



Wayne Ates

November 14, 1940 - July 31, 2022

Nobles Funeral Home and Crematory announces the death of Mr. Wayne G. Ates, 81, of Jesup, Georgia, passed away on July 31, 2022, after a brief illness.

He was born to Barnette and Arrie Ates on November 14, 1940, at Fort Benning, Georgia. Wayne attended Brewton-Parker College and Louisiana College for his undergraduate studies. He obtained a graduate degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and was also awarded an honorary doctoral degree.

Wayne is survived by two children, Justin Ates (Leslie) and Janna Gregory (Gordon), and six grandchildren: J.W., Joey, Ellie, and Jack Ates; and Nolan and Halley Capps. He is also survived by his sisters, Rita Keith (Bill) and Gloria Strickland (Dean), as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Wayne was brilliant and charismatic and was always eager to provoke laughter with a joke or two. He was ordained as a Southern Baptist Minister at age 18, and he shared the Gospel as a pastor at numerous churches in Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas. He also taught English at the high school and college levels. He had a long career as a professional public speaker, billed as the "Minister of Mirth."

Wayne lived a long and productive life and touched the hearts of many people. He will be missed.

Nobles Funeral Home and Crematory is honored to serve the family of Mr. Wayne G. Ates

Tribute Wall

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“ I well remember his class when I was in the 9th grade. He was an excellent teacher! My deepest sympathies to his family and all who loved him.

Valerie Howard - August 23, 2022 at 11:58 PM

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“ To Brother Ates family. Mr Ates had a profound impact on my life. First being my teacher at Odum Elementary school in 1967. I followed his life for many years. In recent years I got back personally involved with him at Trinity Baptist Church in Jesup. Brother Wayne had a wonderful talent in explaining GOD'S HOLY WORD. Please accept my deepest condolences.



Randy Lartz, Jesup Georgia - August 04, 2022 at 09:30 PM

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“ Rita, Gloria and Wayne's Children, We are so sorry to hear of Wayne's passing and rejoice in knowing he is with the Father in Heaven, along with the wonderful parents he was blessed to be a part of. May all of you feel the presence of our Father's love during this sad time.

Jimmie and Sara Reynolds - August 04, 2022 at 08:22 PM

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“ *Brother Wayne will always hold a special place in my heart as he and Janna spent numerous Sundays in our home in Baxley. Rest In Peace brother Wayne. Janna you're in my thoughts and prayers.*



Deborah Causey Bryant - August 03, 2022 at 09:12 PM