



Russell Oates, Sr., son of the late Albert and Sallie Ann Dent Oates, departed this life on Sunday, November 30th 2014 at Northside Medical Center in Youngstown, Ohio. Russell was born July 27, 1931 in Youngstown, Ohio. He graduated

from East High School where he excelled at baseball and football. He led the East High Golden Bears to many city championships and received many awards. He then went on to Youngstown College (State) and played Football before joining the minor league baseball circuit. Russell was a Union Man that worked at General Fireproofing for 30 before he retired.

He leaves to cherish his memory his son Russell Oates of Cleveland, wife Alice H Oates of Liberty, Sister Sarah Ann Griffin (Formerly of Youngstown), two nieces Carol Ann Griffin and Jeni (Gary Sr) Williams, Great Nephew Gary Spencer Williams, Jr all from Phoenix, Arizona, his great niece Teresa Ann Griffin of Cleveland, Nephew Marvin Oates Youngstown, a sister in-law Mary Oates of Gray Court, SC and Debra Griffin of Cleveland.

He also leaves behind two step-sons Elder Eric (Bess) Hayden of Youngstown, John (Pam) Gregory of Columbus, Granddaughters Sherri Hayden of Austintown, DeVonne Gregory White of Columbus, and Grandsons Eric Hayden Jr of Austintown, Francesco Gregory and Perry Gregory of Columbus, Jared Hayden of Columbiana and great granddaughters Korey Hayden, Paris Hayden, Deja Traylor and great great granddaughter Maliya Dawson all from Austintown along with many other family and friends.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Oates Sr. and Sallie Ann Dent Oates, three brothers William Oates, Albert (Clara Crawford) Oates Jr., James R. Oates a sister, Helen L. Oates and nephew Charles A. "Chip" Griffin, Jr of Youngstown.

His greatest joys were his family, friends, relaxing in his home in the country, watching sports, cooking, giving people nicknames and bringing joy to everyone that came across his path.

Russell Oates, The East High Golden Bear, The Union Man, the beloved Best Friend, Father, Husband, Brother, Uncle, Grandfather, Coach and friend will be missed by all and not forgotten.

Calling hours will be Monday, December 15th, 2014 from 5:00 PM -7:00 PM

L E Black Phillips & Holden Funeral Home Inc

1951 McGuffey Road

Youngstown, OH 44505

Phone: (330)744-7770

The funeral will take place on Tuesday, December 16th, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. (10:00 AM Viewing)

New Hope Baptist Church

437 Albert St, Youngstown, OH 44506 ·

(330) 743-0823

In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to the scholarship fund:

Russell Oates (SR Fund)

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