



Mrs. Claudia Denise Yates

August 28, 1949 - October 15, 2023

In Loving Memory Of

Claudia Denise Yates was born August 28, 1949, in Detroit, Michigan, the eldest of five children born to the union of Claude and Lula Mae Crawley. She received her education in the Detroit Public School System, graduating in 1967 from Southwestern High School. She accepted Christ at an early age and united with the Pine Grove Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Brown. In recent years, she fellowshipped and joined with New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Wayne, MI under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Virgil Humes. Throughout her spiritual walk she served in the Choir, Usher Board, and Benevolent Board.

For a short period of time, she was married to Charles Green Tolliver. From this union she was blessed to have one daughter, Deirdre Michele Tolliver; and direct descendants, granddaughter, Jasmine; and great-grandson, Chance.

She started her career at the United States Postal Service for a few years before moving on to the Social Security Administration where she eventually became a District Manager. After 36 years of employment, she retired from service.

While working at the Social Security Administration, she met and married her soulmate, Anthony "Doc Holiday" Yates. They brought their blended family together and were married for over thirty-six years. They loved traveling, riding motorcycles and time with their children and loved ones.

Claudia's mission in life was being a mentor to others and working in the community. Her passions were traveling, dancing, attending concerts, and spending time with her family, especially her little great-grandson, "Mister Chance". Those who met her were attracted by her wonderful smile, jolly laugh, personal demeanor, and humor.

On February 11, 2011, Claudia joined Leah Chapter No. 43, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated. She held the position of Worthy Matron from 2016 - 2017. Additionally, she joined Al Ashraf Court No. 106 on June 9, 2012. During this time, she held the position of Illustrious Commandress in the years 2015, 2016, and 2018. She was later appointed Imperial Deputy for Oasis in 2020. She joined the Order of the Golden Circle Faith Assembly No. 63 on September 14, 2013, where she served as the Loyal Lady Ruler from 2021-2022.

On Sunday, October 15, 2023, Claudia made her transition from this world to her heavenly home.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three of her siblings along with her husband, Anthony "Doc Holiday" Yates.

She leaves to cherish her memory and mourn her passing: her children - best friend and daughter - Deirdre Tolliver; daughters: Antoinette (Kevin) Pough, Alison (Curtis) Yates-Bryant, Tarina (Jay) Williams, and Sonnia Thomas; son: Anthony Yates II; grandchildren: dearly loved granddaughter, Jasmine, whom she affectionately called "Jazz"; Roy, Tamia, Michael, Ryan, Frank III, Alexandria, Alyssa, Ashley, Josh, and Gabrielle; great-grandchildren: Chance "Professor", Naomi, and Kayla; one brother: Derwin Crawley; one aunt: the matriarch of the family, Vera Owens; one brother-in-law: Jerry Rimmer; two nieces: Char'ly and Fenesia; goddaughter: Lauren Murphy; her ride or die bestie: Brenda Jackson-Cook; longtime bestie: Jackie Samuels; and a host of other family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens

17840 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, MI 48152

Previous Events

Visitation

Thursday, Oct. **26**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour / Visitation

Friday, Oct. **27**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Wayne
33640 Michigan Ave.
Wayne, MI 48184

Celebration of Life

Friday, Oct. **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Love to all, Mom & Dad (Bowers) purchased the Cherished Memories for the family of Mrs. Claudia Denise Yates.



Love to all, Mom & Dad (Bowers) - October 25, 2023 at 07:25 PM



“ Love to all, Mom & Dad (Bowers) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Claudia Denise Yates.

Love to all, Mom & Dad (Bowers) - October 25, 2023 at 07:25 PM



“ Deiradre, keeping you and your family lifted up in prayer 🙏



Ms. Trina - October 23, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Claudia Denise Yates.



October 23, 2023 at 03:04 PM

GF

“ Greg, Vivian & Family purchased the *A Full Life* for the family of Mrs. Claudia Denise Yates.



Greg, Vivian & Family - October 23, 2023 at 02:46 PM

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Greg, Vivian & Family - October 23, 2023 at 02:46 PM

VB

“ We're thinking of you with deepest sympathy; hoping the memories you hold dear will bring you comfort and peace. Prayers, Love and Blessings, *The Cowan Family*

Vivian Denise Bowers - October 23, 2023 at 02:38 PM

SA

“ Sis. Michelle Ali lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Claudia Denise Yates



Sis. Michelle Ali - October 19, 2023 at 10:25 PM

TL

“ Terry Loude lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Claudia Denise Yates



Terry Loude - October 19, 2023 at 05:00 PM

BM

“ Barbara motley lit a candle in memory of
Claudia Yates



Barbara motley - October 18, 2023 at 09:22 PM