



## Samuel William "Sam" Bates

September 2, 1988 - August 11, 2023

Samuel William Bates, 34, of Williams, passed away on August 11, 2023 at his home. Sam was born September 2, 1988 to Victoria L. (Ray) Bates and Gerald Bates and attended Bloomfield High School before enlisting in the U.S. Army National Guard.

Whether he was fishing, boating, or trapping, he could often be found with his son and father on the White River. He was also a knowledgeable Bible scholar and an avid Bible collector.

As a Specialist in the Army, Sam saw action in Operation Iraqi Freedom that left an indelible mark on him. He also served as a Military Police officer. Sam was a decorated soldier, receiving the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

Sam was a devoted father and is survived by his young son, Lucas William Bates; mother, Victoria Bates; father, Gerald Bates; brother, Gerald Curtis Bates, extended family Britian Weatherholt and Mavryck and Knoxdon VanHentenryck, and many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Sam was preceded in death by grandfathers Robert W. Ray and Curtis Bates; grandmothers Doris Ileene (Gillick) Baxter and Nina Mae (Peck) Bates; and

sister Elizabeth Ieene Ray.

A private funeral service will be held and interment with military honors will occur at Solsberry Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a gift to the IU Credit Union, % Lucas W. Bates, Account # 31416452, PO Box 368, Bloomington, IN 47402.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Solsberry Cemetery

Solsberry, IN

# Tribute Wall

GB

“ Sambo is my little brother , I couldn't of asked for a better one . He would give anyone the shirt off his back even if it was his last one . Even though he was my little brother I always looked up to him because he was such a amazing person and in many ways for a long time had his act together . He was a truck driver and that's what pushed me to be a truck driver still to this day . . I still thank him for being him to this day because on a lot of ways I am the man I am today because of him . Thanks for being you bubby. You'll never be forgotten , love ya. Curtis

Gerald Curtis Bates - July 11, 2024 at 10:42 AM

RF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you all.

Regina Fox - August 16, 2023 at 10:44 AM

BT

“ Vicki & Lucas, Cindy,  
I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Beth Todd - August 15, 2023 at 02:56 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Samuel William "Sam" Bates.



August 15, 2023 at 12:43 PM

AD

“ I was there when he was born. Gods greatest gift. He has touched the face of God.

Aunt Diana - August 15, 2023 at 10:33 AM

CW

“ So very sorry to hear this prayers for all

Cheri Workman - August 15, 2023 at 10:05 AM

CB

“ Always will hold on tight to us all, we will see you in Heaven, xoxo Aunt Cinny

Cindy Ray Beatty - August 15, 2023 at 08:40 AM

CB

“ Cindy Beatty sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel Bates



Cindy Ray Beatty - August 14, 2023 at 08:56 PM

CB

“ My nephew Sammy will be a void in our life's. We love you all the way to Heaven. You are Home now and free of all bad things , You served our country and died with knowing we are so proud of you. Love Aunt Cinny Save me a smoking section!!💔

Cindy Ray Beatty - August 14, 2023 at 08:51 PM