



## James George Yates

June 29, 1952 - February 6, 2016

James "Jim" George Yates, 63, of Summerville, husband of Carol J. Yates passed away Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Trident Medical Center.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service at James A. Dyal Funeral Home on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 2 o'clock PM.

Mr. Yates was born June 29, 1952 in Laramie, WY son of Elaine Pitsitos Yates Nix of Fletcher, OK and the late Owen B. Yates. Mr. Yates retired as a Machinist Mate Senior Chief after 20 years of service in the US Navy. He served on the USS Bonefish, USS James Madison and USS L Y Spear He graduated from Kingfisher High School in Oklahoma, received his Bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University and received a Master's Degree in Education from the Citadel. He was a member of the Submarine Veterans Association, Lifetime Member of the American Spaniel Club and a lifetime member of the Carolina Cocker Club, Inc. He had a passion for music and enjoyed the harmonica, playing banjo and wearing silly hats. He was a Guidance Counselor for Charleston County School District for 18 years serving at Middleton High School, West Ashley High School and Academic Magnet School.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to The National Kidney Foundation, 5300 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29406 or Frances Willis SPCA, 136 4 Paws Lane, Summerville, SC 29483.

Survivors include his wife Carol and his mother Elaine and one sister and one brother: Jolaine Travis of Choctaw, OK and Bruce Yates (Rita) of California; 2

half-brothers: John Bogensberger and Joe Bogensberger; one half-sister:  
Cherie Biedron.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH  
MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James George Yates*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *I was so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. He fought a good and hard fight! He was always such a positive person even when faced with insurmountable health problems. He was always worried more about the other guy. I have enjoyed reading the posts of students who have benefited from his gift as a counselor. He certainly made his impact on many people! Jim you will be missed!*

**Kim Pugh** - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jim and Carol had one of the best marriages that I have ever seen. He was kind, funny and a true friend. I'm going miss the hats and his friendship. God bless .*

**Sandi Gern** - February 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Fair Winds and Following Seas Senior Chief*

**Tom Lufkin** - February 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *We really loved Jim. He was so funny. I remember years ago when I told him to go to college and he said an old cowboy like him would never make it in college. You under estimated yourself Jim.*

February 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ My deepest sympathies to Mr. Yate's loved ones. He was a great guidance counselor at AMHS. The student body loved him tremendously. My heart extends to you. I'm so sorry for your loss and may his soul rest peacefully after a long life of amazing accomplishments.

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**Danielle Freeman** - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Carol, I will miss Jim terribly. Thanks for making sure that the two of you kept in touch with me. What a wonderful man and a friend to all students. God Bless.

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**David Parler** - February 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Celebrating a life well lived in spite of the many health issues I will always cherish the memories of working together at AMHS.

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**Margaret Dobson** - February 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Mr. Yates was one of the best guidance counselors I've ever had. He encouraged me to follow my dreams, and he truly believed in me. He was such a genuine man, and he never failed to make me laugh. I can't express how grateful I am to have known such a wonderful person. I will always remember the man who encouraged me to embrace who I am and persevere through all obstacles.

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**Ali Carper** - February 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Jim Yates was a CHAMPION FOR ALL PEOPLE! I worked with Jim on the same Counseling Team at West Ashley High. He was AWESOME! He loved teasing me! I think I was his favorite target. We had so much fun together!! What a giving heart. Jim Yates made everyone he touched a better person. I'll miss Jim very much. My wife Barbara also worked with Jim on the same counseling team at Drayton Middle School. My strongest memory of Jim will always be how hard he advocated for those who were less privileged. RIP BIG FELLA and thanks for being such a great friend. WELL DONE! You'll be missed dearly!

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**Mark Epstein** - February 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Jim Yates was my friend, confidant, and "Brother". We had so many things planned to do this year, music, fishing, and just hanging out. Jim is real hero, and a friend to everyone that knew him. I have a hope that I will see Jim again someday, and never again have to take the parting hand. Until I see You again Jim, take care and as always,.. I love You "Buddy". ~ tadd

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**Tadd Huff** - February 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ I love you Jim you fought a good fight

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**Tonya Ndiaye** - February 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I enjoyed reading his posts. I used to live on submarines and in Summerville, myself. God bless Jim and his family. Prayers to all.

