



## Jerry Yates

May 5, 1945 - May 28, 2021

Jerry Wayne Yates, of Terrell, passed away on May 28, 2021 in Dallas after a long and valiant fight with Covid-19. Jerry was born May 5, 1945 in Dallas to Hugh and Velma (Jerden) Yates, both of whom preceded him in death along with sister, Joy Marlene, and brothers: Luther Johnson, William Yates and Joe Bob Yates.

Jerry graduated from Bryan Adams High School in 1963 and on August 25, 1967, he married the love of his life, Vivian Phelps, at Lakeside Baptist Church. He entered the military through enlistment in the US Army where he served honorably until his retirement after 20 years. After retiring, Jerry worked for the VA hospital helping and guiding fellow veterans and their families to excellent medical care. He then worked for Lakes Regional in Terrell and still providing kind and compassionate care for many patients and their families. Jerry also served on the Planning and Zoning Board for Terrell where he played a part in the many new and innovative opportunities that have come to this community. He was a loving husband and doting father who was a friend to so many and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Vivian Yates, of Terrell; son, Lance Yates; grandchildren: Kara, Brayden and Alex Yates; and brother, Donald Johnson as well as nieces, nephews and many friends.

Graveside service will be at 3:00pm, Friday, June 4, 2021 at Hillcrest Cemetery 401 W. Broad St. Forney, Tx 75126 with military honors. The family will receive friends 5-7pm, Thursday, June 3, at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations. For those wishing, memorials in honor of Jerry and his commitment to all veterans may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

401 W Broad St.  
Forney, TX 75126

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

## Graveside Service

JUN 4. 3:00 PM (CT)

Hillcrest Cemetery  
401 W Broad St.  
Forney, TX 75126

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Yates*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *15 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - June 03, 2021 at 02:07 PM



“ *43 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - June 03, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ *Jerry Wayne was my Uncle. He was the best Uncle and man that I have ever met. He always had great stories from his time in the Army. He loved his family with all he had. There will be a hole in my life without him.*

vicki yezbak - June 03, 2021 at 12:01 PM

TO

“ *My deep condolences to the family for Jerry's loss. May your memories of Jerry sustain you through this difficult time, and his memory live on through family, friends, and all whose lives he touched.*

*Terri Bradshaw O'Neill, BA Class of '63*

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**Terri B. O'Neill** - June 03, 2021 at 11:46 AM

NW

“ *Jerry and I were classmates in high school. We had a lot of fun. He was a funny and sweet man.*

*We will all see each other soon.*

*Nathlie*

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**Nathlie White** - June 03, 2021 at 11:41 AM

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“ *Vivian, Cathy & I were greatly saddened to hear of Jerry's passing. He never forgot his friends. God bless Jerry. Dick & Cathy Ennis Boise, Idaho*

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**richard ennis** - June 02, 2021 at 03:27 PM

LR

“ *Linda V La Rocca lit a candle in memory of Jerry Yates*



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**Linda V La Rocca** - June 01, 2021 at 10:42 PM

LR

“ *My condolences to Vivian & Lance & family. I met Jerry & Vivian when my husband, CSM Joe La Rocca (passed away 20 May 2020) & I were stationed at LARMC in Landstuhl Germany. We had some good times there & again when Jerry & Vivian came to Ft. Bliss. They were good friends & fun to be around. Until we meet again Jerry. Rest in peace!*

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**Linda V La Rocca** - June 01, 2021 at 10:34 PM

CS

“ Jerry Yates was a very close friend in college. He and Vivian lived a couple of doors down in Married housing. Precious friends. Jerry was more than a friend. He was more like a brother, and although we lost contact with ea. other after school, and he re-joined the military, I have kept up with him in correspondence. He was a man to be respected and admired. One does not attain the kind of standing and rank in the military that Jerry commanded, unless he be a very special person. And Jerry was a very special person to me, and I respected him and admired him, and loved him. I will cherish my memories of our road of friendship together. RIP my brother  
Curtis Shelton  
Wylie, TX

Curtis and Rene' Shelton - June 01, 2021 at 10:13 AM

PE

“ Jerry was easy to talk to & we've enjoyed many conversations through the years over meals or just visiting. Jerry was a very informed man with a lot of knowledge, and always ready to explore the various sides of issues. We will miss him, along with lots of other folks. We pray comfort & peace for sweet Vivian that he loved with all his heart.

paul & Linda Ecker - May 31, 2021 at 07:45 PM

LD

“ It will be so sad to be in our backyard and not share a wave, a smile, laughter or stop to listen to a story he liked to share. We will miss you Jerry.

Linda Dudley - May 30, 2021 at 02:23 PM

CW

“ So many wonderful memories of my dear Uncle! My favorites are the stories from his days in the military. He loved his country, and the veterans who fought for it! On this Memorial Day, I will remember you, Uncle Jerry, and treasure those memories, and honor all who served! God speed, Uncle Jerry, we love you, and we salute you! 🙏❤️

Christie Wienecke - May 30, 2021 at 12:44 PM