



Ronald Bates

September 16, 1986 - September 16, 2007

IRON MOUNTAIN - Ronald S. Bates, 21, of 900 East I St., Iron Mountain, died unexpectedly on Sunday morning, Sept. 16, 2007.

Ron was born April 4, 1986, in the state of Washington. He migrated to Michigan in 2003 and has resided here since then. Ron's favorite pastime was fishing, which he found bountiful here in the Upper Peninsula. He enjoyed many hours at this pleasure. Listening to music and watching a good movie were his secondary hobbies. Ron was a kind hearted man with good manners. He loved animals, especially Flip his buddy black lab. He was most recently employed at Aurora Castings.

Ron is survived by his father, Jerry Bates and his mother, Sherry Lakey; two brothers, J.T. (Angelique) Bates and Jake Whitney; one sister, Jennifer; his fiance' and expecting mother of their baby, Valerie Edwards; close friends, Carl Wille, Kyle Annear, A.J. Goad, Trey Blair, Justin Pultz and many other friends.

Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday at the Maranatha Assembly of God Church in Kingsford.

Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. on Friday at the church. Rev. David Wilton will officiate.

Condolences to the family of Ronald Bates can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

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“ I never got to meet you but I've heard you'd be a great father and if any of you guys have photos of my father please send them to +1-(906)-396-0099 thank you you will forever in my heart we miss you down here - Jayden

Jayden Edwards - June 03, 2025 at 06:18 PM

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“ I remember the day we met we clicked right away and became brothers you always had my back even when the odds was against us I think about you everyday How we use to go fishing while your girl Val was visiting her dad man those where good time I'll remember until I die and meet up with you I love you cuz and miss you....Trey your brother

trey - July 06, 2020 at 08:34 PM

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“ Ronnie...I just found this site or I would have posted this sooner....You mean the world to me. I never got the chance to hug you and tell you in person what kind of a ma I truly thought you were....but this is my chance....You would have made the most AMAZING DAD!!!! You had logic that sometimes didn't make sense right away....lol you always got off the phone the phone with me making me think about what you had said and where it might take me...and then where it may have taken you. There had to be a reason I thought for you to be so wise in your young years....then there was the day that I re-read "Growin up broke down"..... You know there was never in this world other than your Brothers who will ever understand it more but it really hit home with me....your words made an impact that will never leave my heart and soul....you understood things that most people will never even come close to phathomng!!!! You had so much to give to everyone around you...yet never got the chance to give what you had buried deep inside....Ronnie you were and still are to some a river of true love and forgiveness....so many others may not see it this way....but I do....We had some great talks you and I and some of them touched on these very subjects!!!! You were and always be an amazing person!!!! Your word will live on in my heart everyday! I have seen pictures of Jayden and he looks just like you!!! I know your brothers are proud!!! I am proud!!! Rest in Peace Ronold Scott, you couldn't seem to find any here on earth so I am praying that you have found it in God's embrace!!!! I love and miss you!!!

Angelique Bates - Walla Walla , WA - Sister-In-Law - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I never had the chance to meet this man!! However we talked on the phone a lot and he was a great guy!! I am really sorry to say that I never did get to meet this man!! You are loved and missed uncle Ronnie however you are not forgotten!! I love you uncle Ronnie!!*
Love,
Sabrina K. Greenelsh

Sabrina Greenelsh - Walla Walla, WA - Niece - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM