



Mrs. Mary Alice Bates

March 19, 1927 - March 14, 2017

Celebrating The Life Of Mary Alice Bates:

As a Mother she set the stage, developing a family during a time that women were not required to lead. The world expected women to be seen yet not heard. Mary's shadow was cast long on her family and those who came in contact with her.

Mary Alice Junior Bates was born 1927 in Fordyce, Arkansas, Mother Gertrude Adair and Father Mack Henry Junior. Mary accepted Christ at an early age.

Mary was the eldest of eight children, Myrtle (deceased), Willie (deceased), Nellie Jean (deceased), Jessie Lee (deceased), Harry (deceased), Ernestine Lawrence and husband Artis, and Mack Henry Junior.

Mary attended college for two years at Arkansas State, Pine Bluff Arkansas. During the summers, she would stay with her Aunt in San Francisco, California where she worked in a cannery.

Ultimately she moved to St. Louis, MO, where she met the love of her life, Robert L. Bates (deceased 2010) and were married for 63 years.

Their marriage produced two children, Donald Bates Sr. and wife Faye, Brenda Eldridge and husband Harry.

Mary has two grandson Donald Bates Jr., and Sean Bates and four great-granddaughters Jasmin, Ebony, Carmen and Taylor, and many cousins and friends.

Mary love to read the daily newspapers and would follow the news, CNN throughout the day. Hence she was a avid follower of the political arena, in addition she was a sports enthusiast of baseball, basketball, and football. She loved family gatherings and cooking for those events.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road
Redford Twp., MI 48239

Previous Events

Family Hour

Wednesday, Mar. **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hope United Methodist Church
26275 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Alice Bates*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Yolanda Teamer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Alice Bates*



Yolanda Teamer - March 23, 2017 at 03:09 PM



“ *Yolanda Teamer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Alice Bates*



Yolanda Teamer - March 23, 2017 at 03:09 PM



“ *Larry N. Teamer, and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Mary Alice Bates.*



Larry N. Teamer, and Family - March 21, 2017 at 01:43 AM

LT

“ *Larry N. Teamer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Alice Bates*



Larry N. Teamer - March 21, 2017 at 12:22 AM

LT

Rest in Peace Mrs. Bates. You will be missed.

Larry N. Teamer - March 21, 2017 at 12:25 AM



“ *Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Alice Bates.*



March 20, 2017 at 11:29 PM

W'

“ *Walter E. Teamer III "Buggy" purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary Alice Bates.*



Walter E. Teamer III "Buggy" - March 20, 2017 at 08:30 PM

WI

“ Walter E. Teamer III lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Alice Bates



Walter E. Teamer III - March 20, 2017 at 07:09 PM

WI

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Walter E. Teamer III - March 20, 2017 at 07:02 PM

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Walter E. Teamer III - March 20, 2017 at 06:29 PM

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Mary Jane was a penny candy Mrs. Bates gave us all the time too!

Walter E. Teamer III - March 21, 2017 at 02:43 PM

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“ *Walter E. Teamer III "Buggy" purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Mrs. Mary Alice Bates.*



Walter E. Teamer III "Buggy" - March 19, 2017 at 10:18 PM

ML

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort embrace you with peace and hope during this difficult time as we all look forward to the time when even death will be no more...Rev 21:4. You have my deepest sympathy.*

Ms Laverne - March 18, 2017 at 07:39 AM