



## Zachary Allen Bates

December 31, 1995 - September 11, 2019

Zachary Allen Bates, age 23, of Albia, IA, went to his Heavenly home on Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

Zach was born on December 31, 1995, at the Ottumwa Regional Hospital in Ottumwa, IA, to Tim and Julie (Dicks) Bates. He attended Albia Baptist Temple where he learned about Jesus and His love for him. He accepted Christ at a Backyard Bible Club as a young child. He continued his faith and lived for the Lord throughout his life. He attended school in Albia, graduating with the Class of 2014.

Following high school, Zach served his country in the United States Army National Guard. Upon his return home, he worked on the golf course at The Preserve on Rathbun Lake at Honey Creek Resort before going to work in the warehouse at Zero Connect in Albia.

Zach loved spending time with his sister and brothers. They would often sit for hours just being goofy, making silly videos, creating characters and playing games. They would put on “shows” for their parents and sometimes the neighbors. Zach loved Grandma & Grandpa’s Friday night suppers with family. Grandma’s chocolate chip cookies were his favorite. They were often his main course.

Zach was extremely creative and talented, especially in music and art. He taught himself to play the drums at the age of eight and later taught himself to play the piano and guitar. In high school, he played soccer and was on the drumline and loved marching band. Later, he joined his band, Ashes Armada, which has played at Rock Fest in Kansas City, as well as at numerous venues in Iowa. Zach recorded more than 1,000 songs and posted many of them on Sound Cloud. He was adventurous, enjoyed being outdoors, and loved animals, especially his dog, Aries. Zach was a hard worker who was very compassionate, had a huge heart, and was willing to help anyone in need. Above all, he loved his family, especially his grandma, grandpa, parents, siblings and nieces and nephews.

Zach is survived by his parents, Tim and Julie Bates; his grandparents, John and Cheri Dicks and Cheryl Swift; 3 siblings, Jacob (Savannah Jamieson), Jacquelyn and Noah Bates; his nieces and nephews, Eli Cooper, Addelyn Mae, Melody Belle, and Jack Allen; an aunt, Selina (Roy) Henderson and an uncle Tim (Sarah) Dicks; and his cousins, Christopher Henderson, Amanda (Lane) Timmerman, Camden, and Gracie Mae. This, in addition to many other aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his great grandparents, Cecil and LaVilla Bates, Anna Mae Shroyer, and Howard and Norma Dicks.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Zach's family present throughout to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia, with Jason Summers officiating. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose and Lovilia will follow services at Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to the family.

# Cemetery Details

**Oak View Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

SEP **16**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

### Funeral Service

SEP **17**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
1117 Benton Ave East  
Albia, IA 52531

# Tribute Wall



“ *Zachary Allen Bates*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Zachary Allen Bates*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *EMILY H GREENWOOD lit a candle in memory of Zachary Allen Bates*



**EMILY H GREENWOOD** - September 24, 2019 at 04:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Zachary Allen Bates.*



September 16, 2019 at 07:33 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We may have never met you or Zach, but we are family because we are Army Strong!*

**Bridgett Krause** - September 15, 2019 at 03:03 PM

GE

“ Sorry to hear about Zack! Prayers for family! He was a great friend.

George - September 13, 2019 at 06:10 PM



“ I remember the very first time Zach played with Ashes Armada. Our drummer had bailed the day of a show, so we asked Zach if he wanted to play that night. Without hesitation, he said yes. So, as we're going through the set for the night, which he'd never heard most of, I looked at him and said "Are you sure you've never played these songs? You're killing it". He said "Nope, never have". We proceeded to play our best show to date. I ended up taking a wrong turn and getting Zach home really late, which Tim and Julie were none too pleased about. But that whole trip home, Zach kept telling me that we should get his friend Trevor Fitzpatrick into the band ASAP. That was just Zach. Great musical instincts and ALWAYS looking out for his friends. Another show, we were playing outdoors at St. Charles. I got to walk around with Zach and check out some of the other bands. It was awesome just hanging out with someone who shared my love for music and had an open mind to different sounds. I could go on for days, but I just want the Bates family to know that Zach was one of the best friends I've ever had.

