



Olen Yates

September 18, 1934 - July 13, 2011

Olen "O.T." Yates, 76, died at 6:55 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at Saint Anthony's Health Center in Alton. He was born September 18, 1934 in Alton, the son of the late Olen H. and Margaret M. (Brady) Yates. He attended Alton Schools and graduated from Alton High School in 1952. He attended The University of Illinois majoring in Agriculture and was a mechanic in the U.S. Air Force. He was an avid trap shooter and a lifetime member of the American Trap Shooters Association, former member of Alton Jaycee's and a Smith and Wessen Distributor. He was a hunter and motorcycle rider. He worked at Alton Steele Mill and Allied Produce. He was the former owner operator of O.T. Yates Produce at 9th and Belle Street in Alton. He was a Northrup King Seed Distributor and retired from farming in 1997. He was a member of Jerseyville United Methodist Church in Jerseyville. In October of 1975 in Brighton, he married Doris Wuebbles and she preceded him in death on January 28, 1988. Surviving are seven children: John (Julie) Yates of Bethalto, Tamara Yates and her partner Angela Saunders of Alton, Mary Kennett (Ryan) of Troy, IL, Cathy Field of Renton, Washington, Margaret Beer (Rick) of Peoria Heights, IL, Thomas Yates of Alton, and Timothy Huggins of Ashley, TN. 12 Grandchildren and 4 Great Grandchildren. Two brothers: William Yates (Bonnie) of Grafton, and Robert Yates (Karen) of Grafton. One sister: Louann Seager (Gary) of Godfrey. Besides his wife he was preceded in death by one son: Hoyt T. Yates. Visitation will be Sunday, July 17, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. until time of service at 7:00 p.m. at Jerseyville United Methodist Church in Jerseyville,

Illinois with Reverend Mark Myers and Reverend Dennis Hill to officiate.
Private Burial at Scenic Hill Cemetery in Grafton. In lieu of flowers: Memorials
may be made to Jerseyville United Methodist Church Building Fund

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Tribute Wall



“ *Olen Yates*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Olen Yates*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I love you grandpa.*

Brit Yates - July 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I had run into your Dad several times this past winter at Hickory Grove. We visited for awhile, it was so nice to catch up on things. Tammy - I know this is a difficult time. Please call me if you need anything.*

Ann Montgomery - July 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *dad i will always miss you... and even though i was'nt around for awhile i have always love you... you were more of a father to me than my real dad.... i love you and will miss you forever*

tim - July 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To Yates family especially Mary and Tammy,

So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I was a friend of Olen's and his insurance agent for many years. I always enjoyed seeing him and visiting. I'm sorry I wasn't able to get to the visitation Sunday afternoon. You have my deepest condolences.

Jeff Miller - July 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ To the best father-in-law/father a girl could ever have had!! Olen you have touched my heart in more ways than you could have ever imagined. You welcomed me into your heart, as well, as your family with open arms and that has meant so very much to me and I greatly appreciated it! You and I had some great times together and they will hold a special place in my heart forever..as well as your love. Thank you for always being there for me and listening to me when I had the "Gift of Gab"; talking and being silly whenever we were together. I will miss you very much and will always love you.

Julie Yates - July 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all through this trying time. We wish we could be there for you but we just don't have the money to get there. may God bless you through this trying time.L

Phil & Janice Wuebbles - July 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Olen and I were classmates. I found obituary on Riverbend.com He was a good classmate and I enjoyed knowing him. After High School, I was in the Navy, went to college, took a job in New York, where I still live. I just wanted to extend my sincere condolences to your family for your loss. He appears to have honorably contributed to society and was a loving family man. I am sure that he will be missed.

Most sincerely,
Charles Traitor

Charles Traitor - July 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ To My Dad,

I love you very much, you will be missed by many, You touched So Many lives. You will be with me forever.

Margaret Beer - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ rip olen prayers to the family

bill and joyce hurst - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM