



## Tim Bates

March 5, 1954 - October 14, 2012

Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home, 1910 Elkton Pike, Pulaski, Tn.  
38478

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Tim Bates, of Pulaski, passed away October 14, 2012 at Hillside Hospital in Pulaski

He was born on March 5, 1954 in Trenton, Michigan and was 58 old.

Tim was a avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish.

He had a passion for volunteering in his community, in our local school systems,

and for Giles County High Bobcat Football. His smile, laughter, and handshake will be missed by all.

Visitation will be 3:00 until 8:00pm Tuesday, October 16th at Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home.

Funeral service will be at 11:00am Wednesday, October 17th in the chapel of Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home with Dr. Doug Plumlee and Charles McElroy officiating.

Burial will follow in Maplewood Cemetery.

The family asks that memorial donations be made to the  
Trent Holt Locker Room Addition at Giles County High School,  
200 Sheila Frost Drive, Pulaski, Tn. 38478

He was preceded in death by his,  
father, Paul J. Bates

He is survived by his  
wife, Leatha Brewer Bates of Pulaski  
son, Ben Bates of Pulaski  
mother, Louise Boyd Bates of Lawrenceburg  
sister, Kimberly Chunn of Smyrna  
brother, Paul Bates (Brenda) of Columbia  
brother, Charlie Bates of Franklin  
mother and father-in-law, Charles and Kitty Brewer of Pulaski  
brother-in-law, Richie Brewer (Nina) of Pulaski  
several nieces and nephews also survive.

Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home in charge of arrangements for Tim  
Bates.

Thanks for your support.

# Tribute Wall

RF

“ My prayers and love go with you in the days to come. Tim was a wonderful, kind man, always with a helpful hand and a smile. Family and faith gets us through these times and the knowledge that the separation is only temporary. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him as we wait until we can all join him again together with Christ and rejoice for eternity. May God bless you all.

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**Rita Blankenship - Pulaski, TN - friend** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

BF

“ Thoughts and prayers to Leatha and Ben. You will be missed Augustus...walk with the angels my friend

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**Bryan Cagle - Columbia, TN - Friend** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

TT

“ Leatha, Ben and family, I am so sorry for your loss. May God put his loving arms around you and give you comfort during this time. I'm praying for ya'll. ~Tammie Harrison~

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**Tammie Ball Harrison - Pulaski, TN** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

CE

“ Our loss, heavens gain. You are in my constant prayer. God is with you ALL the way. Love to you and Ben.  
Camie

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**Camie Erwin** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

HT

“ *Leatha we are praying for you, Ben and the family. Tim will be missed by many he never met a stranger if there is anything we can do please let us know. Praying for comfort.*

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**Howard and Tammy Harbison - TN** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

LF

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with you & all family and friends during the loss of such a special person in your life.*

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**Larry & Roxanne - Pulaski, TN - friend** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

FF

“ *Are prays are with you in this time of need.*

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**frances hendricks and Mary Hayes - pulaski, TN - friend** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

AF

“ *Leath and Ben, we were all so sorry to hear about Tim. Our prayers our with both of you. We love you Mrs. Leafa.*

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**Angela Tyson - Pulaski, TN - friend** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

DF

“ *Leatha and Ben,*

*I know you will greatly miss the Husband and Dad, and no one or anything said can fill that hole that is there. BUT I KNOW THE MEMORIES WILL DELIGHT YOUR HEART AND SPIRIT FOR THE REST OF YOUR DAYS, AND THAT IS A VERY GREAT GIFT. SO think on that part as often as you can.*

*I worked with Tim in Columbia and we became very good friends-- still talked with him several times a month. He always talked about You and Ben and just beamed with pride when he did.*

*Psalm 37 was one of his favorite passages.*

*Jimmy-Joe --You're gonna be missed--much.*

*Donnie Robertson*

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**Donnie Robertson - FRANKLIN, TN - friend** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

LT

“ *Tim, was a dear friend, and co-worker He will be greatly missed and I know a star burns bright in the night sky as heaven welcomes a new angel. One day friend we will fish at cathead again.*

*Levi Shouse*

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**Levi Shouse - Fayetteville, TN - Co-Worker Landers McLarty Toyota** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

KF

“ *Letha and Ben, Words cannot express the sorrow we feel knowing Tim is gone. He was such a special person to our family, he was loved like family. Tim was with Kevin the day we found out we were having JonDavid. That will always be a special memory for our family! He was such a great friend to Rodie and always took time to check on Shirley and Kevin after he passed, calling them at least once a week to check on them. He will be greatly missed and forever a cherished memory for the Bedford family. We pray for God's strength and comfort during the coming weeks. With Love*

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**Kevin, Leslie, JonDavid, Tate and Shirley Bedford - Lawrenceburg, TN - friends**  
- February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

LF

“ *Letha and Ben, I am so sorry for your loss. Tim was a good man and will be greatly missed. God bless you.*

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**Lisa Crane - Decatur, AL - Friend** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

CF

“ *so sorry Leatha, my family grieves with you.*

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**clarence nelson - pulaski, TN - friend** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

JF

“ *Leatha and Ben,*

*Our hearts are breaking for you. Our prayers are with you. May God's love surround you and hold you up.*

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**Jenny & Dale Bassham - frankewing, TN - friend** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