Ryan Craig - September 13, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Zachary Allen Bates.



September 13, 2019 at 12:53 PM

MA

“ So sorry for the loss of your son. We knew you from the D 5-15 site. May God comfort you in this terrible time . The Adams family

Mary - September 13, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Zachary Allen Bates.



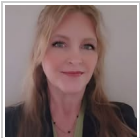
September 13, 2019 at 10:42 AM

AS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. May God's blessings be with you all as you grieve.



Ava Seibert - September 13, 2019 at 09:24 AM



“ The Schwemer Family sends our deepest sympathy to you all during this time. Our heart and prayers are with the family. God bless!!!!

Julie Schwemer - September 13, 2019 at 07:40 AM

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“ Life continues in good memories, and friends provide comfort when needed.

Kelly Najjar - September 13, 2019 at 12:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Zachary Allen Bates.*



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September 13, 2019 at 12:47 AM



“ *Mariel and I are praying for you and all of your family during this difficult time.*

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**Chuck and Mariel Tyrrell** - September 12, 2019 at 11:55 PM



“ *Praying for peace and comfort for all of you!!!*

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**Valerie Selby Small** - September 12, 2019 at 11:32 PM



“ *Praying for you all! So sad to hear this news. May God's peace be near. ~~ Elizabeth Kusterer (Betty Harris)*

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**Elizabeth J Kusterer** - September 12, 2019 at 10:00 PM



“ *Our son went through basic training with Zack and his parents were so nice to us. Our hearts go out to your family with this unimaginable loss. We will never forget your kindness and our son won't forget your Zack. Hugs.*

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**Donna & Enrique Algarin** - September 12, 2019 at 09:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Zachary Allen Bates.*



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September 12, 2019 at 06:43 PM



“ *Zach, we will miss you so much! I'm gunna miss talking to you everyday, you asking about my babies more than anyone.. I miss you coming to hang out with my kiddos and I.. you just told me a few days ago that you still have silly pictures of kyslee. What will I do without talking to your goofy self everyday. Fly high bestfriend, we love you. Watch over my kiddos for me.*

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**Mariah Hamilton** - September 12, 2019 at 05:23 PM



“ *Prayers for the family. Such a nice young man! Much love, Don and Joyce Eilander*

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**Joyce Eilander** - September 12, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ *Tim and Julie I feel like I know you from the wonderful job you did with the D2-54 Facebook page. I am so sorry for your loss of Zack I send my most sincere condolences and I will be praying for you both. Wayne Mozingo, Mechanicsville, VA.*

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**Wayne Mozingo** - September 12, 2019 at 02:52 PM


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“ *Chuck and Mariel Tyrrell - Kennewick, Wa. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Zachary Allen Bates.*



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**Chuck and Mariel Tyrrell - Kennewick, Wa.** - September 12, 2019 at 02:10 PM

 Jenna Nowell

“ *Pizza nights at our house, jam sessions at the church/flc/theater, the pictures he drew us while at basic, and the letters he wrote.*

*I remember he always, ALWAYS played "Blackbird" by the Beatles. At first it was because he was learning it, and then he just did it to annoy me. Haha He reminded me of my little brother and treated me just like that. I remember worship with him and him telling us that when we played "freedom reigns" that there was just something different about worship from any other music. That he could "feel" it. It meant so much to know he experienced worship. He was amazing, and meant so much to Shawn and I.*

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**Jenna Nowell** - September 12, 2019 at 02:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Zachary Allen Bates.*



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September 12, 2019 at 01:19 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Zachary Allen Bates.*



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September 12, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ *I remember Zach in my Sunday School class 3rd and 4th grades. He was always eager to learn about Jesus! Prayers going out during this difficult time to his entire family. Hugs, Donna Lind*

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**Donna Lind** - September 12, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ *Zach was always a helpful student when I was subbing at school. He always helped me have a smooth day. Subs appreciate such students.*

*His mother was always a thoughtful student too! I liked to have her do things with us when she and Susan were growing up.*

*Praying for each of you.*

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**Margaret Mordan** - September 12, 2019 at 12:54 PM