



## Joshua Vincent Bates

June 19, 1978 - August 14, 2024

Joshua Vincent Bates, 46 of Carterville, IL, was received into heaven on August 14, 2024 after passing away of natural causes. Joshua was born on June 19, 1978 at Alton Memorial hospital in Alton, IL. He was the son of Corey and Lillian (Guccione) Bates. Joshua graduated from Alton Senior High School in 1996 and later moved to Carbondale to apprentice as a tattoo artist. Upon completion of his training, he opened a shop in Marion, IL and later became owner and lead tattooist for Hard Times Tattoos in Carbondale. When this shop closed, Joshua continued to provide tattoo services on a free lance basis.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sons, Christopher Vincent Bates (19) and Connor Matthew Bates (16) both in Carbondale; a brother, Dr. Clark Robert Bates and his wife Jessica (Timmermeir) in Birmingham UK with 3 nephews, Tony, Alex, Levi and 2 nieces, Tayla and Bethany, plus multiple aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Bobby and Alice (Breed) Bates and Vincent and Betty (Cowan) Guccione. A private graveside service was held on August 24, 2024 for family members. Gent Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guest book can be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)