



Jesse James Oates

December 13, 1962 - January 24, 2017

Jesse James Oates, 54, went home to be with His Lord on January 24, 2017. His devotion to his family and his salvation through Jesus Christ gives us comfort knowing he is in heaven.

Jesse was born to James Wyatt Oates, Jr. and Alta Christilles Oates on December 13, 1962. He graduated from Huntsville High School and went on to retire from TDCJ as a Program Specialist.

He was employed at Carolina Creek Christian Camp at the time of his passing. He truly seemed to have found his calling in the camp surroundings and with the people he worked with.

Jesse's interest and passions were many, foremost was his love of people, how things worked and why, the outdoors, the world at large, and so much more.

He is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Velma Oates, his mother, Alta Oates and sister-in-law Martha Oates. Preceded in death by his father, James Wyatt Oates, Jr., brother, James Wyatt Oates III and his grandparents.

Children were important to Jesse and he wanted them to learn about the love of Jesus. So, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Carolina Creek Christian Camp.

He seemed to have touched everyone he met and will be truly missed by many.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 till 7:30 PM on Friday, January 27, 2017 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 28, 2017 in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Interment will follow the service at Raven Hill Cemetery in Oakhurst, Texas.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

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Cemetery Details

Raven Hill Cemetery

Oakhurst, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jesse James Oates*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I had the good luck of going to school and then later in life, to work with Jesse. There was no kinder person I know...I never understood how he could be so ferocious on the football field, but, yet a friend to all off the field. He has been over to our house many times to talk with husband about beekeeping. Many times, I would sit on the tailgate & just listen to ALL the knowledge he had about them. Jesse is one of those persons that will be missed, but thought of often with happiness!!*

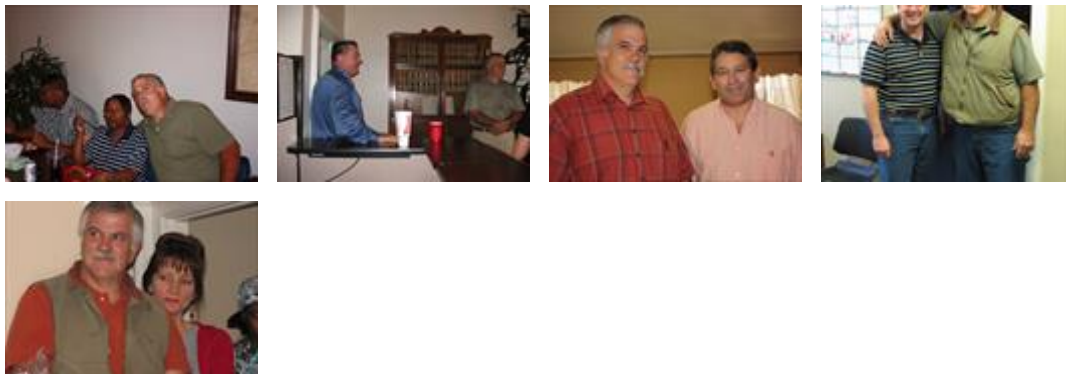
Jamie & Don Brinegar



Jamie Sue Brinegar - January 30, 2017 at 09:50 AM



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Tammy - January 28, 2017 at 08:22 AM



“ *To the family of Mr. Jesse Oates please accept my sincere condolences He was a great supervisor he will truly be missed*

Dorothy Donahoe - January 28, 2017 at 06:08 AM

DS

“ Jesse is the best man I have ever known. A man after God’s own heart, with a deep compassion for people and a great love for his bride. I will treasure forever our ‘perimeter checks’ when we prayed over the camp and our beloved church, and talked about world events.
I thank you, Jesse, for your friendship, your wisdom and leadership; most of all for the Christ-like example you set for us all. I know you’ll be watching over us. That is who you are. See you when we get there!
Donna Shepherd

Donna Shepherd - January 27, 2017 at 11:01 PM

JF

“ I grew up just down the road from Jesse and Wyatt. I too remember all the water we knocked out of that old pond! Fond memories of the Oates boys. Go ride high on the mountain! We’ll meet again some day my friend. God hold up this family in your loving arms and give them comfort in this time of need. Jill Stutts Frazier, Mountain Home, TX

Jill Stutts Frazier - January 27, 2017 at 02:17 PM

DC

“ 'To The Family of Mr. Jesse Oates'
May the love of our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this period of adjustment and grief. Please accept my sincere condolences and prayers.



Dessie Cherry - January 26, 2017 at 10:19 PM

EJ

“ Didn't know I'd be cooking for Jesse his last time. So thankful God allowed our paths to cross. Definitely going to miss making the "Eugene plates" for him as he called it. I know I'll see you again one day in heaven. R.I.P Jesse!

