



John "Johnny" Walter Bates

February 19, 1931 - May 26, 2026

John "Johnny" Walter Bates, 95 of Altoona passed away on May 26, 2026 at home surrounded by his loved ones and friends. He was born on February 19, 1931 in Umatilla to James Owen Bates and Ruth Allen Bates. He was a truck driver and road greater operator for Lake County Road Dept. He was a Korean war veteran, a fisherman and a hunter. He also had a love for growing things every year in his garden. He was often asked for advice on how he was so successful with his vegetable garden.

He is survived by his children, daughter, Melinda (Andy) Perkins, son J.C Bates. Granddaughter Gina (Collin) Hubbard, grandson, Jeremiah (Kristin) Perkins. Three great grandchildren, Jett Pancak, Carson Hubbard, Myra Perkins.

A time to remember Johnny is set for June 5, 2026 at 11 AM, at first Baptist Church of Umatilla with Pastor Brooks Brasswell officiating.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Umatilla
550 Hatfield Drive
Umatilla, FL 32784

Tribute Wall



“ Greg T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Johnny" Walter Bates.

Greg T. - June 04 at 10:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John "Johnny" Walter Bates.



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