



## Jackson "Big Head" Bates

January 28, 1946 - September 4, 2016

Jackson Paul "Big Head" Bates

Big Head, age 70, passed away of a broken heart at his camp in Manchac on Sunday, September 4, 2016. He was a native of Ponchatoula, and a resident of Lutcher. Bighead, a veteran of the Louisiana National Guard, retired from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture as a Sanitation Inspector. Jackie was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and many more, where he never missed a service. He enjoyed joking with people, giving out nicknames, was the best duck caller around, an avid duck hunter, and most of the time, he could be found fishing at his camp in Manchac, riding airboats with Huey "Mule" Husser, Eddie "E.B. Buttermilk" Brescher, spending time with "Whitey" on the weekends and hanging out with Wayne Matherne, Little Wayne and Danny. Among his daily calls were to his good friends, Ben, Amber and Lindsay. Jackie was a simple man, who was very intelligent, that was watching the Rifleman, Jeopardy and working on a crossword puzzle. He was a bighearted man who will be missed by all who knew him.

Bighead is survived by his siblings, Charles W. Bates and wife Sandra, Cynthia Bates Gregoire, Donald Wayne Bates and wife Karen, Brenda Bates Harris and husband Johnny B; and a multitude of nieces, nephews, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 37 years, Katherine "Kay" Nobile Bates; parents, Jack W. "J.W." Bates and Edna Cecile DeGruy Bates.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation on Friday, September 9, 2016, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ponchatoula, from 9:30 a.m. until the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. officiated by Father Jamin David. Graveside service will begin at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church Cemetery in Pauline, Louisiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences and other information are available online at [www.thompsoncares.com](http://www.thompsoncares.com).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Joesph Catholic Church**

2130 Rectory St  
Pauline, LA 70763

# Tribute Wall

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“ Going to miss my buddy. He was who he was. That's what made him so special to me. He never failed to speak to me and would give me his Japanese plums every year to make jelly. Rest in peace now my friend.

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**Sue Wilson from The Beacon** - September 07, 2016 at 05:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jackson "Big Head" Bates.



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September 07, 2016 at 04:37 PM

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“ We have all lost a very special person with Jackie's passing. I hadn't seen him for years when he attended my brother Larry's wake several years ago. Even though they had been friends from childhood, it was still very comforting to see him and I deeply appreciated him being there.

*My thoughts and prayers are with his family. May God grant you the comfort and strength to help you through the days and weeks ahead until you can find acceptance.*

*Rest in peace, Jackie. You will be missed.*

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**Veronica Fannaly** - September 07, 2016 at 09:27 AM

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“ So sorry for the loss of my childhood and a long time friend. I have many wonderful memories growing up since childhood With Jackie and his family on Southpass and Manchac. Our prayers are with you.

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**Gordon Anderson** - September 06, 2016 at 09:36 PM

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“ Jackie always greeted you with a smile on his face, a beer in his hand, and a funny story to tell you. Jackie was a very kind hearted and caring person who always looked after his nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed. vesta

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**vesta** - September 06, 2016 at 04:02 PM

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Jackie was a Manchac Icon. Rest my friend.

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**Crawfish** - September 06, 2016 at 08:58 PM

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My prayers are with the bates family in your time of sorrow. RIP JACK

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**PHIL MELINIE** - September 07, 2016 at 03:32 AM



I knew Jackie back in the days at Southeastern. One day, I was at a table studying in the snack lounge, and he sat across from me and said he knew my last name was Bader. I asked if I knew him, and he said, "No, but I'm going to call you Bader Power. You're a good looking girl." It was the days of flower power! He walked off laughing, and I thought, "What a line!" RIP, long ago friend.

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**Kathleen Rose DesHotel** - January 26, 2017 at 12:43 AM