



## Vincent R. Bates

November 25, 1925 - February 20, 2019

Vincent "Chief" Rudolph Bates, 93, of Portsmouth, VA died February 20, 2019. Vincent attended Portsmouth Public Schools and graduated from I. C. Norcom High School in 1944. Vincent served in the United States Navy proudly for 30 years during WWII, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War. He received numerous honors and awards, and retired at the rank of Chief Boatswain Mate. He continued to serve our country as a Shop 72 Rigger at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard for 10 years.

Vincent was preceded by his wife, Rosa Bates; son, William "Eddie" Bates; siblings, Phillip Bates, Riley Bates, Jr., Ruby Williams, and Quintella Sommerville. He leaves to cherish his legacy: sister, Markena Miller; brother-in-law, Rueben Williams; sister-in-law, Lillian Speights; four daughters, Joan P. Artis, Rosetta B. Brown (Geravis), Rosa D. Davis (Victor), Doreen S. Walls, and son, Vincent M. Bates; ten grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren; thirteen great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Olive Branch Cemetery

2 Cpl J M Williams Ave  
Portsmouth, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Celestial Baptist Church  
1439 Mount Vernon Avenue  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Dennis B. White lit a candle in memory of Vincent R. Bates*



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**Dennis B. White** - March 01, 2019 at 08:34 AM

WK

“ *To The Family,  
He was always our anchor since we could first remember; His baritone voice and presence was a part of all of Mt. Herman and especially " Kim Avenue". He was a part of every child's birthday party - every Christmas celebration - going to each home to wish everyone "Happy New Year" . Then in later years - being a part of neighborhood watch - again to help better My Herman. All of us are better for having him in our lives - we shall never forget and always appreciate Mr Vincent Bates.  
May God comfort you and keep you and we will keep you in our prayers.  
Love Otis and Wanda King and family.(Nicole, Shuntell,Michelle and Otis Jr.)*

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**Wanda and Otis King** - February 28, 2019 at 08:53 PM

EG

“ *Earl T. Garrett purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Vincent R. Bates.*



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**Earl T. Garrett** - February 28, 2019 at 02:57 PM

SE

“ From: Seth, Yolanda and Allegra

*Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*



Seth - February 27, 2019 at 07:02 PM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 27, 2019 at 03:35 PM

MD

“ Miami Dade College, Mathematics Department purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Vincent R. Bates.



Miami Dade College, Mathematics Department - February 27, 2019 at 11:42 AM

BL

“ To the family we are sending sincere sympathy and prayers. We pray that you be surrounded by family and friends that care, words that soothe, hugs that comfort, memories that console and love that helps heal.



*Bruce & Justine Lee, BBC Family*

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**Bruce Lee** - February 27, 2019 at 11:41 AM

SE

*From Seth Yolanda, and Allegra  
Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Seth** - February 27, 2019 at 06:55 PM

DW

*To the family of Chief Bates: Always remember, this earth has no sorrow that heaven will not heal. Chief Bates was a great, kind and loving man whom I considered a dear friend and mentor many years ago. Rosetta, Rosa, Doreen, Michael, GA and Vick...I love and miss all of you.. May God continue to bless you and Heaven continue to smile down upon you.*

*Dennis B. White...  
Detroit, Michigan*

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**Dennis B. White** - February 28, 2019 at 05:13 PM

RF

“ Rita and George Forrest purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Vincent R. Bates.



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**Rita and George Forrest** - February 27, 2019 at 08:55 AM

BS

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you. With heartfelt sympathy to you and your family as you remember a life so very well lived. Much love to Rosetta, Rosa, Doreen and other family members. Bobbie & Brenda Sutton

Bobbie & Brenda Sutton - February 24, 2019 at 12:11 PM

BL

“ Brenda Lundy-Sutton lit a candle in memory of Vincent R. Bates



Brenda Lundy-Sutton - February 23, 2019 at 03:01 PM

BS

“ Bobbie & Brenda Sutton sent a virtual gift in memory of Vincent R. Bates



Bobbie & Brenda Sutton - February 23, 2019 at 02:57 PM

HD

“ We send our heartfelt sympathy to your family at this time of grief and heartache in their loss of a dear loved one. "The Acts of the Apostles Christ Cathedral Portsmouth, VA ,23705-1617 (757) 920-9576. [pastorhelen7@gmail.com](mailto:pastorhelen7@gmail.com)

Helen Davis - February 23, 2019 at 01:36 AM

RH

“ *To the Family, Thanking for your loved one's life, and thinking of you with sympathy during this difficult time. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23*  
*Our Love and Prayers, the BBC Bereavement Ministry*



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**Robert Henderson** - February 22, 2019 at 05:20 PM

DW

*Little GA and Crystal: I know beyond any doubt, your grandfather was so proud of you and your accomplishments in life. Always know, his spirit and memories will rest within your hearts forever. Love you and miss you...*

*Dennis B. White...  
Detroit, Michigan*

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**Dennis B. White** - February 28, 2019 at 05:22 PM