BM

“ *Leatha,  
You, Ben and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Becky Davant - Madison, MS** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

LC

“ *LEATHA & BEN - TIM'S OFFICE IS ACROSS THE HALL FROM MINE & EVERY MORNING HIS ROUTINE WAS TO GET A CUP COFFEE AND THEN FOR ABOUT AN HOUR HE WOULD READ HIS BIBLE. HE LOVED THE TWO OF YOU AND SPOKE OF YOU OFTEN. HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND AND I WILL MISS HIS HUNTIN, FISHING & FOOTBALL STORIES. MY THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU BOTH. FOR YOU TIM GO BIG ORANGE!!!*

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**LORI THOMPSON - FAYETTEVILLE, TN - FRIEND & CO-WORKER** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

SF

“ *Leatha & Ben, My heart goes out to the both of you!  
Tim was a great friend!*

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**Sandi Fralix - Lewisburg, TN - friend** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

JC

“ *Dear Leatha and Ben. Our hearts and deepest sympathy go out to you both. Tim was such a great guy! I have fond memories of him, when I was growing up; working for Daddy on the farm in Tennessee and going to the swimming pool with Jennifer and I at the David Crockett State Park. Cherish all the special memories.  
Love, Jill & family*

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**Jill Crews Schiebel - Sewickley, PA - First Cousin** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

JF

“ Tim, and I worked for Jerry Crews back in the late 70's while I was in High School. There was nothing that Tim could not drive rather it be a Combine, Tractor, or Tractor Trailer. I have fond memories of him hauling soy beans out of the bottoms of West Point in a Red Mack with a 318 Detroit. Man you could hear it from a mile away. He would shift those gears like a pro. There were several of us who were blessed to earn our living by the sweat of our brow's working for Jerry, and Donna Crews. Like Tim it was a character building time in our our lives. I have often thought of Tim, and his family during my 9 years in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Uzbekistan. I do know this when I would come home, and visit him at the car lot he was so proud, and loved his Wife, and Son Ben. I will miss Tiny, but was blessed to have shared a time in my life working with him when I was young. I will say a special prayer for all the Family, and Friends.

kindly,

Jackie Britton (Baby Junior)  
Air Field Manager  
Afghanistan

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Jackie Britton - Somewhere in Afghanistan - Friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

JC

“ Tim was a big guy with a very big heart who loved family, football, hunting and fishing. Some of my fondest memories of Tim is in Grandmother and Granddaddy Boyd's field, directly in front of their home organizing our cousins "Easter Weekend Football Game". I can still see and hear him laughing with us when we did not follow through with his well thought out game plan, which usually was a kindhearted plan to involve all the cousins in this strategic play.

A couple of years back which was the last time I saw Tim; he asked me if I had a few minutes, he wanted to show me an 8x10 picture of Ben in his highschool football uniform. The time was well spent listening to Tim talk about Ben and football. Boy, was he proud of Ben and so happy to share some football stories!

I wish that I had spent more time with my cousin Tim. I along with many others will truly miss the big, outdoor sportsman and football enthusiast that daddy like to call "Tiny".

Peace and Love. Keep the fond memories flowing.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Crews Buis and Family

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**Jennifer Crews Buis - Windsor, CT - 1st cousin** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

KF

“ Please know, we are praying for your comfort and peace during this time. Many great memories will cause you to laugh and cry but always know the Lord is with you through it all. We love you!

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**Keith & Renee Malone Family - Pulaski, TN - Friends** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

JF

“ Dear Leatha & Ben,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Tim was a good friend to us & will be greatly missed. His smile could light up the room & especially when he spoke of you & Ben. He loved you so much. He was so very proud of Ben & most of all his love for him was wonderful to see. We had great times comparing fishing stories. He was a hoot !!! He will greatly be missed. God Bless you Both.

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**Joe & Wanda Rutledge - Fayetteville, TN - Friend** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

FC

“ My deepest sympathy for your family. I had only recently become acquainted with Tim. He was a very caring and considerate man. He will be remembered by many people as a good friend. Please know that your family will be remembered in our prayers.

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**Faye Coble - Fayetteville - customer** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

TF

“ Our department was shocked to hear of Tims passing. Even though I never had a chance to meet Tim in person, he had a personality that was always a pleasure to work with. Our sympathy to his family at this difficult time.

Tom Dotzler  
GE Fleet

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**Tom Dotzler - Burnsville, MN - Purchased cars for GE Fleet** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

CF

“ Leatha, my deepest sympathies to you and the entire family. So tragic and heartbreaking. God will wrap his loving arms around you all and comfort you in this unforeseen time. I have lots of wonderful memories. Tim and you taking me under your wings and treating me like family while I worked at Cloverleaf in Decatur. Ya'll were so kind to me. I'll never forget the little adventure to the lake. I'm sorry I haven't kept in better touch, but I think of yall and have thought of yall often. Many thoughts and prayers are being sent your way.

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**Christie Livingston Oakley - Moulton, AL - Friend** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

DM

“ Learns & Ben & family- Max and I were just in Pulaski to visit 2/10-2/13 and heard about Tim. We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Sincerely- Donna Dixon and son Max of Frederick MD

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**Donna Dixon - Frederick, MD** - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM