



## John Eric Bates

October 14, 1961 - September 7, 2013

John Eric Bates age 51 of Elkmont, passed away on Saturday, September 7, 2013 at Parkway Medical Center. Eric was born October 14, 1961 in Athens, and was a lifelong area resident. He loved to hunt and spend time with his grandson, Hunter. Services for Eric will be Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. Visitation will be Monday, September 9, 2013 from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Ripley Cemetery with Frankie Murphy officiating. He is survived by his mother and step-father, Susan and Alan Leff; grandmother, Birdie Bates; brother, Mark Bates and wife Jeraldine; sister, Lila Bates; nephew, Blayne Bates; step-children, Tabitha Spires and Mark Guisasola; grandchildren, Hunter Adams and Kenlee Guisasola; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He is preceded in death by his father, Thomas Bates; grandparents, Robert and Barbara Harper and Hubert Bates. Please sign our online guestbook.

# Tribute Wall

HH

“ I worked with Eric at BP. Very fine man! He will be missed. Bless you, and your family. You are in my prayers.

Harry G. Hunter - September 13, 2013 at 10:54 AM

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“ For all of Eric's friends and family:  
Know that he is now Home and watching upon us. We shall grief briefly, then come to an understanding that God and Eric are watching over all that they love.  
I can only hope that all my prayers send for your healing are felt by you soon.

Sara Stewart - September 12, 2013 at 03:17 PM

MM

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. May God comfort all his family

Martha mcbay - September 10, 2013 at 06:31 PM

TB

“ Aunt Birdie, Susan, Mark, Lila and family, We were so saddened to hear of Eric's passing. Just know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love to you all.

Tim & Jody Bell - September 09, 2013 at 09:22 PM

TC

“ We are so sorry to hear about Eric's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and in the days ahead.

Tim & Donica Crouch - September 09, 2013 at 08:32 PM

DM

“ *Dennis and I both worked with Eric. Dennis has known Eric for over twenty years. Our prayers are with you his family. We pray for comfort for all of you. We thought so very much of him and we are so very sorry.*

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**Dennis and Cindy Mullins** - September 09, 2013 at 04:25 PM

PL

“ *It is with a heavy heart I offer my sincerest condolences. Eric was a friend and co-worker. I worked with and around him the last 8-10 years here at BP. He always had a smile and always carried himself in the most professional manner. He will be surely missed by all who knew him.... Patrick Lovell/BP Fire&Rescue/Decatur, AL.*

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**Patrick Lovell** - September 09, 2013 at 12:38 PM

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“ *Susan - our deepest condolences to you and your family. Praying the Lord will give you strength and peace during this very difficult and sad time. Our Love, Sandi and Bobby*

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**Sandi Smith** - September 08, 2013 at 03:50 PM