



## Joe Wayne Scates

April 29, 1943 - January 20, 2022

Joe Wayne Scates (78) was escorted home by the angels on Thursday, January 20, 2022 in Roswell, New Mexico.

Wayne was born to Joe Frank Scates and Flora Dero Stevens on April 29, 1943 in Dexter, New Mexico. He was one of seven children raised in an agricultural setting and learned how to work hard and enjoy life. There was no kinder, gentler man on the earth, no one who could encourage those around him more than Wayne. He was the sweetest husband to his one and only love, Beatrice Kay Scates, the most patient and loving daddy to his four children, Alesia Freeland, Portia Bundy, Mark Scates and Candy Raines; the most fun grandpa on the planet to Rhonda Scates, Candace Scull, Aaron Leeder, Timothy Bundy, Brittney Branscom, Cody Raines, Sean Scates, Tyler Raines and Jeremy Scates, and the best corny joke-telling great-grandpa to many.

Wayne never met a stranger. His unassuming and non-imposing ways were known to all who came across his path. He was a contractor known all throughout SE New Mexico by many as an honest and hard-working business man who always went the extra mile for his clients. His sunny disposition drew people to him and if you visited one of his job sites or passed by his back yard, you would probably overhear him whistling or singing a gospel song, just slightly off key. He never had a harsh word to say about anyone and made peace a priority in his life. There are stories about how much of a scrapper he was in his younger days but he must have gotten all animosity or anger out

early in life as the rest of his life was spent loving those around him well.

There are also stories about him and his cousin, Dee Hubbard, driving fast cars but most have chalked that up to mere legend and myth as the man never, ever drove even close to the speed limit.

Wayne could have been considered an uneducated man by today's standards, but held the unofficial title of genius to anyone he built anything for and loved to figure out how things worked. He never took calculus and was the world's worst at spelling but he encouraged his children to pursue a formal education and was an innate teacher, always explaining the world as he saw it to anyone who would listen. In one of his last days in the hospital, he was still trying to explain to his nurse just how to properly move him from his bed.

Wayne's greatest legacy he leaves behind was instilling a love of God in his children and grandchildren. He led by example, bowing his head in prayer at any opportunity, always singing praises and demonstrating the love of Christ in the way he treated others. He taught us to put others first, help anyone in need and put away harsh words. He will truly be missed but never forgotten in the hearts of all who knew him.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Frank and Flora, and siblings, Violet ("Booben") Russell, Lavern ("Coochie") Tyler, Sylvia ("Sylvie") Crosby and Johnny Scates. He leaves behind his wife, Bea; four children, Lisa (Leslie), Portia (David), Mark (Jody) and Candy (Paul); nine grandchildren, Rhonda, Candis (Frank), Aaron (Sarah), Timothy, Brittney (Nathan), Cody (Shelby), Sean, Tyler (Stephanie) and Jeremy; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and siblings, Hazel McArthur and Kenneth Scates. Honorary pallbearers will be grandsons Aaron, Tim, Cody, Sean, Tyler and Jeremy.

Please take a moment to share a kind thought or memory with Joe's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory  
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Roswell, NM 88203  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Wayne Scates*

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December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM

AL

“ I tried to give this speech at the funeral but got choked up.

*I called this man Pops, but not because I wanted to be a 50s greaser. I called him Pops because he was my grandpa, but he was also the closest thing I had to a dad. He wasn't a tall man, but he was a giant to me. I owe everything to this man. From the weekends at the lake, to the advise he gave me on my wedding day, to the hug he gave me the last time I saw him, I wouldn't be the man I am today without Pops. He was the only one who never told me I couldn't stay there when I was homeless. He never had anything bad to say to me when the rest of the world turned their backs. He was a real man, a good man, a kind man, the funniest guy, and the kindest human I ever met. He loved God and I have no doubt he is cutting the roof on some giant mansion in heaven right now(He once told me there wasn't a roof he couldn't cut, and I believe him!) My only regret is not spending enough time with him, and my only hope is to be just like him when I become a grandpa. I got this now Pops, you go find some shade and rest for a while...I will see you when I get home...I love you and miss you everyday but I know you live on thru me and the love you showed me.*



Aaron Leeder - October 21, 2022 at 09:39 PM

CS

“*Bea and children, Hazel, and Kenneth Please accept my condolences on Joe Wayne's death. I rejoice that Joe Wayne has graduated from this life to go live in his new home with our Heavenly Father. The sorrow I feel is for those who are left here to wait for that reunion. May the many fond memories and love bring everyone peace during this very difficult time.*

*Sincerely, Cleta (Stone) (Tyler) Sharp*

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**Cleta Sharp** - January 25, 2022 at 06:42 PM

DM

“*I only met Wayne a couple of times, but he was a friend and colleague to my dad Jim F Montoya. When my own father passed in 2009, Wayne and Bea were kind enough to bring a cooked dish when they came to his services. My mother Paula who knew them from Sam's Club, introduced him as "one of Dad's good friends and business associates." His words of condolence were so kind and uplifting and they helped me cope with our loss. My mother and I tried to find contact information for Wayne and Bea recently just to see how they were, but we weren't able to get in touch.*

*My mother Paula and I send our most heartfelt condolences to Bea, his children and all of his family and pray that God blesses you with strength and comfort as you mourn this wonderful man. Please feel free to call us anytime. We are in the phone book under Jim F Montoya. God bless you all and give you peace.*

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**David Montoya** - January 22, 2022 at 12:48 PM



*You can also find me on Facebook.*  
*<https://www.facebook.com/david.r.montoya>*

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**David Montoya** - January 22, 2022 at 12:49 PM

CW

“ Wayne and Bea were like clockwork at our church and we will miss them dearly!! Yes he was a dear dear and friendly man of God and we will miss his gentle and caring nature. Rest In Peace our dear friend.

*Love and prayers for peace and comfort for Bea and the family.*

*Cheryl and Tim Wafful*

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**Cheryl and Tim Wafful** - January 22, 2022 at 10:55 AM

BJ

“ Wayne was one of the kindest human beings I had the pleasure of knowing. He always met me with a smile that always brightened my day. I would see Wayne and Bea out at grocery stores and always had a hug and visit. He was a blessing to so many. I am so sorry for his family and friends but I am so happy for Wayne. He woke up in the arms of Jesus 😊.

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**Becky Jones** - January 21, 2022 at 05:54 PM

SP

“ Our Condolences to all the Wayne Scates family. Bea, please know we are praying for you and all the family. We are so sorry for your great loss, but Heaven's gain.

*In Christ love,*

*Steve and Gloria Phelps*

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**Steve and Gloria Phelps** - January 21, 2022 at 02:25 PM

TQ

“ We extend our Heartfelt Sympathy to the family and friends My sons and I watched him build all the houses behind us on Saucedo Street. He lived in the first one he built which was right across the alley from us. I know he lived in another further down, too. He and his wife were very nice to us, especially when my younger son passed. Rest in Peace, Sir.

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**Toni Lynn Quici** - January 21, 2022 at 11:34 AM