



## Leonard Floyd Bates

June 1, 1949 - June 28, 2019

Leonard Floyd Bates, age 70, of Albia, passed away on Friday, June 28, 2019, at his home in Albia due to complications from Parkinson's disease and exposure to Agent Orange while in Vietnam.

Leonard Floyd Bates came into the world June 1, 1949, the first child of Floyd and Ruth Polson Bates of Albia, IA.

He graduated from Albia High School in 1967 and received many years of perfect attendance awards. The US Army drafted Leonard in 1969, serving in Vietnam until being honorably discharged in 1975. He was employed at Clow for 28 years and retired from American Bottling.

Known for his intelligence and diligence, Leonard was the family historian and a father-figure to his siblings. Most of all he will be remembered for his sense of humor and kindness. He had the biggest heart, showing unselfish concern for his family and their happiness. He even cared for the neighborhood wildlife, buying groceries specifically for stray cats, dogs, birds and other wildlife. Leonard will be greatly missed by man and beast.

Leonard is survived by two brothers Ron (Barb) Bates of Albia, Randy (Lisa) Bates of Norwalk, IA; two sisters Karen (Jeff) Pose of Chouteau, OK, Sherrie (Steve) Wignall of Albia, six nephews and six nieces - Stacy Schell, Cindy

Pose, Ryan Bates, Jeremy and Aaron Pose, Austin Bates, Seth and Tyler Wignall, Nerissa Bates, Kira Thye, Heather Wepler and Brooke Edmiston. Many more will miss Leonard including great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Ruth and Floyd Bates.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Leonard's family present to greet family and friends.

A celebration of life service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in rural Monroe County with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose and Lovilia. The procession will leave the Tharp Funeral Home at 10:15 a.m.

Memorials may be made to an animal shelter due to Leonard's love of animals.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Celebration of Life

JUL 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

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116 Benton Ave.  
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## Graveside Service

JUL 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

Mount Pleasant Cemetery

# Tribute Wall



“ Leonard Floyd Bates

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ Leonard Floyd Bates

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ I am so sorry for your family's loss. Leonard was one of the good guys, I spent a lot of time with him when I stayed at the Judge house. Lot's of time in the hay field and fixing fence. Leonard had his own unique way of dealing with bees in the hay field and being prepared for repairing any type of equipment. He made me laugh all of the time and was so comical to be around. I know the last few years have been very difficult so I am glad to know that he is at peace. God Bless you all and know he left a profound mark on many lives.

Nita Wilson

Nita Wilson - July 02, 2019 at 04:46 PM

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“ I can't believe he's really gone. He was the peacekeeper in the family and had a heart of gold. We had so many conversations at his kitchen table. Sometimes they were serious, but most of the time just about the weather and what was going on in everyone's lives. He cared so deeply and was genuinely interested. He had a memory like a steel trap. Nothing was EVER forgotten. He could tell you when you had replaced a transmission or whatever in your car and the make, model and year of the vehicle. I'd never seen anything like it.

He LOVED mowing the yard. Every time he mowed, it would become just a little bit bigger. I think he would have almost cut down trees to keep mowing more and more. LOL Seriously, he was very meticulous about the mowing. I remember when he first started letting me help mow the yard. I was directed where and in what direction to mow. He had a certain way he wanted it done, and I happily obliged. It was very hard on him emotionally when he finally had to give up mowing.

Leonard will be missed by many as he had touched many lives over the course of his years here on earth. You are finally at peace and that gives me peace of mind. Until we meet again, Love and miss you so much, Carla

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**Carla Johnson** - June 30, 2019 at 09:49 PM

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I first met Leonard when I worked at the Motor bank on Benton. He arrived like clockwork. He always had that infectious smile on his face. I later had the privilege to get to know him much better. Leonard does indeed leave a lifetime of remembrances to all of us who knew and loved him. Later Leonard.

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**Trish Hartz** - July 01, 2019 at 09:37 AM

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“ When I was a kid you could always count on Uncle Leonard to be glad to see you and offer you Mountain Dew, Snickers, and BBQ chips. If I couldn't find my dog, I'd call Leonard because most likely he had let her in his house to enjoy the air conditioning and of course treats. I'll miss him. - Stacy

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**Stacy Schell (niece)** - June 30, 2019 at 08:13 PM