



Raymond and Patricia Yates

December 27, 2021

Raymond Howard Yates - born August 22, 1942 and Patricia Kirkner Yates - born December 17,

1944, of Pilot, VA went to be with their Lord on December 27, 2021.

Left to cherish their memories are their daughter, Elise Epperly and husband Jeff; and son,

Randy Yates and wife Tara. They were blessed with 5 grandchildren; Matt Epperly (Nadia),

Brady Epperly (Haley), Zach Epperly (Karlie), Hannah Yates and Breanna Yates; 4

great-grandchildren, Halen, Layton, Lincoln and Brantley; Howard's sister, Clara Dove; Pat's

sister, Gloria McNeil (Bert Gill); Pat's brother, David Kirkner (Doris); and many nieces, cousins

and friends.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 19th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at the Victory

Restoration Church located at 190 Bishops Gate Road in Christiansburg with Pastor Chandler

Jones and Pastor David Neal officiating. The family requests that attendees please wear masks.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Pilot Community Center

(4449 Brush Creek Road, Pilot, VA 24138) in memory of Pat and Howard or to the charity of your choice. Arrangements provided by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg, VA.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB **19**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Victory Restoration Church
190 Bishops Gate Road NW
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Tribute Wall

BP

“ I remember Howard when they lived on Tom's Creek back in the fifties. He was always smiling and had a positive attitude. Years later we worked together at New River Textiles. One Monday, I remember so vividly Howard was all smiles. He told me he had accepted Jesus as his Lord and savior. I talked to him many times about church and the Lord. We rejoiced together about his decision. Later on he sang with a gospel group and I went into full time ministry. Bishop James " Jimmy Price"

Bishop James "Jimmy" Price - February 16, 2022 at 03:59 PM

PP

“ Billy and I wanted to leave some memories with you all. Billy remembers Howard congratulating Billy after a game he coached before Zach and Karlie dated. After he met Howard he realized this! So Howard was a basketball fan and it follows so was Pat! After Karlie and Zach started dating, Howard and Pat made it to at least a game a year, driving to Northside. They were planning on coming this year to the NIT after Christmas. One of their legacies is that they were always looking forward, planning the next thing, together. They were always involved in family. They were role models to all of us with their dedication to our Lord God. This shown through both of them, through their families and friends. I'll always remember that Karlie would tell us when she saw Howard around Radford University's campus. He'd wave, or give her a hug and kiss. He was proud of his bus riders who loved him, and proud of her. They were both inclusive with all our family. Of course Brady's and Haley's wedding and Karlie and Zach's wedding they were so happy and left us with memories forever! They extended their love to their great grandchildren as well. We're so grateful they met Lincoln! They will be remembered always during our Christmas Season, which was a favorite for them. Of course, we will miss them and have a sense of sadness but to remember them with Christ, in those many rooms, meeting loved ones, protecting us, being our guardian angels, in His Promise, is the best gift! Lastly, leaving our world together, and entering Heaven together, is the greatest love story. Hand in hand, meeting Christ together, is an amazing love. We love your family and keep you all in our prayers. Love, Patty and Billy Pope

Patricia Pope - February 02, 2022 at 12:36 PM

SA

“ Dear Elise and family: Belated condolences to your entire family in the passing of your parents. I did not know them personally, but learned to know them at the wrestling matches. My husband Larry knew Mr. Yates. Larry was devastated when he learned of their passing and unfortunately Larry passed away January 9, 2022. I am praying that God will comfort each of you in the days going forward.

Sharon Akers - January 18, 2022 at 03:50 PM

JR

“ Jessica Richardson lit a candle in memory of Raymond and Patricia Yates



Jessica Richardson - January 06, 2022 at 02:49 PM

DH

“ Debbie Hurd lit a candle in memory of Raymond and Patricia Yates



Debbie Hurd - January 04, 2022 at 03:37 PM

AK

“ So sorry for your loss! We loved your mom and dad so much! Can't remember our church years growing up together without think of them! May you have peace and may you have joy knowing how many people they touched and impacted! Love you all!

Angie and Todd Kast

angie kast - January 03, 2022 at 02:21 PM

SM

“ Although I didn't know them well, every Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, it was a blessing to have them walk in and greet me with a smile and a 'good morning' and then leave a little later with a 'have a blessed day!' They were both always smiling and uplifting, and I will miss them. Sorry for your loss, I can't imagine. Love you.

Slynn McMinn - January 03, 2022 at 08:34 AM

RN

“ I worked with Raymond at New River Industries. He was always smiling and sharing a good word. Uplifting. Pat also was always smiling. They testified about the miracles God worked in their lives. I know they are in heaven singing and praising God and smiling! They will be missed.

