



Donald Ray Yates

October 21, 1953 - September 20, 2025

Donald Ray Yates, age 71, passed away September 20, 2025 at Tennova Newport Medical Center. He was a wonderful God-fearing husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Blaine Yates, mother, Evelyn Dora Yates, daughter, Letisha Yates, brother, Haskell Yates, sister, Marie Woody, and sister, Alice Henderson.

Donald Yates is survived by wife, Judy Kay Yates, daughter, Loretta Darlene Yates, daughter, Brittany Marie Yates, son, Brandon Gage Yates, son, Gavin Gregory Yates, son, Adam Michael Yates, son, Aaron Yates, foster son Gabriel Lewis, grandson, Rhett Yates, grandson, Lannon Yates, grandson, Lincoln Yates, granddaughter, Sally Armachain, foster granddaughter, Taya Rogers, foster granddaughter Gianna Ward, and sister, Rita Turner; also other family and friends.

Donald was a Godly husband and father, and he will be missed dearly by his family. It is a bittersweet moment to lose him on this Earth, but we know that we will meet him at the gates one day. We can share eternity together and be with our Heavenly Father as a family again. Oh, how we long for that day to come.

The family will receive friends 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at Manes Funeral Home. The Funeral service will follow at 6 p.m. in the Manes Funeral Home Chapel with Stephen Kimery officiating. Burial will be 11 a.m. Sunday, September 28, 2025, in the Piney Grove Baptist Church

Cemetery with Ray E. Davis III officiating.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

SEP 27. 4:00 PM - 6:00 AM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Funeral service

SEP 27. 6:00 PM (ET)

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363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Burial

SEP 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Piney Grove Baptist Church Cemetery
1200 Punkton Rd.
Del Rio, TN 37727

Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Ray Yates*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - September 26, 2025 at 03:51 PM

CF

“ *Charity,Ladonna,Tammy,Tasha, and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Ray Yates.*



Charity,Ladonna,Tammy,Tasha, and Family - September 27, 2025 at 10:51 AM

CF

“ *Charity,Ladonna,Tammy,Tasha, and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Ray Yates.*

Charity,Ladonna,Tammy,Tasha, and Family - September 27, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ 105 files added to the album LifeTributes



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - September 26, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ Shirley Willis lit a candle in memory of Donald Yates



Shirley Willis - September 26, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ Willie & Jewel Kilgore purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Donald Ray Yates.



Willie & Jewel Kilgore - September 25, 2025 at 03:19 PM

JC

“ *Jolene and Chuck purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Donald Ray Yates.*



Jolene and Chuck - September 25, 2025 at 11:40 AM

IK

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Judy and family are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you.*



Ike and Vanessa Wright Kelly - September 24, 2025 at 07:17 PM

MS

“ *Mitchell & Mary Shepard purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald Ray Yates.*



Mitchell & Mary Shepard - September 24, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Ray Yates.*



September 24, 2025 at 08:12 AM

ET

“ Prayers for the family for peace & strength during this difficult time. Don was a wonderful brother in Christ. Love you all Ermal & Zina Tackett



Ermal Tackett - September 24, 2025 at 06:34 AM

PR

“ Pat Golden and Leonard Rogers purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald Ray Yates.



Pat Golden and Leonard Rogers - September 23, 2025 at 08:46 PM

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Pat Golden and Leonard Rogers - September 23, 2025 at 08:46 PM

GW

“ So much can be said about Donald Yates, his mother and my daddy were siblings. As my first cousin I have loved Donald for 64 years. Donald was a Godly man. He was so kind and caring. Judy and Donald in my eyes were a perfect couple. It breaks my heart to hear of his passing. Growing up we were all very close. It is comforting to know Donald is smiling on The Shores of Glory. I can't say enough about Donald and his love for his fellow man. Judy and Loretta you have my love and sincere condolences.



Glenda Willis - September 23, 2025 at 05:26 PM



“ He will be missed! I loved talking to him on mamaw and papaws porch! He was a truly a great Christian man! A true leader!

Justin Anderson - September 23, 2025 at 04:23 PM

AH

“ What a wonderful man Donald was. He is in the living arms of Jesus now. May God be with Judy and all of their children and grandchildren in the coming days. Sending much love and prayers for you all.

Anna Helton - September 23, 2025 at 04:10 PM

CF

“ Judy and Loretta, we are so sorry. We have such fond memories of Donald and loved him soooo much! We're praying for you all.

Connie Frisbee - September 23, 2025 at 02:55 PM

LS

“ Prayers Judy and Loretta, he was such a good person

Lucy Samons - September 23, 2025 at 01:04 PM

CS

“ Andrew and I was very fond of Donald, if u had a question, he would take time to talk to u. We knew him to be a very Godly man, always ready to serve. Andrew and Donald are both with Jesus now, what a beautiful thought❤️

Connie Slone - September 23, 2025 at 12:03 PM

JA

“ I always enjoyed listening to stories that he would tell at mamaw's and papaws. I also love how he and papaw Anderson both talked about their gardens and had a bit of friendly competition. He will truly be missed he a was a great man! I love you Aunt Judy, I love you Loretta, and I am praying for you all and the boys.

Justin Anderson - September 23, 2025 at 11:39 AM