



## William A. Bates

June 20, 1959 - September 2, 2014

William Anthony (Tony) Bates was born June 20, 1959 in Baltimore, MD to Ernestine (Johnson) Bates and the late Norman William Bates. He was the oldest of two children that blessed the Bates family. He was called to rest on September 2, 2014.

Tony was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System. Like his father, he was a proud graduate of Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. Tony went on to complete his Bachelor's of Art degree at University of Maryland at Baltimore County in Visual Arts. When he was an intern at WJZ, he met and was impressed by Oprah Winfrey and her ambition in her early years. He continued his professional education at George Washington University, receiving certifications in Project Management.

Tony's professional pursuits lead him into the areas of Banking, and later Systems Management. Through hard work, diligence and the ability to develop and lead teams he became the youngest as well as one of the first African American Assistant Vice Presidents at Household Bank in the early 90's,. His next career move was to a Project Manager position at the national office of the American Red Cross. He was one of their special staff assigned to the 911 site in NYC. Over the next eleven years, Tony accepted higher levels of responsibility in new positions, departing as the Director of IT in Financial Operations. His last position was as Director of Business Intelligence Systems at Conservation International Washington, D.C. headquarters.

Tony had interests that covered many areas. For example he loved to travel. There were locations that he returned to on a regular basis- Rehoboth beach every Labor Day week, Key West with dear friends in the winter and Martha's Vineyard with his roommate were at the top of the lists. But there were also Caribbean island jaunts with his aunt and cousins, trekking through Germany, Holland and England with friends and exploring new and old sites in New York City.

Tony also had a passion for the arts. Utilizing his visual art skills, he took beautiful photographs of friends, events and especially on his holidays. His ticket stub and music collection includes performers for nearly every type of music possible. In his early adult years, Tony was famous for creating house music as the 'master mixer". Tony was always curious, an avid learner who made learning a lifetime love.

Tony loved his family. He was always thoughtful and enjoyed spending time with them. He was devoted to his sister Ronnie. The two often planned elaborate Christmas gifts for their mom, grandparents and others and their Mother's Day events were always full of delicious food and fun. Tony was devastated when Ronnie passed away-. a part of him was missing.

Now we will miss Tony too. We will miss his dependability, thoughtfulness, kindness , generosity and warm spirit.

Anthony means "precious one" .... He was indeed a precious gift to us.

We will miss his smile, the sound of his laugh , those eyes that twinkled when he was really having a good time and all of the expressions of his love to us.

Tony was preceded in death by his father, William Norman Tates and his sister, Veronica Eillen Tates

Tony is survived by: his mother, Ernestine Tates; his grandparents, Lucille and Calvin Tyler; his aunts, Carolyn Byrd and Janet Toler; close friend, Cheryl Curtis, and a host of cousins and friends.



# Cemetery Details

## Private

Baltimore, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP **9**. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

SEP **10**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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SEP **10**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *William A. Tates*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I am very sorry to hear about the loss of your dear loved one. The fond memories of your loved one will help you get through this sad time and God's sure promise to mankind is that God "will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry, nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away-Rev.21:3,4*

**Nita** - September 29, 2014 at 11:14 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to read of your loss. I can't imagine the pain that you feel at this time. May the God of comfort be with you at this time and in times to come. He promises the hope of seeing our dead loved ones again. That promise is at John 5:28,29 and also Rev. 21:3,4.*

**Sophie Strachan-Moreno** - September 13, 2014 at 12:08 PM



“ *I offer my condolences to the Tate family The death of a loved one is never easy, our heavenly Father Jehovah knows this and offers comfort to those who've lost a loved one. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 says" the God of all comfort who comforts us in all our trials, so that we may be able to comfort others..." Please visit the website site JW.org to find more scriptures from the Bible.*

*PMcneil*

**PMcneil** - September 13, 2014 at 11:23 AM

SK

“ My thoughts and prayers to the entire Tate Family. Tony and I would ride the train to DC every morning and I always relied on him for his NY Times and Baltimore Sun papers. We lost touch but I thought about him often. The last time I saw him he was at the Weinberg Y and he was doing water aerobics, I should have stopped to talk with him more. Tony was an all around nice guy, we need more like him on this earth.

*Rest in Peace Tony.*

*Steve Kanaley*

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**steven Kanaley** - September 09, 2014 at 08:33 AM

CA

“ Sorry for your loss, may Jehovah give you comfort in your time of need. 1Corinthians 1:3,4. [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

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**Carolyn** - September 08, 2014 at 06:46 AM

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“ I've tried to find you for years. It should have been at the Owl Bar, not an obituary. Rich and I played "Remember the Time" today. Winner was the day Rich almost got fired, you used the processor as a pillow, guilioni blamed me for everything. Rest in peace my friend. Love, Fran

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**Fran O'Reilly Gordon** - September 04, 2014 at 07:09 PM

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“ *To the Tate Family,*  
*I was so very sorry to read about the death of your loved one. Death is such a terrible thing. The bible gives us hope and comfort though. It tells us at Isaiah 25:8 that 'God will swallow up death forever'. So we know that the time will come when we will no longer lose our loved ones in death. 1 John 4:8 says 'God is love 'so we know that a God of love does not want his people unhappy or hurt in any kind of way. So we are just looking forward to the fulfillment of Revelation 21:4 'there will be no more sickness, death, pain, mourning or outcry.' What a wonderful hope we have. Well I do hope these scriptures have brought you comfort. If you have any questions or comments please e-mail me or go to [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org).*

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**Faye** - September 04, 2014 at 06:31 PM

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“ *Paul offered hope of relief from that "last enemy, " death. He wrote: "Death is to be brought to nothing." 1 Corththians 15:26. He also stated that God "comforts us in all our tribulation". Divine help can make it easier to bear. Pray to Jehovah and he will help you. In response to your persist prayers, "the peace of God tha excels all thought will guard your heart and your mental powers." Philippians 4:6-7.*

*- Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
The Johnson Family*

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**Johnson** - September 04, 2014 at 02:11 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. The death of a loved one is the most difficult thing we deal with. I wanted to take this time to express my condolences to you for your loss. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's word the Bible. (Psalms 83:18) The Bible promises: "the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." (John 5:28,29) Jesus Christ promised that millions now dead will live again on this earth and have the prospect of remaining on it forever peaceful paradisaic conditions. (Isaiah 65:21,22) You can have the hope of being reunited with your dear dead loved ones here on earth. The Bible also assures us: "He will swallow up death forever, And the sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25:8) Death will be removed from all the earth. Tears of sorrow will vanish. No one will die from natural causes or weep. These are promises that will soon be a reality. (Hebrews 6:18) May you find comfort from These promises. And may Jehovah God of all comfort be with you. (2Corinthians 1:3,4)

For more encouragement please visit [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org).

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**sherries lee** - September 04, 2014 at 09:29 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - September 04, 2014 at 07:24 AM