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Joseph S. Bates, Sr, 65, of Ellenton, FL passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at home with his wife by his side. Born October 8, 1956 in Poughkeepsie New York, he was one of five children to the late Shedrick Bates Jr and Margaret (Hart) Bates. Joseph worked as a heavy equipment operator for nearly 40 years. He loved playing in the dirt so much so that his son, Shawn also worked as a heavy equipment operator by his side. He enjoyed traveling across the U.S. in his RV. One of his most favorite destinations was North Carolina.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Ellen.

He will be remembered and missed by his loving wife, Robin (Rosenthal) Bates; his children and stepchildren, Shawn Bates, Joseph Bates Jr., Julie Thompson, Justin Kicklighter and Jeremy Kicklighter; his 14 grandchildren and his siblings, Shed, Patty and Kathy.

Per his wishes, private arrangements have been entrusted to Skyway Memorial Funeral Home, Palmetto, FL.



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Deena Lee Bates posted:

I am Joseph Shedrick's Bates daughter Deena Lee Bates. My only memory is as a 1-year-old. My father coming into the room to molest me and putting me in a closet where he kept me for 3 months until my mother found me. This is my last memory of this monster. This man and his girlfriend Claudia. Molested me everyday. They made me eat my own shit ,they didn't feed me. They put their hands all over me. And forced me into a closet until 1 day. My mother and the police found me. Thank God I was able to escape the torture this man put upon me. This was my father!!

May 11 at 5:23 PM



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