



## Stanley E. Bateman Sr

May 24, 1934 - May 16, 2025

Stanley E. Bateman, Sr. 90 of Gate City, Virginia, peacefully went to be reunited with his wife Mary Tom in their heavenly home on Friday May 16th, leaving behind a legacy of leadership, service, and cherished memories. Born in Elizabethton, TN, on May 24, 1934, Stanley attended Elizabethton High School where he was a member of the band and upon graduation went on to VPI where he proudly served as Drum Major for the VPI Highty Tighties. His dedication to excellence and tradition was evident in all aspects of his life. Following graduation from Tech, Stanley began his career in insurance working for his Granddad at Roscoe M. Daugherty agency which he would later join with Robert Kane as a partner and office manager at the Daugherty-Kane Agency. His commitment to service extended beyond his profession. He was an active member of the Lions Club serving as president, treasurer and director. He was a little league baseball coach, Scoutmaster of Troop 273, board member of the American Cancer Society, and was honored as Scott County Young Man of the Year in 1967, always striving to make a difference in his community.

Stanley's faith was always central to his life growing up attending Borderview Christian Church in Elizabethton Tennessee where he gave his life to Christ as a young child. After marriage, he followed his wife to Gate City United Methodist Church where they attended until their health would no longer allow it. There he served as church treasurer, a member of the Administrative

Council, member of the choir, and chaired multiple committees. His dedication and generosity touched many hearts.

Beyond his work and service, Stanley found great joy in the simple pleasures of life. He loved gardening, rocking on his front porch, cooking apple butter, special stays at the beloved "High Knob Hilton" and spending countless hours on the golf course with his friends and family sharing laughter (at times) and camaraderie. Additionally, he enjoyed watching his mighty Hokies and many family members as they competed in various sports ranging from little league to professional athletics. Stanley lived a life marked by service, faith, and joyful moments with family and friends. His legacy will continue in the lives he touched and the love he shared.

Stanley was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 66 years, Mary "Tom" Bateman; his mother Margaret Daugherty and stepfather Foy E. Daugherty; Father George M. Bateman and stepmother Mary Jane Bateman; and his sister Mrs. Jane (Robert) Fleming of Kingsport, TN.

He is survived by his children:

- Jennifer Anne Houseright & husband, Bill of Gate City, VA
- Mary Margaret "Margie" Beasley & husband, Tom of Hiltons, VA
- Donna Jo Clark & husband, Mike of Hiltons, VA
- Stanley E. "Eddie" Bateman, Jr. & wife, Tara of Kingsport, TN

Also surviving him are his half-brother, Randy Bateman of Elizabethton, TN; several cherished nieces and nephews; 20 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Including spouses his legacy totals 84.

A memorial service celebrating Stanley's life will be held at Holston View Global Methodist church in Weber City with his nephew Robbie Fleming officiating. The family will receive friends anytime at the residence and on Saturday, May 24th at the church from 12-2pm with the service beginning at

2pm. Immediately following the memorial service there will be a private burial service with only the family where both Stanley and Mary's ashes will be rejoined and laid in their final resting place at the Holston View Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the charity they loved most, St. Jude Children's Hospital, honoring Stanley's lifelong commitment to faith and community.

The family would like to express a special thank you for the loving care he received from NHC, Smoky Mountain Hospice and caretakers Bridgette, Jessica, and Lisa.

Flowers may be delivered to the church Saturday, May 24, 2025 after 9:00 am.

An online guest registry is available for the family at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com)

Holding Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap, VA is serving the family.

# Previous Events

## Receiving of Friends

MAY **24**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Holston View Global Methodist Church  
174 Church St  
Weber City, VA 24290

## Celebration of Life Service

MAY **24**. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Holston View Global Methodist Church  
174 Church St  
Weber City, VA 24290

# Tribute Wall



“ Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Webcast in memory of Stanley E. Bateman Sr



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Holding Funeral Home, Inc. - May 20, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ Francis D. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Stanley E. Bateman Sr.



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Francis D. - May 22, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Stanley E. Bateman Sr.



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May 22, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stanley E. Bateman Sr.

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May 22, 2025 at 11:01 AM

BB

“ Brock Beasley purchased the *Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum* for the family of Stanley E. Bateman  
Sr.



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**Brock Beasley** - May 22, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for  
the family of Stanley E. Bateman Sr.



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May 21, 2025 at 05:31 PM



“ A [Memorial  
Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stanley E. Bateman Sr.

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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for  
the family of Stanley E. Bateman Sr.



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May 21, 2025 at 04:32 PM



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Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stanley E. Bateman Sr.

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May 21, 2025 at 04:32 PM

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“ *Deepest sympathy and much love,  
Teresa Hackler Head*

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**Teresa Head** - May 21, 2025 at 12:18 PM

SW

“ *Stanley was a kind and friendly man. I always enjoyed talking to him about the Hokies. He will be greatly missed. I pray for God to comfort each of you in his family.*

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**Skip Wininger** - May 20, 2025 at 06:15 PM

ML

“ *Prayers of comfort during this difficult time for the family.*

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**Melissa Larkin** - May 20, 2025 at 04:28 PM

MB

“ *Mom, Dad, Brandon, Madison & Bo purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Stanley E. Bateman Sr.*



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**Mom, Dad, Brandon, Madison & Bo** - May 20, 2025 at 11:18 AM

BB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Stanley's death. We were close friends since grade school. Stanley lived a good and full life. His reward will be in Heaven. Stanley will be missed by all who knew him.  
Buddy Blevins*

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**Buddy Blevins** - May 20, 2025 at 08:33 AM

AC

“ *My family loves this man. He is now with whom he loves best, His Saviour Jesus Christ and his beloved bride, Mary Tom. That is grammatically correct. Not loved but loves... My Uncle Stan lived on earth in such a way that all who knew him know he went home to Heaven. In the words of another great man the Lord gave to me as a father, "He (my Uncle Stan) was a Prince of a man."*



*For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. - Heb 11:10.*

*Alice R. Carter*

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**Alice R Carter** - May 18, 2025 at 10:42 AM