



John Robert Yates

July 7, 1954 - January 15, 2021

John Robert Yates, 66, of Anderson, passed away on January 15, 2021, at his home. He was born on July 7, 1954, in Anderson, Indiana.

John retired from the Department of Defense in 2015 after over 33 years of civil service, including six years in the US Navy. He was acknowledged with several awards during his time and was presented the highest award a civilian can receive, the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.

In high school, he played with a group named Brass Beats. After he retired, he continued his love of music playing trumpet with the Alexandria Community Band, the Anderson Community Band, Alpha Brass, Mudsock Jazz Combo, and at his local church, First Baptist Church of Anderson.

His hobbies included bird watching, traveling, cooking, playing games with family, listening and playing music, and photography. He won several first-place awards for the best photo. He also held an extra class license in Ham Radio. He was also an avid Indy Racecar fan.

John is survived by loving spouse whom he married September 23, 1983, Susan Yates; stepson, Chad Clayburn; daughter, Kristy (James) Spence, siblings, James (Linda) Yates, and Kay (Bob) Cook; grandchildren, Dustin Linhart, Alyssa (Dakota) Reed, and Alexandria Spence, 6 nieces and

nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Martha Yates, and sister, Carolyn Yates.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, from 12:30 - 2:30 pm at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, Anderson, IN.

The service will be live-streamed on the Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory YouTube channel at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, with Dr. Art Jaggard officiating.

Burial will take place in the Mt. Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Ovid.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Madison County Humane Society.

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Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Lutheran Cemetery

Ovid, IN 46013

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 20. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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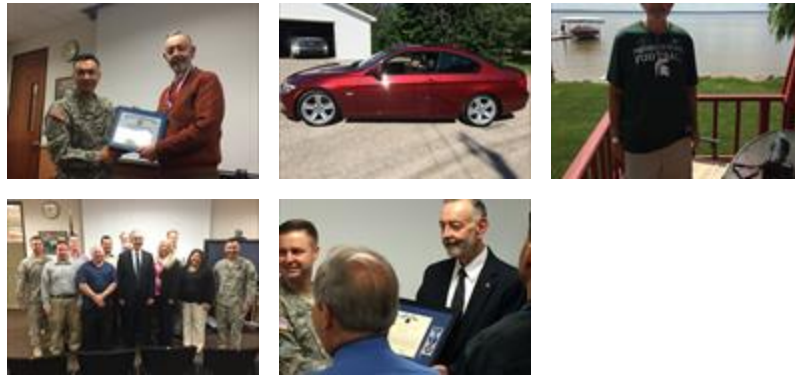
“ The following is an account of a band gig that John and I and others performed in. It is actually about one of his friend's mother, Bill Pritchett's mother. I was stunned to learn of John's passing just after I entered the following story in fb for Bill's mother. John a known trumpet player and myself, trombone had traveled late to meet the rest of the band. I will let you read the article. I always liked John and remember rehearsing in his Alexandria home upon occasion. Hope you like the article: FB entry, February 20, 2021
Mrs. Pritchett (Bill's Mother)

I remember a time when Bill and I and John Yates, Tony Bailey, Bob Schuster were performing in a band and we had arranged to perform at Lake Shafer, Monticello, Indiana. We were scheduled to arrive at Bill's home in Idaville, Indiana, where his mother had opened her home for all of us to "crash" out on the floor the night we were to set up equipment and perform. Well everybody was there except Yates and Rogers. Why was Rogers always late? Be best to leave that one alone, but when we arrived at about 2am that morning, we rang the doorbell, knocked and nothing was happening. After a couple of times ringing and knocking, Yates and Rogers decided it was time for morning revelry. Yates took his trumpet, Rogers put together the trombone and together we played some brass music on the porch of the Pritchett Place. Don't know what exactly we played, maybe we'll just call it The Porch of the Pritchett Place. Bill's mother came to the door just laughing with open arms that we used our horns as a "wake up call" and we entered and went on with our musical day.. My point is, that where most parents would probably be upset and raise hell with us causing such noise and racket on the porch in that small quaint town of Idaville, Indiana, it was like another pair of her boys had arrived and she treated us all as her own. I will always remember her from that day.

Robert Rogers - February 22, 2021 at 09:56 AM

JS

“ John was a great co-worker, employee and friend and will truly be missed. Glad he and Sue got back to Indiana and did some traveling which they loved in retirement.



