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**ARRANGEMENTS: VIEWING AND VISITATION, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024 11 AM-1 PM WITH  
FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 1 PM AT W. D.**

**CROWDER FUNERAL HOME, 1800 JOHN L. PATTERSON STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE 37172**

**On February 10, 2024, Johnny Douglas Yates passed away in Springfield, TN where he resided. He was  
born**

**October 25, 1953 to the late Major Burton Yates and Etha Pearl Hooper Yates.**

**After Graduating from Springfield High School in 1971 he continued his education at Cumberland School  
of**

**Medical Technology as a Medical Lab Technician. He then went on to pursue a medical career at Meharry  
Medical**

**Center in Nashville, TN.**

**Johnny was preceded in death by a sister, Sandra Yates Walk, and two brothers, James Yates and  
Bobby**

**Yates, all of Detroit, Michigan.**

**He leave to cherish his memory his three daughters Shana (William ) Bell of Fayetteville, NC, Tiffany  
(Calvin) Flemming of Newport Richey, FL, and Jondria Shrum of Springfield, TN. Two brothers, William  
Yates**

**(Rosie) and Melvin Yates and a sister Beverly Merkenson (Kevin) all of Springfield, TN. Eight  
grandchildren,**

**Dakkari, Zykier, And Xzavien Pitts-Groce of Fayetteville, NC, Lincoln and Kennedi Flemming of Newport  
Richey, FL, Ja'Maria, Rhianna, Bryan Jr. Shrum of Springfield, TN. A host of nieces and nephews and  
other**

**family and friends. He will be loved and missed by all.**