

Pallbearers

Octavios A. Brown

Alex Jefferson

Kyanthony Jefferson

Calvin Willis

Keith Williams

Flower Attendants

Nieces & Friends

Acknowledgments

The **Oates Family** would like to thank everyone that showed love and support during our time of bereavement. Your kind words and actions are greatly appreciated. There will never be enough words to convey how much you all mean to us and how grateful we are for your love.

THE FAMILY

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF **VERNON RENWICK OATES**

April 8, 1964 - April 17, 2025



Saturday, April 26, 2025
12:00 Noon

Fairview CME Church
3274 Taylors Mill Rd
Fort Valley, GA 31030

Rev. Dr. Willie Wright, Eulogist

Remembering Vernon...

Vernon Oates, a beloved resident of Orange Park, Florida, was born on April 8, 1964, in Fort Valley, Georgia, and grew up in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He was the cherished son of Virginia Lyons and Johnny Oates.

Vernon received his education from the Peach County School System and later attended Fort Valley State University. It was there that he met his future wife, Carla Oates, whom he married on February 8, 1987. Their union was blessed with two children.

A dedicated student, Vernon continued his education at St. Johns River Community College, where he majored in Business and achieved both his Associate's and Bachelor's degrees.

His commitment to service was evident in his 20-year tenure with the United States Navy, from which he retired honorably as a 1st Class Petty Officer.

Apart from his professional achievements, Vernon found joy in various hobbies. He was an avid baseball and football fan, and he was particularly fond of The Atlanta Falcons. He also enjoyed going to the movies, bowling, and playing pool.

Vernon was preceded in death by his dear wife, Carla Oates, parents: Virginia Lyons and Johnny Oates; bonus dad, Fletcher Lyons.

He leaves behind his two children: Vernon Jr. and Vernisha, both of Orange Park, FL; sisters: Cherry Ann, Fort Valley, GA; Shemika (Ricky), Lizella, GA; Charlotte (Pastor Hilliard); Macon, GA; brothers: Anthony (Joanna), Harrisburg, PA; Frederick (Zonda), Greensboro, NC; Ronald (La'Tonya), Kerry, Michael, all of Fort Valley, GA; Scott, Trion, GA; Gerald (Carol) Warner Robins, GA; father and mother-in-law, Freddie and Lucille, Fort Valley, GA; his beloved dogs: Leo and Kali; along with a host of aunts, uncles, sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who will forever cherish his memory.

Vernon's life was a testament to dedication, love, and service. He will be deeply missed by all who had the honor of knowing him. May he rest in peace.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Prayer.....Deacon Kerry Lyons

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Sister Stephanie Jefferson

New Testament.....Pastor Cherry Ann Oates

Selection.....Bro. Caleb Jefferson

Reflections

(Three minutes please)

Selection.....Bro. Caleb Jefferson

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Willie Wright

The Acknowledgements

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Interment

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens

1854 Willow Lake Road

Fort Valley, GA 31030