Eugene Edwards, Jr. - January 26, 2017 at 09:47 PM

MC

“ I have been so Bless to have known Jesse since about 5th grade. Many, many memories of our childhood. If you grew up in Crabbs Prairie, you have swam in his pond, You might even have swung over the water from the platform that was built for that. You probably laid on the pontoon while Mrs. Oates was washing her hair in the artisan water that fed the pond. Jesse and I worked together,,,, hauling hay. He was Too Good at this job. Yes! His problem was trying to throw the bale of hay up to the guy on the truck without throwing the bale OVER the truck. (he would have to walk around to get the bale and then "toss' it up.) Jesse touched many lives. I am Thankful He touched mine! R.I.P, my Beautiful Friend. The world has lost a very Special Man! Margo Keller Chandler

Margo Keller Chandler - January 26, 2017 at 06:59 PM

SS

“ I have never met a man who was kinder, gentler yet strong level headed and full of the Holy Spirit. If you knew Jesse you knew that he embodied a true Christian life.

stephen sinclair - January 26, 2017 at 05:58 PM

CS

“ The last time I saw Jesse I was giving him a hug goodbye. He was going home from work. Jesse was such a servant for Christ. I have never heard him talk ugly about anyone and he was always kind. He will be missed.



christiana sinclair - January 26, 2017 at 05:52 PM

BB

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Jesse Oates. The thing that stood out the most to us about Jesse was his love of family and always being there to lend a helping hand. Our condolences to Velma and the rest of the family.

Frank and Barbara Bednarek

Barbara Bednarek - January 26, 2017 at 05:13 PM

SG

“ Lifting Jesse's family up in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss.

Susan Kiser Gordon

Susan Gordon - January 26, 2017 at 03:49 PM

KC

“ *Jesse was such a strong, caring, loving husband and son, cousin, friend...he will always be remembered for his strong mind and soft heart. We will miss him dearly.*

Kim & Darrell Christilles & Family



Kim Christilles - January 26, 2017 at 02:32 PM

GT

“ *Gail Thompson lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Oates*



Gail Thompson - January 26, 2017 at 01:56 PM

NF

“ *Many years have passed but I will always have fond memories of Jesse. God Bless, Jesse and his family.*

The Fontana Family

Nicholas Fontana - January 26, 2017 at 11:44 AM

DP

“ *Dudley and Kathy Park*



Dudley and Kathy Park - January 26, 2017 at 11:32 AM

RT

“ *Jesse Oates was a gentle giant, a man's man, and a huge part of the legend of HHS Football. RIP #77*

Roger Tedford



Roger Tedford - January 26, 2017 at 10:15 AM

DB

“ *Dr and Mrs. LE Richey - Carolina Creek Board purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jesse James Oates.*



Dr and Mrs. LE Richey - Carolina Creek Board - January 26, 2017 at 10:06 AM

BP

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.*
Beverly Jean Pegoda



Beverly Pegoda - January 26, 2017 at 09:16 AM

BE

“ *Prayers for the family. So Sorry for you loss.*



Beverly - January 26, 2017 at 09:15 AM

DM

“ *Dawn Bradley Moore lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Oates*



Dawn Bradley Moore - January 26, 2017 at 09:07 AM

LB

“ *Lucille (Michael) Baugh lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Oates*



Lucille (Michael) Baugh - January 26, 2017 at 08:08 AM

MM

“ Mike & Sherrill McDowell lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Oates



Mike & Sherrill McDowell - January 26, 2017 at 08:07 AM

KP

“ I'm so saddened to hear this about Jesse. He was a great friend in High School and a heck of a football player. Sat next to him in many classes that we shared together. RIP my friend and prayers to his family and friends.

Kenda (Koch) Primeaux - January 26, 2017 at 07:54 AM

LR

“ La Wana Williams Riley lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Oates



La Wana Williams Riley - January 26, 2017 at 05:49 AM

AG

“ Angela Grisham lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Oates



Angela Grisham - January 26, 2017 at 05:41 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jesse James Oates.



January 25, 2017 at 11:48 PM

MH

“ *Minnie Hightower-Jennings lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Oates*



Minnie Hightower-Jennings - January 25, 2017 at 10:31 PM

JW

“ *Jesse was one of the kindness person you ever met. Only knew him a few years, he had a huge Godly heart*

Jamie warner - January 25, 2017 at 10:02 PM

JB

“ *Jessica Back lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Oates*



Jessica Back - January 25, 2017 at 09:36 PM

BB

“ *Bonnie Barker lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Oates*



Bonnie Barker - January 25, 2017 at 09:06 PM



“ *Lisa Townsend lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Oates*



Lisa Townsend - January 25, 2017 at 08:35 PM



Sam Moak

“ Great Hornet and teammate. One of the nicest guys I knew that could be nasty on the field. When I was just a little freshman, he watched out for me and was kind. Lost another great member of the 1980 State Champion Huntsville Hornets. Prayers for the family.

Sam Moak - January 25, 2017 at 08:14 PM

TF

Will miss that big rascal/ he hit me the hardest I ever been hit in my life one day at FB practice while running scout team QB/ he was so apologetic but told me he was just doing what Coach Alpert told him to do!!!!

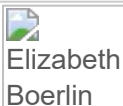
trevor fountain - January 26, 2017 at 07:17 PM

AM

“ Jesse was like a father to me. So kind, loving, and dedicated to serving God. Family was so important to him, he always made my Wife and I a part of his. He taught me how to be a loving husband, showed me what a hard days work really was, and how to live the country life the right way. I will never forget the first time I met him, nor will I forget our last conversations. Jesse was a tough, get it done, provider and loving husband. He often pondered about Gods creation many a night on the back porch, and now I know he is getting to ask God all those many questions. He was a Godly man that would stand up for you in a minute, take care of you in a time of need, or push and encourage you with life-long wisdom. He always believed in me and I knew that he meant every word he said. I am so thankful for everything that he taught us and we will one day tell our children of the great God-fearing man Grandpa Jesse was. Your stories and wisdom will live on as you pass into a better place. We will miss you every day until we meet again.



Austin and Shannon Morrison - January 25, 2017 at 07:57 PM



Elizabeth Boerlin


“ Jesse was a great friend, advisor and coworker. We had many good times sharing the basement of the Region 1 office with the late Jo Padgett. I learned a LOT about TDCJ from this man. He was very honorable and always loved going home to his bride Velma. I will cherish his old fashion talks about making things out of wooden tools, being a craftsman, and beekeeping. May he rest in peace. I'll keep his family and friends in my prayers during this time of his life celebration.

Elizabeth Boerlin - January 25, 2017 at 07:51 PM

SF

“ *What an amazing man. Prayers to the families and God Bless Blaine, Sherry and Bree Fabre*

Sherry Fabre - January 25, 2017 at 07:37 PM

 Donald Musgrave

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of my good friend and TDCJ office mate at the Region 1 Directors Office. Jessie was a good man, honorable man. We shared many a many a good talks and laughs. Jessie was always of good cheers and always brought good light to the room he was in. I will always cherish my time of being friend of his.*

Donald Musgrave - January 25, 2017 at 07:33 PM

SM

“ *Scott Deaver & Brandi Mixon purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Jesse James Oates.*



Scott Deaver & Brandi Mixon - January 25, 2017 at 07:21 PM

CG

“ *I was so saddened to hear about my dear friend Jesse. I know your with Jesus now. Jesse used to come to visit the office when he was at the BOT. We used to have some good talks and I'll carry that with me always. He was so smart. Thanks for the laughs Jesse. He was one of the nicest people I knew. He was a hard worker and would help anyone. He talked so highly of his wife Velma. He loved and adored her so much. I'll miss you Jesse. Until we meet again....*

Candy (Luna) Gonzales - January 25, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jesse James Oates.*



January 25, 2017 at 06:53 PM

DK

“ Jesse, you were the kindest, gentlest person I have ever known. A true gentle giant, someone I'm honored to have had as a friend. You will be missed by many my sweet friend.

Delana Hogue Keeney - January 25, 2017 at 06:47 PM

TA

“ Taletha Adamson-Morning lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Oates



Taletha Adamson-Morning - January 25, 2017 at 06:10 PM

CK

“ Cindy King lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Oates



Cindy King - January 25, 2017 at 05:54 PM

KS

“ Kevin Shawaker lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Oates



Kevin Shawaker - January 25, 2017 at 05:54 PM

SD

“ Jesse and I were good friends growing up in Crabbs Prairie. Spent our free time riding bikes, swimming, camping together. Up until High School we were always together. Our moms always had coffee together when we got together to play. We only lived about a half mile apart as kids. Lost touch after our 10 year school gathering but knew wherever he was he was doing good things. I'll miss that gentle giant.

Scott Deaver

Scott Deaver - January 25, 2017 at 05:54 PM

MM

“ *Melinda Pace Montjoy lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Oates*



Melinda Pace Montjoy - January 25, 2017 at 05:16 PM

BS

“ *Jesse, my friend and co-worker. You are with Jesus now, someone we talked about all the time. I will truly miss your friendship, brotherly love and support. You have always been an inspiration to me and always brought a bright light when you would come to see me at the hardware store. God's blessings on your family for grace and mercy. Love you buddy.*

Bob Stoudt - January 25, 2017 at 04:55 PM

MH

“ *Melanie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Oates*



Melanie Hodges - January 25, 2017 at 04:30 PM