Joe S - January 31, 2021 at 07:41 AM

DH

“ I am shocked! I worked with John for a number of years and it was my pleasure to have known such a fine man. 😞



David Hudson - January 21, 2021 at 08:59 PM

GS

“ We got to talk with John when he first started coming to Anderson First Baptist a few years ago. Just wanted him to know how much the Yates family meant to Norma and me when Norma and I lived in Alexandria, IN and I taught some of you and watched Kenny as he played the piano with stubs. We love you. George S. Smith

George & Norma Smith - January 21, 2021 at 01:22 PM

LH

“ *Lareen Hufford lit a candle in memory of John Robert Yates*



Lareen Hufford - January 21, 2021 at 08:45 AM

RH

“ *Sorry for your loss. John will truly be missed. We were blessed to have him in the Alexandria Community Band. Prayers of comfort during this time*

Rita Harder - January 20, 2021 at 09:51 PM

KS

“ *I'm gobsmacked. John and I shared trumpet duty in the Mudsock Jazz combo. He was a gentle soul and will be greatly missed. Prayers to his family and friends. Condolences. Peace.*

Kevin Slaughter - January 20, 2021 at 06:53 PM

JN

“ *Such a shame that John had to leave us so early. Playing music was a joy we both shared and it was a pleasure to share that with him.*



Jim Newell - January 20, 2021 at 02:31 PM

GK

“ I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing! I had the privilege of performing with him as part of the "Mudsock Jazz Combo." Besides playing a mean trumpet, I appreciated his smile and friendliness. He will certainly be greatly missed! - Gary Kirschman

Gary Kirschman - January 20, 2021 at 02:12 PM

LG

“ I met John at DCMA Detroit and worked with him for several years. He taught me so much and we spent many hours and days discussing surveillance approaches while solving the top world issues of the day :). He grew into a great friend and invited my son and I to meet his loving family and introduce us to the Indy 500, one of his passions. I am lucky to have had him and his family in our lives and pray that he is at peace.

Laura Gardner - January 20, 2021 at 02:00 PM

JK

“ My sisters and I are so sorry to hear this. Our prayers go out to Sue and their children as well as Jim, Kay and families. Our families may have lost touch over the years but what great memories we have. Love you guys

*Becky (Schleeter) Matchett
Judy (Schleeter) Key
Mary Anne (Schleeter) DiRuzza*

Judy Key - January 20, 2021 at 11:56 AM

SS

“ my sister and i were neighbors and we would play together alot, so sorry to hear about this. our prayers to the families. don sloan and sue sloan

sue sloan - January 20, 2021 at 09:12 AM

BO

“ *May the four winds blow you safely home. It was fun growing up with you...great times. Rest easy brother.*

Bob - January 19, 2021 at 11:49 AM

PH

“ *Fair winds and following seas, Sailor.*

Phillip A. Humphries - January 19, 2021 at 11:14 AM

DD

“ *My sympathy and condolences to John's family. I worked with John at DCMA Detroit when he was a software engineer/Program Integrator on one of our teams. He was always a kind and soft spoken gentleman who carried out his duties professionally. He had the respect of not only his fellow teammates, but also the contractor that he helped manage. His hobby resulted in his photo of the 'Big Mac' bridge placing first in our photo contest and is prominently displayed in the conference room of DCMA Detroit HQs.*

May God comfort his family provide peace in their hearts.

Duane A. Dembinski

Duane A Dembinski - January 19, 2021 at 10:50 AM

MB

“ I am so sad to hear of John's passing. I worked with John for several years, knowing him as a gentle soul who loved his family, speaking of them with pride. He was excited to move with Sue closer to their grandchildren after his retirement. I have a stunning black and white photo of a lighthouse, John gifted me when he moved out of his office. It hangs in my family room reminding me of his artistic, as well as musical, talent. Mostly, I will remember John for his kind and caring nature. God bless. Michelle B.

Michelle Beattie - January 19, 2021 at 10:40 AM

JR

“ My sincerest Condolences and prayers for the family. I worked with John for several years while at DCMA, and this time spent with John were some of the most enjoyable moments one could wish for. Such a giving man with great love for his family were evident by his words and smiles as he spoke gently of them. After one vacation, John gave me a present from the Indy Speedway. It was a coin with some of the race track embedded within it. It is one on my cherished possessions.

God's speed John, you are forever in my heart my friend.

John Raschke

John Raschke - January 19, 2021 at 09:56 AM

LW

“ Love, Dick and Cindy Williams purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John Robert Yates.



Love, Dick and Cindy Williams - January 19, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers. He will be missed

Glenn N. Klipp - January 19, 2021 at 08:46 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Robert Yates.



January 18, 2021 at 11:29 PM



“ 115 files added to the album LifeTributes



Loose Funeral Home - January 17, 2021 at 03:05 PM