



## Elijah Yates

April 9, 1933 - December 11, 2008

ELIJAH WAYNE YATES, age 75 of Luray, Virginia died Thursday, December 11, 2008 at Mont Vue Nursing Home, Luray.

Mr. Yates was born April 9, 1933 to the late James and Martha Yates. He was a beloved husband and father who was a well known Bluegrass musician, playing in the Northern Virginia and Washington DC area for more than 50 years. He was a retired veteran of the U.S. Air Force, retiring from Davison Airfield in Ft. Belvoir, VA.

Survivors include his loving wife of 51 years, Nova Yates, his children Lee Goswellen and her husband William of Stafford, Melissa Hutcheson of Warrenton, his brother Bill Yates of Spotsylvania, his sister Ruth Brown of Spotsylvania, his grandchildren William Wayne Vipraio, Kristin Michele Vipraio, Kelsey Noel Hutcheson, Courtney Dawn Hutcheson, Kimberly Ann Hutcheson, and one great grandchild, William Anthony Vipraio.

The family will receive friends from 7:00-9:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA where services will be held 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, December 17, 2008 with Dr. Thomas Gulbronson officiating. Interment will follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens, Manassas.

Condolences may be sent to [www.piercefh.com](http://www.piercefh.com).

# Tribute Wall

TR

“ HI NOVA & FAMILY...I WAS SO SORRY TO GET THE NEWS ABOUT MY GOOD FRIEND WAYNE...WE HAD SO MANY WONDERFUL TIMES TOGETHER OVER THE PAST FIFTY YEARS...IF I CAN HELP IN ANYWAY, PLEASE LET ME KNOW....I WILL MISS WAYNE DEARLY....GOD BLESS YOU & THE FAMILY.....WE LOVE YA'LL..TOM 'CAT' & JUDI

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**TOM REEDER** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

TM

“ Uncle Wayne will certainly be missed. I feel very blessed to have enjoyed recent visits with him and his wonderful sense of humor through it all. It is so comforting to know he is with our Dear Lord. Also he is rejoicing with my Daddy, Grandma, Granddaddy and Maudine. Love You Uncle

*Tee & John*

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**Tee Marlin** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

KV

“ MY BELOVED GRANDFATHER WAS ONE OF THE MOST PRECIOUS PEOPLE IN MY LIFE. WE WILL TRULY MISS HIM AND TRULY MISS ALL OF HIS FUN TIMES. I KNOW HE'S IN THE LORD'S HANDS AND IS REUNITING WITH MY GREAT-GRANDMOTHER, GREAT-GRANDFATHER, UNCLE ESTLE, AND AUNT MAUDINE.I LOVE YOU WITH ALL OF MY HEART GRAN. LOVE YOUR OLDEST GRANDAUGHTER, KRISTIN MICHELE VIPRAIO

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**KRISTIN VIPRAIO** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

WL

“ Our sincerest condolences go out to Nova and all the family. Wayne was a great guy and mentor with a wonderful sense of humor and I'll always remember the fun times we had making music together. I feel privileged to have known him and call him a friend.  
Wayne & Teri

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**Wayne Lanham** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

JM

“ I HAVE MANY MEMORIES OF UNCLE WAYNE. MOST OF THEM WITH GRANDDADDY.I KNOW THAT HE WAS AS MUCH A FORCE IN THE LIVES OF HIS CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN AS GRANDDADDY WAS TO US. I'M SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS , AND YOU ARE NOT ALONE. HE'S IN GOOD HANDS NOW, AND IN GOOD COMPANY. OUR TIME HERE IS ONLY A FLASH,OUR TIME IN HEAVEN IS FOREVER. JUST IMAGINE THE REUNION.

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**JEREMY MARLIN** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

RB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. I really enjoyed the times I got to spend in conversation, music and plain ole clowning around with him. Nova, Lee & Melissa... please accept my most sincere condolences. I know this is a very sad time for all of you, but just remember that Wayne would have come up with some sort of funny line to describe the situation. He wants everyone to remember him that way. Always bringing the lighter side of life to the foreground. Now when my time comes... there will be another great bluegrass musician for me to pick & grin with. God bless him and all of you.  
Randy

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**Randy Brown** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

JM

“ Lee and family, so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Jean Melendez** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

BC

“ We are sorry to hear about Elijah's passing. You and your family are in our prayers.

*Your Mathews Drive Neighbors.*

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**Bill and Debora Clark** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

JL

“ Nova & family, We are praying for all of you more than ever right now. We were so very sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. He will truly be missed by all. I told TJ & Emily last night and they both said a special prayer for him and for you Nova. Nova, if you need anything, please call me. Sorry I could not be there. I will try and talk to you soon. You are all in our prayers. Peace be with you all.

*Sincerely,  
Janet Lower*

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**Janet Lower** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

DW

“ Lee, may the peace that passes all understanding embrace you during this time of transition. Please extend my condolences to your family as well.

*Blessings to you, respectfully,  
De Bora Wheeler*

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**De Bora Wheeler** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM