



## Doyle Bates

January 29, 1951 - November 9, 2020

BATES – Doyle Lindsey Bates, age 69 of Bishop, formerly of Monroe, passed away on November 9, 2020. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, November 13, 2020 at 2 PM in the Monroe Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home with Pastor Joe Hughes officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Vernon Christian Church Cemetery in Monroe. Born in 1951 to Garland and Frances Bates, Doyle attended Good Hope School and graduated from Monroe Area High School. He grew up in the country at Mount Vernon, attended church, rode bikes on dirt roads, climbed the highest trees, swayed in the vines over the big gully and saved his sister from a charging bull where he and Freddie placed her in the pasture. Doyle took guitar lessons from Joe Miller in Campton, Ga. He sang “I Saw The Light” over and over, and learned to play but mostly he played by ear. He entertained his friends at their parties when 16 imitating Elvis, Johnny Rivers, and Ricky Nelson and sang from the front porch as his neighbors gathered. Doyle worked at McGarity Ford which probably sparked his first interest in car mechanics and Quality Foods as a teenager. It was not unusual to come home and find that he had completely dismantled a car transmission, carburetor, or motor. He always worked on his cars. After graduating, Doyle went to Oklahoma to take flying lessons where he became severely home sick and wrote a song. He worked at Coble Dairies/Atlanta Dairies, Pet, Coca Cola, Pepsi, Ruth’s Salads and Mrs. Statton’s sales and delivery. He never had a problem getting a job as he was a hard worker who worked as fast and as hard as he could go. He continued writing songs and playing and singing country music. In 1994 at the age of 41 he released “I’m Going Home” and “I Just Want To Be Me” under Westway Productions of Nashville and was listed on the charts. Awards include The Atlanta Country Music Hall of Fame Entertainer of the Year for amateurs. He also received The Entertainer Indi-Association 15th Awards Show EIA Horizon Male Country Singer 1997 in Nashville. His music was popular in Europe. He performed many festivals, local concerts including Monroe Jamboree at the local court house. He particularly enjoyed performing for nursing homes and senior citizens. Doyle took upholstery classes at Athens Tech and opened his own upholstery business at his home in Bishop where he often restored antique car interiors. He restored antique furniture and did beautiful quality upholstery work and we credit this to his mother’s sewing influence. He worked at The University of Georgia in the creamery, the print shop, and

lastly the physical plant where he suffered a life changing injury to his left arm. He was never able to play guitar, upholster, fly remote controlled airplanes, water ski, snow ski or do many of the things he enjoyed. Sitting still for Doyle was torture so he found that he could operate a towing service from his home and his phone. He rehabbed and tried to find satisfaction in other areas, but mostly will be remembered in his later years as one who could make you laugh especially to his friends on his facebook with sometimes testy humor. Doyle was preceded in death by his father, Charlie Garland Bates and his mother, Frances Elizabeth McGuffey Bates, he is survived by his son, Ken Bates of Bishop; brother, Freddie Bates of Comer; sister, Regina Adcock of Monroe, sister and brother-in-law, Margarett and Chris Kitchens, also of Monroe; two grandchildren, Zachary Bates and Allanna Bates, fiance, Cathy Sims. The family will receive friends on Friday before the service from 10 AM – 1 PM at Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 209 South Hammond Drive, Monroe, GA 30655. (770) 267-2594. You may sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com)

# Cemetery

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**Mount Vernon Christian Church  
Cemetery**

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# Events

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**NOV Funeral Service 02:00PM**

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Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home  
Monroe  
209 South Hammond Drive, Monroe, GA,  
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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - November 12, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ I love you dad.

**Kenneth Bates** - November 12, 2020 at 11:15 PM



“ Will miss you and know that your pain is no more, while we are assured we will be together again. Thank you for sharing your singing talent. We will always be able to hear you sing to us.

**Regina** - November 14, 2020 at 08:41 AM

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“ We were next door neighbors when we were teenagers. My fondest memories of Doyle was when I would sit on his porch and listen to him play and sing. After we moved one day a plane almost hit our house. A couple of hours later Doyle came to our house and told us it was him in the plane. He just laughed about it. Lost touched for years but Facebook brought our friendship back together. I have prayed for Doyle through his illness and have laughed at his jokes. Sending prayers to all. Rip Doyle.

**Janice Whitehead** - November 13, 2020 at 09:40 AM

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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - November 12, 2020 at 06:29 PM

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