Regina Naff - January 02, 2022 at 09:49 PM

SH

“ The Yates family! I'm very fortunate to have known both Howard & Pat along with ELISE & RANDY. Sending hugs & prayers to you all . Knowing where they are together is a blessing but still a very hard thing for you guys . One day at a time . I know God heals hearts . SharonWalters

SharonWalters - January 02, 2022 at 12:09 PM

JE

“ Seeing Howard at the bus stop to pick up my precious students every school day for 15 years was often the highlight of my day. He always had a special word for every student, a cheerful greeting, and a sincere love for people and his job. He cared deeply about others and I will miss him terribly. I did not know Pat but she was blessed to have him by her side through life. My job will not be the same without Howard. Godspeed to you both and thank you for making the world a better place.

Johnna Elliott - January 02, 2022 at 09:44 AM

SR

“ Steve And Rita Reed lit a candle in memory of Raymond and Patricia Yates



Steve and Rita Reed - January 01, 2022 at 09:39 PM

DS

“ Pat and Raymond were the sweetest people you could ever meet. I worked with Raymond at New River for 18 years. Then I went to the same church as them for several years. I will miss them. But I sure know they are singing up a storm in heaven!!!❤️❤️

Donna Senn - January 01, 2022 at 09:07 PM

MG

“ This sweet couple welcomed me into their home time and time again with open arms and smiles . They were amazing parents and human beings that shared their love and faith with so many including me . I am so grateful that I knew them and sweet Elise. Prayers and love to the family. Missy Hall Good

melissa good - January 01, 2022 at 05:53 PM

KW

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs.

Kim Woolwine

KW - January 01, 2022 at 03:43 PM

DC

“ Howard and Pat will be missed terribly.....such wonderful people, friends and neighbors for 37 years. Our little community will not be the same without them.....our lives will not be the same without them. The talks, the smiles, the people we always turned to to take care of our flowers and mail when we were away and when we needed someone to just share a laugh with or needed someone to pray for a special need. Heaven gained two special angels and they are singing in Heaven's choir now. I can just hear Howard shouting on those streets of glory and praising God! We will see you again sweet friends. Prayers for Elise and Randy and the rest of their family. We were all blessed to have know Pat and Howard here on earth. Love to you all. Calvin and Diane Cannaday

Diane Cannaday - January 01, 2022 at 12:33 PM

CR

“ We will miss Howard and Pat! They were wonderful neighbors and friends to us for 45 years. Our little subdivision will not be the same without them. Howard and Pat always had a smile on their face. They would always give a word of encouragement and talk about our Heavenly Father. Our prayers are with you. May God bless and comfort you during this time of sorrow. We love you!
Carl, Sue, Carla and Carol Rutledge

Carla Rutledge - January 01, 2022 at 11:30 AM

CA

“ *Mr. Yates was my bus driver and he was a nice friendly person who will be missed very much by me and all the students. Fly High with the Angels!*

Carrie Akers

Carrie Akers - January 01, 2022 at 11:29 AM

NM

“ *Pat & Howard will be sorely missed but Heaven gained two Angels. They both worked hard to spread Gods word. Oak Grove Church will not be the same without them.*



Nina Miller.

Nina Miller - January 01, 2022 at 10:29 AM

TF

“ *This world was blessed by both these sweet people!!! They had a special place in my heart. They will be missed!!!*

Terri Ferrier - January 01, 2022 at 09:56 AM

RM

“ *The world needs more men like Mr Yates. His pleasant, friendly and soft spoken personality will be missed. I worked with Raymond for years and truly believe that he was a disciple for Christ...RIP*

Randy Mo - December 31, 2021 at 10:12 PM

DL

“ My heart is broken for the loss of wonderful people. But it's Heavens gain!! I loved them so much. I would see Howard out in town, and he would have that big smile on his face. They will definitely be missed. I love you Elise and Randy, if there's anything I can do to help you guys, please let me know!!^{♥♥}



Debbie Lytton - December 31, 2021 at 09:46 PM

SA

“ I keep looking over to wave every day and it just isn't the same. Two of the most amazing people I've ever known. Such an amazing family! Thinking of everyone and sending our love and prayers.



sam - December 31, 2021 at 09:31 PM



“ Words can't express our deepest sympathy! You are in our thoughts and prayers! Pat & Howard were very special to our family! So happy for them to be together in Heaven! Praying for peace and comfort! We love you!

