



## Philip Cole Bates

November 17, 1936 - May 7, 2016

Heaven's gates welcomed Philip Cole Bates on Saturday, May 7th, 2016. He passed away at the Sequoyah Pointe Living Center in Owasso, Oklahoma at the age of 79. Born November 17, 1936 in Keota, Oklahoma, he was the son of the late Otis Bates and Opal (Cole) Bates. Philip was the owner and operator of Bates Insulation in Stigler, Oklahoma for 47 years. Philip enjoyed gardening and planting flowers. His home was a testimony to his love of flowers. He enjoyed traveling with his wife and soul mate, Ginny Bates. He loved having his grandchildren help with the fish pond and picking fruits and vegetables from his garden. His favorite pastime of all was having early morning coffee with his buddies at the café and playing cards with his family and friends.

Philip is survived by his loving wife Virginia of 12 years. He had three step-children, whom he claimed as his own, Thomas Corrigan, Amanda Reese and Sarah Prestien. He has four children from a previous marriage, Phyllis Reeves, Melody Collins, April Melton, and one son, Philip Bates Jr. Philip has one sister, Lois Wier, and two brothers, Byron Bates and Bruce Bates. He also had seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Philip is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Virginia Gulley. He will forever be remembered as a loving, kind and caring man. He will be missed greatly by all those who knew him.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 16th, 2016, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 P.M. at King Shearwood Funeral Home.

Memorial services for Philip Bates will be held on Tuesday, May 17th, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. at the United Methodist Church of Stigler with Rev. Larry Gaston and Rev. Thomas Corrigan officiating.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE

MAY 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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