



Mr. William Nelson Bates Sr.

April 7, 1925 - November 13, 2016

William Nelson Bates Sr., better known as Billy, was born on April 7, 1925 in Cumberland, Maryland to Joseph Bates and Lucy Grant (deceased).

He was the youngest of five children all who preceded him in death.

He was educated in Cumberland, Maryland and went into the United States Air Force.

In 1965, he married the love of his life Lucille and they had three beautiful children, Sheila who preceded him in death, Darryl and William Jr. He loved listening to all music but jazz was his favorite.

He retired as a retail distribution manager from Nelson Marketing. Billy will forever be loved and cherished by his loving sons Darryl and William Jr., a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Come To Me

God saw you were getting tired, and a cure was not to be,

So he put his arms around you and whispered,

"Come to me."

With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away.

Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the BEST.

Cemetery Details

Calverton National Cemetery

210 Princeton Blvd
Calverton, NY 11933
(631) 727-5410

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Grace Funeral Chapels
607 North Conduit Blvd.
Brooklyn, NY 11208
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Funeral Service

NOV **17**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

NOV 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Nelson Bates Sr.*

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