Janice Hodge - December 31, 2021 at 07:37 PM

EM

“ Eloise Minnick lit a candle in memory of Raymond and Patricia Yates



Eloise Minnick - December 31, 2021 at 07:18 PM

LL

“ *Linda Lawson lit a candle in memory of Raymond and Patricia Yates*



Linda Lawson - December 31, 2021 at 06:14 PM

LL

Elise and family “H gathered his angels to watch over each of you. Lean on the Almighty Father for comfort and strength. Love you 🙏🙏

Linda Lawson - December 31, 2021 at 06:16 PM

SP

“ *Susie Phillips lit a candle in memory of Raymond and Patricia Yates*



Susie Phillips - December 31, 2021 at 06:09 PM

KE

“ *Kedith lit a candle in memory of Raymond and Patricia Yates*



kedith - December 31, 2021 at 03:51 PM

SA

Howard and Pay were always a Blessing to us and The Ellett Church Family.Loved to see him take off down the aisle , worshipping the Lord !!! He has plenty of room to run now.They sure will be missed.Prayers for the family.Steve and Lou Akers

Steve Akers - December 31, 2021 at 06:46 PM

SA

Pat

Steve Akers - December 31, 2021 at 06:48 PM

KB

“ *It is so hard to believe that Pat and Howard have passed. I am just so grateful that they are in heaven together. I worked with Pat at APCO for many years. Our sons were only a year apart. We had happy and sad times together. We would send cards to each other, often signing Love you Sister. Howard was a wonderful husband for Pat. With the both of them together there was always much laughter. Thoughts and prayers to Elise and Randy who they loved so much and to the grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Much love, Kitty, Mike and John Byrd*

Kitty Byrd - December 31, 2021 at 03:17 PM

LK

Pat and Howard hold a very special place in our hearts. Friends for many years. Worshiped together since 81. Watched our children and grandchildren grow up. Looking forward to spending eternity together. In our prayers Randy and Elise. ❤️

Linda kast - December 31, 2021 at 05:03 PM

TE

Howard and pat where great people, enjoyed singing and playing music, with victory gospel singers for a while rest in peace

Terry - December 31, 2021 at 07:32 PM

ML

Elise I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom and dad,they were good people. You and I went to school together at Riner,So sorry for your your loss to the whole family from Donnie and Kay Lytton.

Marcella Lytton - January 01, 2022 at 11:39 PM

SH

“ *Steve And Linda Hylyon lit a candle in memory of Raymond and Patricia Yates*



Steve and Linda Hylyon - December 31, 2021 at 02:45 PM

WS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all!*



Wanda Lytton Sheppard - December 31, 2021 at 02:07 PM

CS

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Howard and Pat, they were wonderful people. I have a lot of great memories of the times we shared. they were always the same happy people were ever you met them.*
Connie Sheppard

Connie Sheppard - December 31, 2021 at 01:44 PM

KY

“ *Kim Yates lit a candle in memory of Raymond and Patricia Yates*



Kim Yates - December 31, 2021 at 01:43 PM

MT

“ *My heart goes out to Elise, Randy, and the rest of the Yates family. Pat and Howard were truly wonderful people who treated me like family. I am thankful to have known them and a better person for it. I know they are in heaven now, but you will be truly missed. Prayers and love to this family.*

mike turner - December 31, 2021 at 01:38 PM

KY

“ *I'm heartbroken to know they passed away but relieved one did not have to live without the other. Raven and I love you guys. I know they are visiting with mom and dad in heaven right now!*

Kim Yates - December 31, 2021 at 01:12 PM

SS

“ *We will miss you terribly Uncle Howard and Aunt Pat but we know you are with our precious loved ones who've passed and your celebrating along side of them with our Heavenly Father. You will never be forgotten. Til we meet again ❤️*

Sherry Smith - December 31, 2021 at 12:50 PM

PB

“ To the Yates family! I'm truly sorry for your loss. We shared many good times together on that ole bus back in the day and became family! Pat and Howard were always loving and kind people. They will truly be missed. My sincerest condolences to the family. Pam (Shepherd) Brumfield.



Pamela J Brumfield - December 31, 2021 at 12:48 PM

NJ

“ Much love to all the family ! Howard played on a softball team with Tommy and he has many good memories of that! Both of them always greeted us with a smile and made you feel like they were happy to see you ! So glad that they are in Heaven together like they were down here 🙏❤️

nancy johnson - December 31, 2021 at 12:26 PM

ED

“ Always willing to give a helping hand and always singing for the Lord. That choir in heaven sure is gonna sound more beautiful. Sending love and prayers to all of the family.
Love,Edwina

Edwina - December 31, 2021 at 11:51 AM