



William "Bill" P. Bates

December 15, 1962 - February 21, 2016

Bill Bates, Jr., 53, passed away early on Sunday, February 21, 2016. He was an amazing son, brother, and friend who lifted the spirits of all who met him.

Survivors include his parents, Michele and Bill Sr., brothers, Peter and Eric, nieces, Adrienne and Elena.

Bill was a real estate broker. His passion was his show "Sweet Nightmares" on KPFT. He loved and built bonds with his co-workers and those he came into contact with that shared his passion.

Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Sunday, February 28, 2016 at the funeral home.

The service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 29, 2016 at the funeral home with burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218 in Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

Tribute Wall

NI

“ Bill {The Master} and I were friends a long time ago. We were pretty close and had some great times. His friends Condo on Whittington/Dairy Ashford, Cruising in his blue Pontiac Ventura, White ss monte carlo and the burgandy pontiac J2000, I remember when he was working for a real estate company and had a brick cell phone, remember when he met his wife Robin and still have that wedding photo, I tried learning to play drums on his red set and when he was thin and couldn't gain weight so he starting drinking a shake called "BIG"....and so much more. We lost touch a long time ago, but you are part of my life's story, and I won't forget you buddy.

Nick - March 24, 2023 at 12:43 PM

MB

“ IN JUST 6 DAYS IT WILL BE 1 YR SINCE BILL PASSED... THERE ARE NO WORDS TO THAT COULD TELL HOW THIS HAS BEEN.. I CAN NEVER EXPLAIN .. JUST AS I COULD NOT THEN.. SAT NIGHT/SUNDAY MORNING.. WILL BE MY NIGHTMARE ALL OVER AGAIN, AS THAT WAS WHEN BILL LEFT.. YES I KNOW IT WAS OFFICAL FEB.21,2016...THIS YR FALLS ON TUES... DATES ARE JUST DATES .. MY NIGHTMARES COME ON SAT/SUN .. BILL .. YOU KNOW .. THIS IS A PRIVATE PLACE TO SAY AND JUST MAYBE YOU'LL SEE . I'M SURE YOU CK IN ONCE IN AWHILE.. HA IT WOULD BE LIKE U DEAR HEART FLY MY LOVE I KNOW YOU CAN NOW ... MOTHER

Michele Bates - February 16, 2017 at 12:06 AM

GH

“ I feel bad for being late on seeing the news of Bill's passing! I wasn't a friend of Bill's, but we always talked when we saw each other. He was one of my favorite people that was involved in the Houston music scene. As far as I'm concerned, Bill Bates was the Godfather of the Houston metal scene! RIP!

Greg Hall - March 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Sweet Nightmares was quite literally the soundtrack of my world in 1992.

Houston has truly lost another giant.

Rest well, brother.

"Don't make me come down there and police your scene for you too!"

*Bill Bates
September 2014*

wes dodson - March 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I started listening to Bill and Wes in the late 80's as a teen on his radio show. I remember I used to call up there all the time and those guys use to crack me up all the time. They would play heavy metal music that you can not hear on mainstream radio on KPFT. I had the pleasure of meeting bill a few years after that and had been friends for quite a few years hadn't seen him in a while. I got into radio myself he is one of the reasons why I got into radio. About 12 years ago I hadn't seen him in a long time I spoke with him. And he remembered me like it was yesterday from back then. We ended up becoming friends hanging out at the shows always a pleasure to see him. I was graciously accepted to come and hang out with him on his radio show which was an honor to do so many times. He was always in a good mood wicked sense of humor. Just an overall good human being. It was a pleasure to know you and call you a friend and a brother you will be missed my friend. Rock in peace brother.

Bryan Metallord Posey - February 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Bryan Metallord Posey - February 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Thank you Bill for all the wonderful memories. You got me through some hard times, thank you for being a wonderful friend. You will forever be in my heart! You are loved more than you could have ever imagined. Rest peacefully my friend.

Tonya Dauria - February 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ As you grieve know that we are remembering you and honoring the memory of Bill.

Monica Methol - February 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ saying good bye to a really good friend known as the masterful bates will be remembered for his work in the metal community and sweet nitemares youre a freebird now keep metal alive and support that's what bill did love you brother murderjunkierob

Robin - February 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ My prayers are with the family and my hope is that you can take consolation in the fact that he truly enjoyed the last weeks of his life. Hugs, Rosemary

Rosemary Clacherty - February 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Im am deeply saddened by the loss of my close friend for over 30 years. My heart goes out to his family and his other friends who I know loved him very much as I did. You will be missed Bill.

Thomas Marling - February 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ I've only met Bill maybe a handful of times so we weren't very close, although every time I met him he was in good spirits, it's always hard to lose a loved one, my condolences goes out to his family and friends, he will be missed yet never forgotten.

William Hutchings - February 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Bill will be missed. Every time that I had the pleasure of seeing him, he was always in a great mood. Even when he was in the hospital, he never lost his sense of humor. Rest in peace brother.

charles sepulveda - February 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Bill, I will always have you in my heart. I will miss you but will see you again one day along with both of our grandmothers! Farewell for now.*

Lisette Campo-Luciano - February 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *My roommate and I listened to Sweet Nightmares on KPFT for years in the early 90s in Houston and ran into Bill from time to time at the local shows. It was always great to see him. I'm saddened to hear of his passing.*

Rest in peace, metal brother. Thank you for your passion for music and support for the bands.

Brian B - February 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Bill will always have a special place in my heart and I will miss him greatly.*

Jennifer Wetuski - February 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *I've known Bill since the early 90s and listened to his show long before I met him. We always had great conversations. I was the one who requested The Little Drummer Boy by Joan Jett every year because we both thought it was a highly underrated cover but he caught flack when he played it lol. You will be greatly missed brother.*

Marshall - February 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Bill was special and will be missed. He was respectful and was loved by all who knew him. May the light of the Lord shine upon you as you walk with the angels.*

Leah Failla - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *We will really miss you Bill and the way you made everyone laugh and smile.*

Brian & Tracey Sweetland - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *I have known Bill since since 1990, he had a great sense of humor and was a genuinely good person with a big heart. He will be greatly missed. Rest In Peace Bill.*

Sheri Rogers - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM