

Obituary
Leonard Arnold Bates
November 25, 1959 - December 10, 2024

Leonard A. Bates, age 65, went home to be with his Lord on December 10, 2024. Leonard was born on November 25, 1959, in Lubbock, TX, at Methodist Hospital to Harold Bates and Florence June Bates. He graduated from Cooper High School in Woodrow, TX, in 1978.

Leonard attended South Plains College in Levelland where he graduated with an associate degree in electronics. He then got a job as a General Electric Biomed Technician at Covenant Hospital, where he worked for 14 years before transferring to a hospital in McKinney, TX, for one year before retiring in 2017. During his work at the hospital, Leonard served on all the floors and in all units, becoming well known for his cool wheelchair and excellent service.

On June 27, 2009, Leonard and Suzanne Camp married and became as one. They welcomed several beloved pets into their family throughout the years and currently loved English bulldogs Sassy and B G Bates.

Leonard also served in the wheelchair basketball organization and Turning Point Club; they helped other paraplegics in the surrounding area to overcome obstacles and achieve personal goals by playing wheelchair basketball. They also bowled at Main Event and worked out at the TTU swimming pool. Leonard worked with occupational and physical therapists in the area, encouraging their patients by telling his story and showing them it was possible to achieve one's dreams even while in a wheelchair.

Leonard loved the outdoors, enjoying the warm sunshine and meditating or praying in his garden. He also loved fishing, working in the yard, and woodworking.

Leonard is survived by his wife Suzanne, his sister Sheila Bates Rodriguez, his brother Ricky Bates and wife Brenda (children Destiny, Devin, and Skylar), and brother Clayton Bates and wife Beverly (children Tanner, Shannon, and Trevor).

The family would like to offer a special thank you to University Medical Center Neuro ICU and cardiac and dialysis teams for their care and devotion to Leonard. Memorials are suggested to Second Baptist Church of Lubbock.

*Celebration
of Life*

February 15, 2025

11:00 am

Leonard Arnold Bates



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Service of Worship

Prelude

Larry Landusky

Welcome and Invocation

Rev. Stephanie Nash

Scripture Reading

Psalm 27:1-14

Rev. Stephanie Nash

I Love to Tell the Story

Congregation

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove, Of
2. I love to tell the sto - ry; For those who know it best Seem
Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love. I
hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest. And
love to tell the sto - ry Be - cause I know 'tis true; It
when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, 'Twill
sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else can do. I
be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.
love to tell the sto - ry, 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry To
tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Rev. Dr. Tim Lyles

I Can Only Imagine

by Bart Millard

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Homily

Rev. Stephanie Nash

This Little Light of Mine

Congregation

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine.
This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine.
This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Benediction

Rev. Stephanie Nash

Recessional

Oh Happy Day
by Edwin Hawkins