall all miss you Uncle James. But I like many plan on seeing you again. Next time, it will be morning, just inside the Eastern Gate, and you'll be there.*

*Just remember to put your foot in the gate to keep it open when they call my name.*

*Missing you,*

*Keith*

*(Keith Jarrell, Washington, DC.)*

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Keith Jarrell - February 27, 2015 at 03:04 PM

RG

“ *Richard Gomez lit a candle in memory of Mr. James N. Yates Sr.*



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**Richard Gomez** - February 27, 2015 at 07:30 AM



“ *43 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - February 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

LC

“ *Lorie Conley lit a candle in memory of Mr. James N. Yates Sr.*



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**Lorie Conley** - February 26, 2015 at 07:11 AM

CC

“ Jimmy. Marcia, Debbie, and family, thinking of you, and keeping you in my prayers. Papaw Yates will be missed dearly.



Love you all  
Cheri Caudill and James (Jammy) Yates

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**Cheri Caudill** - February 26, 2015 at 05:38 AM

RJ

“ I've always looked at Uncle James as a grandfather to me. I know there was a great homecoming for him on Monday and is reunited with the love of his life. I can even picture Aunt Mary telling him...."Old man! It's about time you showed up! I'm also glad I didn't have to watch you get beat by a stick that day I stopped by and you had sold her favorite goat! I won't quote her words but she was pretty upset.

I remember listening to you, Uncle James, and Grandad (Mr Jarrells) talking about the bible and politics on Sunday evenings at my grandmothers house. I'm sure those conversations have really taken a turn now! Thank you for the memories Uncle James. I'll see you later.

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**Rob Jarrell** - February 26, 2015 at 01:52 AM

JL

“ Home at last Mr. Yates , our continued prayers for all the family. our sincere sympathy  
Janice ,Jeff Linne Michael and Matthew Carter

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**Janice Linne** - February 25, 2015 at 07:54 PM

CW

“ Jimmy, Marcia and Debbie, and all of your families, just want you to know I'm thinking of you all and praying God will keep you in his loving embrace through this time. Uncle James was always like another father to us and I will always love and miss him. I can only imagine what a wonderful reunion it was between him and Aunt Mary! The smiles on their faces surely lit Heaven even brighter!!  
Love you all, Carol



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**Carol White** - February 25, 2015 at 07:10 PM

DO

“ Donald,Sue,Kelly,Judy,Leah,Bill purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. James N. Yates Sr..



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**Donald,Sue,Kelly,Judy,Leah,Bill** - February 25, 2015 at 04:59 PM