



## Chief Master Sargent Lennis D. Yates

May 18, 1926 - November 2, 2013

Chief Master Sargent Lennis D. Yates, Retired, passed away on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at his home surrounded by his family, at the age of 87 years, 5 months and 15 days.

Lennis was born on May 18, 1926 in Utica, Oklahoma to Rea Daniel and Gladys Bessie (Griffin) Yates. Lennis proudly served his country in the United States Air Force, serving in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Lennis was honorably discharged on February 28, 1975 after 32 years of service. Lennis married Nima Mae Billy on October 20, 1947. In 1997 he married Louise Conditt. Lennis was a member of the Elks Lodge, VFW and was a big supporter of Boys Town, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, and the Texas State Trooper Association. Lennis dearly loved his family, watching the Dallas Cowboys, and he enjoyed camping and fishing.

Lennis was preceded in death by his parents; first wife Nima Yates; second wife Louise Yates; son Jimmy Yates; great grandson Gage Johnson and brothers Bob, Connie and Jessie Yates.

Loved ones left behind to cherish Lennis's memory are his children Danny Yates and wife Michelle of Edmond, OK, Winona Johnson of Durant, OK, Theresa Lavelle of Dover, Delaware, Ramona Massie and husband Brent of Denison, TX and David Yates of Houston, TX; sisters Betty Henkes and husband Johnny of Houston, TX and Mary Randolph and husband Ronnie of Winsborough, TX; brothers Anthony Yates of Krum, TX and Tommy Yates and wife Paula of Durant, OK; 14 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren and

numerous other family and friends. The family would like to thank Shelly Wingate Johnson for all the years of loving care and special thanks and appreciation to Jennifer, Tina, Gina, Donna, Chaplin Jessie West and the staff of Sunshine Hospice for extraordinary loving care and support.

Services to celebrate the life of CM/Sargent Yates will be held at 2:00 PM Friday, November 8, 2013 at Brown's Funeral Service Chapel. Pete Wilson will officiate. Interment with full Military Honors will be in Highland Cemetery with grandchildren Michael Johnson, Brent Yates, Capt. Clint Yates, Heather Yates, James Ryan Carmichael and brother Anthony Yates serving as honorary pallbearers. The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home on Thursday, November 7, 2013 from 6-8 PM. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service, Durant.

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# Previous Events

## Family Hour

NOV 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701  
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## Celebration of Life

NOV 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Chief Master Sargent Lennis D. Yates*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Chief Master Sargent Lennis D. Yates*

**Debby Owens Wood** - November 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I send my condolence to Dan Yates and family. Chief Master Sargent Lennis D. Yates served his country well and I am sure he will be dearly Missed.*

*Jim Butler*

**james d. butler** - November 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Yates family our families deepest condolences to you at this time, another soldier has gone into God's army and God only takes the best. May the coming days weeks and months ahead help to ease your grief and know that CMSG Yates is at peace. Ray Work MSG (ret.) US ARMY*

**Raymond C. Work Jr.** - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy in the passing of Lennis. After reading the obituary, I know he will be missed by all - especially by a grateful nation. May his spirit always be with us.*

**Dr. Gary P. Goldberg** - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ You will be missed, Uncle Lennis. You always knew how to make us kids laugh. May you rest in peace & may your extended family find comfort & peace in their memories of happier times with you.

Love,

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**Becky & Curtis Montgomery & Ann Wetzel** - November 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Dan, Michelle, Winona and family. I am so sorry for your loss. Dan, you favor your Dad. Be assured that there is a big hug (to you all) going your way.

Love, Betsy

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**Betsy Leifheit** - November 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ We salute your veteran. Our condolences for your loss & gratitude for your loved one's service to our country. May your memories & God's love bring you peace, comfort & strength at this difficult time.

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**Larry & Lana Hurt (Patriot Guard Riders)** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ I wish that I could be there tomorrow. My husband had surgery yesterday and is home recovering. I'm thankful that we got to see Papaw a couple of months ago. He smiled at me and told me he loved me too. Very precious goodbye blessing for me and him. I love you Papaw..I'll see you again someday. Give Mamaw and Louise a hug and kiss from me.

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**Robin Yates Neeley** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *I love you very much Papa. You will be missed!!*

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**Shane Lavelle** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *ed johnson has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.*

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**ed johnson** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *We are going to miss you so much and sorry that we aren't there. Thank you for everything that you helped with when my father passed away. Love always, Jon and Lauren*

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**Jon Lavelle** - November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Rest in peace, Uncle Lennis. You were always my favorite besides my granddaddy. You will be greatly missed but now you have no more pain. You can run free with the family that was waiting fot you! Rest easy, love you!*

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**Casey Yates McConnell** - November 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *Winona, Jessica, B.J., Michael, and Amanda: Please know that I'm sending thoughts, prayers, and hugs to you all during this difficult time.*

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**Sandy Dickerson** - November 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM