



Henry Bates, Jr.

March 10, 1926 - December 4, 2008

Henry Bates, Jr. 82 of Topeka, passed away on Sat, Nov 29. He was born Mar 10, 1926, in Pilot Grove, MO, to Henry & Lucinda M. Cox Bates, Sr. He married Helen Marie Williams Apr 2, 1951, in Lawton, OK. She survives. He was preceded in death by siblings, August, Herman, Oscar, Carl & Ellis Bates, and Leona Reiman & Bessie Nichols. Henry joined the Army in July, 1944, was discharged Aug of 1946. He re-enlisted and served from Mar, 1948-1952. He received the Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, two Overseas Service Bars, Army of Occupation Medal Japan and the Good Conduct Medal. Henry worked for Boeing Aircraft in Wichita, KS, for 19 years; he then worked for Western Area Supply Center in Topeka, retiring in 1987. After retiring he & Helen became very active in R.V. camping clubs and enjoyed a lot of fun & fellowship with their camping friends. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW and was a member of Disabled American Veterans. He also enjoyed watching old cowboy "B" movies of the 1930's and 40's, & you could always count on him to remind you that Gene Autry was the "king of the cowboy's". He was also a big fan of Stan "the Man" Musial. Survivors include, his three sons, Charles, (Charlotte), Gene (Vanessa), and Greg Bates, all of Topeka; two grandchildren Simon Bates, Chicago, IL, & Holly Bates, KC, MO; sisters, Myrtle Cahill, Lincoln, NE, Minnie Bates, Boonville, MO, & Catherine Grady, Independence, MO; many cousins, nieces, nephews & friends. Mr. Bates will lie in state Thurs, Dec. 4, from 4-8 p.m., with family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. Services will be 1:00 p.m. Fri. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral

Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka, KS 66614. Burial will be at noon Sat. at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville, MO. Memorial contributions may sent to Alzheimer's Association, Topeka Chapter or Helping Hands Humane Society sent c/o the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Henry Bates, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I lived across the street from Mr. & Mrs. Bates from the time I was 4 until I was about 14. I have many fond childhood memories of them. I wish to offer my condolences to Mrs. Bates and their children. You are in my thoughts.*

Deneen (Bush) Schoenfeldt - December 04, 2008 at 05:30 PM



“ *We were part of Henry and Helen's "camping network". I remember once when we were at a campground in Missouri. During the night there was a storm and the next morning we found that lightning had struck a tree right next to their camper. It was split clear to the ground and flood water was right up to their door. We had fun times on the road. We did so admire his devotion to your mom. He missed Christmas dinner with us last year because he went to feed her. Sincere sympathy from all the Roving Sunflower Campers.*

Bob & Phyllis Shanks - December 03, 2008 at 09:49 PM



“ *To: Greg Bates:
I am very sorry to here the loss of your Father, Henry Bates Jr. Your dad always had a smile and was there to help when we were in the Navy Reserve. May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

TSgt Patrick J. Weissbeck

Patrick J. Weissbeck - December 03, 2008 at 02:24 PM

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“ I knew Henry only a short time while I was a Physical Therapy patient at Manor Care of Topeka where Henry's wife, Helen, was a resident. My friend, Moe Johnson was an LPN at Manor Care. The things which we admired most in Henry were his friendliness and his absolute devotion to Helen. He was there at every meal to help feed her and spend time with her. Everyone got to know Henry through these visits and he was always friendly. We will miss him dearly and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Dave Laird and Maureen "Moe" Johnson - December 03, 2008 at 08:00 AM