



## Owen Daniel Oates

October 28, 1932 - July 21, 2011

Owen Daniel Oates, formerly of Perry, died July 21 at his home in Waynesboro, TN. Born in Perry, AR on October 28, 1932, he was the youngest son of Olva O. and Edna L. Permenter Oates. He was preceded in death by his brother, R.H. "Bill" Oates and his sister, Elva Dale "Tip" Oates Linebarger. He is survived by his brother, Oran O. Oates of Perry, AR and his sister, Evelyn "Tootsie" Oates Wolf of St. Louis, MO, many nieces and nephews and his special friend, Elisa Babb of Waynesboro, TN.

Mr. Oates was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a graduate of Hendrix College. He was also a graduate of the 72nd Class of the Border Patrol Academy and retired after a 30-year career with the U.S. Bureau of Naturalization and Immigration. He was an avid student of history and spent many years traveling abroad. He was a great story teller and will be missed by those who knew him.

Visitation will be at Harris Funeral Home in Morrilton on Monday from 6 to 7 p.m. A graveside service will be held at Perry Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday with Rev. Frank LeBlanc officiating.

# Tribute Wall



“ Owen Daniel Oates

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ I worked many shifts with Owen "Professor" oates in El Paso. He was a reliable partner and a good guy.

**Roy Huntley** - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM



“ Got reacquainted with Owen after we graduated from the Border Patrol Academy (1958) in 2000 when we started having annual "junta's. He loved telling old Border Patrol tales and kept us entertained with stories about his trips around the world. If we needed a dictionary, or what type of wine we should have with our meal or what region in France the wine came from, we'd just ask Owen. He was a lot of fun and we will truly miss him. Jim & Judy Walsh

**Jim and Judy Walsh** - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM



“ Owen was a Border Patrol classmate of the 72nd Session. He was one of most intelligent, well-educated officer I ever knew, and a great story teller. There didn't seem to be anything about U.S. history that he could not recall from memory and tell in an interesting way.

*He will be missed. Adios, Owen...see you on the other side of the Great River.*

**Bob "Roberto" Stille** - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM

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“ I lived with Owen in Jersey City for about a month in 1970 when I first arrived in NYC as an Investigator. We were also partners at the Immigration office for about a month until my family arrived from Texas and I moved into temporary quarters. He was truly a historian of the Border Patrol in Presidio and El Paso as well as early American history in the New England area. I will never forget the many stories which he related to me and others.

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**Tony Hobert** - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM

DB

“ I always knew Double "O" added up to more than zero and so did everyone that met him. Love him or hate him he was "Fit to ride the River with" Owen I bet you can't pull any fast ones on the "MAN" Go in peace with the Lords blessings. Don Barley.

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**Don Barley** - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM

SD

“ My friend Owen Daniel Oates was a great friend and one of a kind, he met most of my family and I met most of his, I first met him in New York City where we both worked as Investigators. Dan, as his family called him had the best memory of anyone I have ever known and now I will have a lasting memory of him. Dan lived a full life and now it is his turn to rest in peace. God bless him and his family.

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**Steve Donnelly** - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM

CA

“ Owen and I shared many hours in conversation - he was an excellent conversationalist with a great sense of humor. He will be sorely missed.

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**Craig Armstrong** - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM

JB

“ I first met Owen when I joined the Border Patrol in El Paso in 1962. We corresponded for many years. I enjoyed reading his many trip reports and we had some good philosophical discussions. He was quite a writer and very intelligent.

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**Joe B. Bennett** - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM

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“ Adios Compadre, Vaya Con Dios and see you down the trail.

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**Bill & Diane Leis** - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM

JW

“ Owen was a good friend and storyteller. At our 72nd class reunions which he dearly enjoyed he kept us all entertained with stories of his travels and time in the Border Patrol and INS. He will be missed and always remembered. Jim

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**Jim & Judy Walsh** - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM