



Marvin Clarence Yates III

September 22, 1943 - February 24, 2025

Marvin Clarence Yates, 81, of Oxford, Mississippi formerly of Hernando, Mississippi, passed from this earth on February 24, 2025 to a new life in Glory with his savior, Jesus. He was at home surrounded by family. A visitation will be held Saturday March 22, 2025 from 1:00PM until 2:00PM at Longview Point Baptist Church (1100 McIngvale Road, Hernando, MS, 38632), with a memorial service to follow at 2:00PM.

Marvin was born September 22, 1943 in Jackson, Tennessee to Mary Wright Yates and Marvin Caleb Yates. Marvin married Margaret Lea Yates on December 6, 1975 at Minter City Methodist Church. Marvin and Margaret were married 49 years.

Marvin served his country in the Coast Guard and later in the reserves. He graduated from Memphis College of Art with academics from Rhodes College. Marvin was a professional artist specializing in watercolor painting and was a member of the American Watercolor Society. He worked as an Art Director for the Commercial Appeal until retirement. Marvin's focus was to be a father to his son, Wesley, and daughter, Christen so his painting was set aside for a number of years until his children grew up. He coached youth baseball in Hernando and truly cared for the many young men who crossed his path there. When his children were grown, Marvin spent many happy hours in his studio painting southern scenes. He said that his paintings were only faint

images of God's creation.

Marvin's greatest love was for the LORD his God. He loved to read theology and history. He served the Lord on many short term mission trips and at Longview Point Baptist Church in Hernando in many capacities from dishwasher to teacher.

Marvin and Margaret moved to Oxford in 2021 to be near children. They have been warmly welcomed at North Oxford Baptist Church.

Remaining to cherish Marvin's memory are his wife, Margaret; son, Wesley Yates and his wife Natalie; daughter, Christen Yates; sister, Beverly Steed; brothers, Robert Yates and his wife Virginia, and David Yates and his wife Liz; two grandchildren, Jack and Lottie Yates; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Marvin was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Mary Yates Brunner.

A memorial service will be held in late March with date and time to be determined.

Online condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhomeox.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Longview Point Baptist Church
1100 McIngvale Road
Hernando, MS 38632

Memorial Service

MAR **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I recently learned of Marvin's passing. I was the missions pastor at Longview Point from 2010-2013 and got to go on several mission trips with Marvin. He was a wonderful man and a great friend. And he loved and served God well! I fell out of contact with Marvin since we moved away, but I have very fond memories! He will be missed. Prayers for Margaret and the family.

Stephen Carson - March 19, 2025 at 02:24 PM

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“Like a moth to a flame”, such was Marvin drawn to the radiant glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus. As young boys we heard the truth about Christ and were set free to soar in the Spirit of God. Marvin was so many things to so many people who knew and loved him. A man's man but always The Father's child. We miss you greatly but we who are brothers and sisters in Christ will see you soon.

Robert Yates - March 20, 2025 at 12:16 AM

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“ I have always admired Marvin for his loyalty to his family and friends. Although his gift for painting placed him above most of us, he always seemed friendly and down to earth. I have one of his paintings in my home that I love. Marvin, this proud American will be missed by all of us.

Norman Snowden - March 02, 2025 at 06:36 PM



“ I didn't know Mr. Marvin very well. Tracy told me of the times he would come with you to visit when I was in the hospital. I appreciate both of you supporting Tracy during such a trying time.

Christina N Tracy Blaney - March 01, 2025 at 12:11 PM

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“ Oh how I admire and love him. From being typical little boys, running in the fields back home, playing baseball and other sports, to being patriotic young men and joining the service of our country. He was one of the most gifted, intelligent, Godly men I knew. I will see you soon. We will run in the fields of Glory.

Robert W. Yates (brother) - February 28, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“ Where to begin.. I adored Marvin from the first time I met him. I immediately grew to know him as Coach and father to one of my best friends, Wesley. To my delight I was chosen to be on his youth baseball team in my second year of playing the sport. My skills improved as quickly as my relationship with him and Wesley did. He and Margaret welcomed me into their home as often as I wanted to be there. They were very much like a second set of parents and treated me like I was one of their own. As we grew together in baseball they opened their family to mine and my grandfather (known to everyone from parents and players on the team as "Grandpa"). One of my fondest memories of the two of them together was the district tournament when we were 12 years old. Coaches had to wear full uniform to be in the dugout. If you knew the two of them you knew that Marvin wore a coach's shirt and khaki pants while Grandpa wore navy blue slacks, a blue t shirt, and his suspenders. The team parents came together and got Grandpa a uniform complete with personalized ball cap with "Grandpa" stitched on it. Seeing them in those uniforms was awkward but they pulled it off nicely. Marvin continued to be a coach to me, not only in baseball but I'm life, for the rest of the days that I was blessed to know him. He helped mold me into the man I became and I will forever be grateful to the entire Yates family for blessing me with their kindness. I often think about him as I coach my own son using strategies I learned from him. God blessed us with a truly remarkable man.

Tommy Parker - February 26, 2025 at 11:58 AM



Thank you, Tommy, for your thoughts. Memories of that wild red headed kid and Grandpa were very dear to Marvin and still to me.

Margaret Yates - March 01, 2025 at 08:15 AM