



Elijah Demetrius Bates

June 22, 2006 - December 26, 2021

On December 26, 2021, Elijah Demetrius Bates, of Cobbs Creek, Virginia, and a sophomore at Mathews High School, died unexpectedly in Orange County, Virginia. Elijah was on the track team and loved to play basketball; however, his family was always first. He was a health-conscious young man and made sure to stay in shape. Elijah may have been young, but an old soul at heart when it came to making smart money investments and assisting family, friends and neighbors. He diligently worked hard with his Papa, Ferguson Masonry and was always readily available to assist with his "My Delphia" whether it was with her business inside or outside of the home. Elijah had a great spirit, very quiet and reserved but he always hugged his family before he left them.

Biological father Ryan A. Smith, paternal grandfather George A. Smith and his maternal grandfather, Carlton C. Hughes, preceded Elijah in death. His mother Maria Hughes, earthly father Wendell Elijah Bates, sisters Chasity Hearn & Yasmine Newton, grandparents Delphia Ferguson (Mark), Dyretta Bates, Cassandra Kelly, Maternal Great-Grandparents St. Elmo Jr. and Janette Smith, Paternal Great-Grandmothers Sandra L. Kelly, Annie Mae Blackwell, Uncle Carlos Hughes, Aunt Jordan A. Smith and a host of cousins, great-uncles, and great-aunts survive him. On Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 11:00 am, the family will receive friends in Newington Baptist Church, 6169 Main Street, Gloucester, Virginia 23061. The funeral service will begin at noon, officiated by Reverend Eric Robinson, and Eulogy by Minister Wesley Cropp, followed by interment at Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, 3061 Buckley Hall Road, Cobbs Creek. Following the burial, the family will gather for fellowship at the Piankatank Ruritan Club, 7138 Buckley Hall Road, Hudgins, VA 23076. Due to immediate family health issues, everyone in the church must wear a mask. Services under the direction of Hogg Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

JAN **5**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Newington Baptist Church
6169 Main Street
Gloucester, VA

Funeral Service

JAN **5**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Newington Baptist Church
6169 Main Street
Gloucester, VA

Cemetery

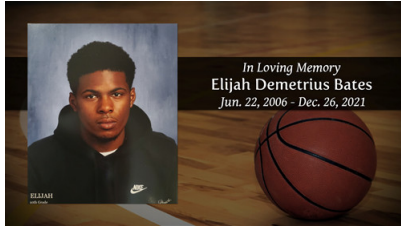
JAN **5**. 1:30 PM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery
3601 Buckley Hall Road
Cobbs Creek, VA 23035

Tribute Wall



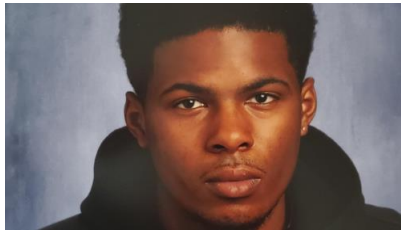
“ *Hogg Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elijah Demetrius Bates*



Hogg Funeral Home - January 04 at 05:45 PM



“ *Hogg Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Elijah Demetrius Bates*



Hogg Funeral Home - January 04 at 05:35 PM



“ *Tawanna Lattisaw lit a candle in memory of Elijah Demetrius Bates*



Tawanna Lattisaw - January 19 at 01:47 PM



“ *May The LORD bless and keep the family of Elijah Demetrius Bates in His peace and comfort. We PRAY The LORD will make HIS face to shine upon you and lift your hearts and spirit with His Love.
Blessings,
Uncle Bill & Aunt Rosetta Cummings*



Rosetta Cummings - January 06 at 05:23 PM

JS

“ *Janette Smith lit a candle in memory of Elijah Demetrius Bates*



Janette Smith - January 05 at 11:40 AM



“ *My condolences*

Cousin Anthony Penn

Anthony Penn - January 05 at 11:27 AM

JF

“ *Elijah, you ill be forever missed!!! Love you lil cousin!!*



J Fletcher - January 05 at 12:23 AM

AR

“ *Elijah was one of the most kind hearted young men I have had the pleasure of coaching during my time at Mathews High. I will always remember how polite, considerate and sweet he was to others. His actions spoke louder than words, and he is already missed by many.*

Amanda Rodriguez - January 04 at 08:02 PM

DJ

“ *i will always remember him as the sweet little boy in my Heart Start class room! He had the sweetest face with darling glasses on! I wish i could go back once more and hold that sweet boy and tell him how much I will always love him! I am so sorry for your loss!*

DJarosz - January 04 at 07:20 PM

TB

“ Tina Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Elijah Demetrius Bates



Tina Blackwell - January 04 at 04:31 PM

DF

“ Delphia Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Elijah Demetrius Bates



Delphia Ferguson - January 04 at 01:57 PM

DF

My Beautiful Grandson/3rd Child. I Love You!!! Thank You for being in my Life. You will be forever missed!!!

Delphia Ferguson - January 04 at 02:00 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Elijah Demetrius Bates.



January 04 at 02:49 AM

TK

“ The Kellys purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elijah Demetrius Bates.



The Kellys - January 03 at 04:11 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Elijah Demetrius Bates.



January 02 at 03:37 PM

DB

“ To heart of a grandson, my dearest Elijah, as I try to gather the broken pieces of my heart, and to comprehend your seemingly early departure from earth to glory, through eyes of faith, I begin to understand that God granted you there grandmas because he filled you with so much love that you had and a abundance to give, and that is exactly what you did, not only to us, but to everyone you knew. Wise beyond you're years, full of compassion, a fine you man, indeed. I light this candle for you love, forever a light in our hearts, that will never go dim. I love you beyond words my son and always will,
Grandma Bates and



Dyretta Bates - January 02 at 03:03 PM

JJ

“ We will miss you dearly, you had to leave us so soon. But you You will forever be in our hearts, never forgotten. ❤️ We love you and always will. Your sis Johné, Aunt Alicia, Uncle John.

Johne Johnson - January 01 at 11:11 AM

DS

“ RIH Elijah. I will miss you.
Auntie Dawn



Dawn Smith-Williams - January 01 at 08:04 AM

MK

“ Elijah, I was sooo happy to have you as my great-grandson. You were such an intelligent and fine young man. You are now with your father, Ryan, and your grandfather, George Smith. RIP Eli. Lovingly, Grannie Ya.

Ms. Sandra Kelly - December 31, 2021 at 11:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Elijah Demetrius Bates*.



December 31, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Elijah Demetrius Bates*.



December 31, 2021 at 03:31 PM

CH

“ *Craig Hughes* lit a candle in memory of *Elijah Demetrius Bates*



Craig Hughes - December 31, 2021 at 03:17 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of *Elijah Demetrius Bates*.



December 31, 2021 at 02:56 PM

LM

“ *My heart felt sympathy and condolences are extended to family and friends. Elijah was one a kind and will greatly missed*❤️

Leona Moore - December 31, 2021 at 02:50 PM

LR

“ *Loretta Reid lit a candle in memory of Elijah Demetrius Bates*



Loretta Reid - December 31, 2021 at 02:46 PM

PB

“ *Pam Reid Banks lit a candle in memory of Elijah Demetrius Bates*



Pam Reid Banks - December 31, 2021 at 02:24 PM

TA

“ *The Enterprise Sales Team at Avanan purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Elijah Demetrius Bates.*



The Enterprise Sales Team at Avanan - December 31, 2021 at 12:58 PM

DK

“ *We were blessed to have you for the short time that we did Elijah, but now you are dancing with your father Ryan in heaven. Tyler and I send our warmest condolences of LOVE and prayer to the family. RIP my dear, loving great-nephew. ~Love, Aunt DeeDee and Tyler*

Dawn Kelly-Young - December 31, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elijah Demetrius Bates.*



December 31, 2021 at 12:43 PM