



## Russell Lee Oates

August 16, 1928 - November 1, 2020

Russell Lee Oates, 92, of Winchester passed away Sunday, November 1, 2020 in his residence, surrounded by his family.

He was born August 16, 1928 the son of Elson and Ruth Braithwaite Oates.

He was married to Audrey Myers Oates for 55 years.

Professionally, he worked at ABEX corporation for 41 years, and he owned a cleaning company for 23 years.

He was an active member of the Winchester Church of God.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Dennis Oates and his wife, Brenda, Michael Oates, Kimberly Sager and her husband, Bobby, Brian Oates and his wife, Patricia all of Winchester, Deborah Locke and her husband Nelson of Moorefield, WV; grandchildren Ryan Oates, Chris Oates, Joshua Sager, Nicholas Sager, Tommy Hott, Curtis Taylor, Halay Duncan, Taliyah Green, Chasity Riggleman, Abigail Mills, and Donavon Nelson; great-grandchildren, Tyler Oates, Peyton Oates, Greyson Oates, Jaxson Sager, Jameson Sager, Naomi Hott, Brayden McDonald, and Paisley Wills; a brother, Eugene Oates and his wife, Margie of TN.

A funeral will be 11:00 am Saturday in the Winchester Church of God 2080 N. Frederick Pike, Winchester officiated by Pastor Darrell Waller. Private burial will be in Shenandoah Memorial Park. Casket Bearers will be Brian Oates, Bobby Sager, Joshua Sager, Nicholas Sager, Tommy Hott, and Curtis Taylor.

Friends will be received 6-8:00 p.m. Friday in Phelps Funeral Chapel 311 Hope Drive Winchester.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service

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Winchester, VA 22601

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## Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Winchester Church of God

2080 N. Frederick Pike

Winchester, VA 22603

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Denny and your Family ~  
My sincere sympathy in the loss of your father. May happy memories ease your grief and give you and Brenda strength in the days ahead.  
Sincerely, Danna Doyle 🕊️

Danna Doyle - November 12, 2020 at 06:44 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss. Abex

Ismet Nuri - November 05, 2020 at 12:04 AM

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“ Russell , I miss your sweet laugh and your kind loving spirit. At 8 PM I think time to call my HunnyBunny, but... I hope someone in Heaven is telling you: SIT DOWN BOY! You have been my best friend for 20 years and I hope you save me a spot at the door so we can again say, Welcome and come on in! I love you always!  
Sweetie Pie

Donna - November 04, 2020 at 11:41 AM

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Russell, we will miss your sense of humor and sweet smile at Church, Prime Timers, and the Senior Luncheons. You and Faye are always a welcome addition to any gathering. As a greeter at church, you made everyone feel welcome. We are all looking forward to a celebratory reunion with our Lord and we know you will be the one with the biggest smile on the "Welcome Home" Team!!!

DONA LEE K DEWITT - November 07, 2020 at 09:05 AM