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**Jack Miller** - February 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim was such a shining star in our family. He was funny, smart, charming, but most of all he cared deeply about all of his students. We have so many wonderful memories of him at Magnet. We were privileged to have him in our lives. We will miss him so very much.  
*The Jamison Family*

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February 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I absolutely adored Jim Yates and much of what I know today as a school counselor I learned from him. He was truly the epitome of a model school counselor and he was always a gentleman.

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**Karen Luhrs** - February 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your lose. Jim did so much for some many people. I am sure he has earned his wings as a result. Family, be encouraged.

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**Eleanor Pinckney** - February 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim will be missed he was a wonderful asset to our students in Charleston County and had such a kind heart!

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**Kim Hoffman** - February 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim Yates was a real gift to the students he served at AMHS...he was approachable, down-to-earth, caring, funny and committed. An unusual combination. I'm so sorry for this huge loss to his family, students, friends and the school community. I know he will be so very missed. -family of Marley Lion

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**Elizabeth Paige** - February 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *God Bless you, Mr Yates. You touched many lives.*

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**Lynn Comen** - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Jim was a kind and generous person. He had a great sense of humor. I enjoyed working with him. He will be missed. Rest in peace*

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**Carol Onorato** - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *I met Jim through my husband Tadd Huff. He was teaching him banjo lessons. I think they enjoyed each others company more than the lessons. Jim was a giant of a man to me not only in stature but he had a huge heart. He was so caring and giving to everyone. He touched so many people with his wit and his caring attitude. Go Rest High On That Mountain -Your Work On Earth Is done.*

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**Joan Huff** - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Jim Yates was a friend and shipmate, but he was also a brother. I will miss you my friend. Rest easy brother. Sailor rest your oar. We have the watch.*

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**Keng Weekly** - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Jim Yates was a special man shining light in everyone's lives. His intelligence, wit and sense of humor was so magnetic. I was very blessed to be his friend and will hold on to the great memories of him. Love you and hope you are having a great time with Gabby and all the cockers! Sending peace and love to Carol.

Heidi White - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Mr. Yates was the guidance counselor I wished I'd had 20 years ago. I'm glad my daughter had him. He gave us a book that changed our lives. Awesome man. Died way too young.

Robin Condon - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Rest in peace Mr. Yates. The guidance you have given me will stay with me forever. You were a caring soul and one of a kind.

Russell Sliker - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I am proud of his military career and the hep he gave his students. He gave of himself; he was a big help to me when I came home from the hospital and needed some repair work around the house. Thank you Jim!

Susan Heidenberg - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI), I offer our sincere condolences on James' passing. You and your loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers. We are forever grateful for James' service to our country in the U.S. Submarine Service. To our Brother of the Phin we say, Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. May you rest in peace and may God bless your loved ones who remain. Thank you for your service to our country."Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. - 2 Thess 3:16. James George Yates MMCS(SS), US Navy, Now on Eternal Patrol. Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate His record is now posted online in the Eternal Patrol file on the USSVI website. Bill Dixon, National Chaplain United States Submarine Veterans, USSVI.

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**Bill Dixon** - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Mr. Yates was the most caring guidance counselor any student at Academic Magnet could hope for. He genuinely cared about the success of every student, and he always looked for the best in people. I am thankful and blessed to have known him.

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**Celia Spell** - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ A great gentleman and shipmate. Rest your oar Jim. God bless you and your loved ones.

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**Jason Stevens** - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ It was a privilege to know Jim from my college days. I appreciated his humor, his military service and his years of helping students.

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**Lee Jantzen** - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Jim you were a very special man. Everybody who knew you loved you. You will be sorely missed

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**Dorna Comp** - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

IH

“ Never met Jim in person, just FaceBook friends as he was a mentor to one of my granddaughters. Will miss the hats, I heard they have a great hat store in heaven and he can try a new hat whenever he wishes.

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**Irene Holland** - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Words alone do not offer, nor can they express, the true tribute that is due Jim Yates. Jim will be missed, but never forgotten. His impact upon this world will continue to be felt for generations. The contributions Jim made in the lives of young people will carry on as they impact the lives of others through the spirit of this great man. Bye for now dear friend, see you soon!

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**Jamie Corson** - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Jim, You will be missed so much. You were a wonderful friend and someone always to be counted on. Your presence was a light in many lives. I can't begin to explain how much you meant to us and so many others. Rest in peace my dear friend. Love You, Pam & John

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**Pam** - February 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM