



Eric G Bates Jr

August 31, 1989 - April 23, 2025

Eric “Rickey” G. Bates, Jr. was welcomed into this world on August 31, 1989 and departed this world on April 23, 2025 at Christiana Hospital surrounded by his loving family. Ricky was the son of Eric G. Bates, Sr. and the late Tammy Meyers Bates. He was the proud father of Auri, Austin and Chase Bates and loving brother of Charles Johnston, Brittney Atkins and the late Brandon E. Bates.

Ricky, as he was affectionately called, attended the elementary school in Wilmington Delaware. He also attended Howard High School of Technology for his 9th grade year before moving to Waldorf Maryland with his Dad and Stepmom and stepsister. He attended and graduated (Cum Laude) from West Lake High School. After high school he attended Bowie State University for a year before returning to Wilmington, DE.

Eric, Jr. had a great work ethic with currently working for Fed Ex. He was a very private person with a special bond with his father. Accepting Jesus Christ at the age of 9, he knew who to call on in the times of trouble. But like most young men the tired to do it all on his own.

Being a devoted father was his first love. You would see him with his sons, Auri, 12, Austin, 6 and Chase 4 all the time; be it at Chucky Cheese, Urban Air, the Mall, Main Event, Cow Town or just hanging out at the park. This gave

him the most joy. Rickey also enjoyed playing video games (PS5/Xbox-X) and watching his Denver Broncos.

Health challenges are the only reason Ricky would have left his family. God knew his struggles and gave him rest. He's now reunited with his Grandfather Samuel Bates, Mother Tammy, brother Brandon and other family members.

He leaves to cherish his memory, children Auri Isaiah Jackson, Austin Casson Bates, mother Amanda, Chase Anthony Jones-Bates, mother Ciara; parents Eric and Dominique Bates; brother Charles Johnston, sister Brittney Atkins, Grandmother Frances Bates, Aunt Karen Palmer (Eric); Uncle LaVaughn Mathis (Jami), cousin, Adina Graham, nephew Damion, Godmother Angela Ringgold, great aunts and uncles, host of cousins family and friends. Special friends Keenan D. Wing. Jr., Isaiah Zeek Jackson and Marque Coverdale.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Ezion Mt Carmel United Church
800 N Walnut St
Wilmington, DE 19801

Memorial Service

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DK

“ *Delores Keys lit a candle in memory of Eric G Bates Jr*



Delores Keys - May 04, 2025 at 05:14 PM

CH

“ *Dear family, I want to express my deepest condolences to you all regarding the passing of yet another family member (Eric Jr. aka Ricky). this is one precious soul that I did not have the pleasure of spending time with; however, it still hurts me to see one of my cousins depart from this world so soon in his life. In my quiet time, my prayers are being sent to our Heavenly Father on your behalf to give you strength in your weakest hour of grieve and to give you peace that surpasses ALL understanding.*

Psalms 23:4 reads: "yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me". Let our Heavenly Father's Holy (Ruach) Spirit comfort you during this time of sorrow. Peace be with all of you.

Love, Cousin Chery-Driver-Thomas

Cheryl-Driver-Thomas - May 03, 2025 at 05:37 PM

GG

“ I remember when that dude was little going to the daycare..years later...it was a joy seeing Eric Jr. working in the banking industry..my thoughts were “the nights and days may have been long..but the years go by quickly..my thoughts, prayers and condolences to both Eric and Tammy

George Goldsborough - May 01, 2025 at 02:05 AM

BN

Prayers for the son of my best friend Tammy. Please call me I didn't know Tammy had passed away. My telephone number is 719 344 4498 Barbara aka Nikki

Barbara Nichols - May 02, 2025 at 03:21 PM

GG

“ My condolences to Eric and Tammy

George Goldsborough - April 30, 2025 at 10:21 PM

AC

“ A. Collins lit a candle in memory of Eric G Bates Jr



A. Collins - April 30, 2025 at 07:44 PM



“ Wow, my Son was a rambunctious little one. He was a happy baby/toddler who met me at the door every night when hot off of work from Gander Hill's 4x12 shift! And he loved the Arsineo Hall shows opening❤️❤️❤️

Eric Bates Sr - April 29, 2025 at 07:41 PM

SH

“ *Sandra Hawkes lit a candle in memory of Eric G Bates Jr*



Sandra Hawkes - April 29, 2025 at 07:32 PM

EU

“ *Deepest Sympathy to the family of Eric G. Bates, Jr.
Your, Ezion Mount Carmel UMC Family*



Ezion Mount Carmel UMC - April 29, 2025 at 12:08 PM