



Ms. Bettie Jean Yates

May 26, 1940 - December 16, 2022

Bettie Jean "Hockaday" Yates fell into eternal rest after a bout of illness, on December 16, 2022. She was born on May 26, 1940, in North Carolina. In addition to her parents, Bettie was preceded in death by her husband, Geroge W. Yates Sr., two sons, Geroge W. Yates (Bye) Jr, and Emmanuel T. Yates, two daughters, Dorothy Yates-Johnson and Kozzette Yates, and a sister Annie Higgs.

Bettie moved to Newport News, Virginia at an early age and worked at the Hampton Yacht Club for 45 years as a cook. She enjoyed spending time with her family, cooking, and gardening. As well as a fashionista, she also was an avid traveler. She had a big heart and there was never anyone she met that she felt to be a stranger to her. Her memory will instill in us her "Love for All" and we may share in it.

She is survived by two sons, Izah Jerome Yates (Debbie) and Vincent B. Yates; two daughters, Jacqueline Yates- Robinson (Clinton) and Debra D. Yates and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

2700 Parish Ave
Newport News, VA 23607

Previous Events

Yates Public Viewing

DEC 29. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Restoration & Faith Kingdom Builders
2114 Wickham Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Yates Celebration Service

DEC 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Bettie Jean Yates*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - December 28, 2022 at 09:20 AM

AC

“ *Seems like yesterday we were laughing, you're giving me advice, and you making the best Banana Pudding I've ever eaten. I miss you my friend. RIP*



Annette Crawley - March 25, 2023 at 09:11 AM

MB

“ *My deepest condolences to the Yates family and friends. Ms Bettie will be missed. She always called me "Baby". My dad's nickname for her was "BY".*

mb - December 28, 2022 at 09:11 PM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - December 28, 2022 at 09:10 AM

MT

“ BETTIE, REST IN PARADISE MY FRIEND. YOU WILL BE MISSED BY SO MANY PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY ME. WE HAD GOOD CONVERSATIONS AND VISITS. WE HAD GOOD FELLOWSHIPING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. YOU ALWAYS MADE THE GATHERING SPECIAL WITH YOUR GOOD FOOD AND YOUR WORLD FAMOUS BANANA PUDDEN. TAKE YOUR REST. I KNOW YOU RECEIVED YOUR ANGEL WINGS 🙏 ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH. GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY.

Millie Taylor - December 27, 2022 at 11:35 AM

MT

“ Millie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Bettie Yates



Millie Taylor - December 27, 2022 at 09:58 AM

GL

“ *Your beautiful spirit will be missed.*

G'Nell Langford - December 24, 2022 at 07:19 PM

AC

“ *Take flight beautiful Angel. I'll miss you dearly.*



Annette Crow - December 22, 2022 at 12:29 PM

RO

“ *Prayers to the family. She will be sorely missed.*



Robin - December 22, 2022 at 12:27 PM

PL

“ *plump lit a candle in memory of Bettie Yates*



plump - December 21, 2022 at 08:35 PM

PM

“ My condolences to Jerome, Debra and Vincent. Ms. Betty you will be missed. You fought a mighty fight with pride and tenacity. You planted a lot of seeds and I am a product of one of those seeds. I thank you for the talks, encouragement, support. Most of all your love, kindness and strength that you showed. You demanded respect and respect was given back to you, even when you weren't at your best. Now you can rest in God I love you mother Betty.

Patricia Matthews - December 20, 2022 at 06:22 PM

PL

Here's your crown 👑 Rest on Ms.Betty Rest on .

Plump - December 21, 2022 at 11:10 AM

SS

My Deepest Condolences, Prayers to DeeDee, Jerome, Vincent Ms Yates will Always be Remembered for Her kindness Spirit (REST) Gone But Never forgotten 🌺🌺🌺🌺🌺🌺

Shirley swilling - December 26, 2022 at 04:26 PM

PF

“ PM & MRS CHARLES G. TURNER, SR & FAMILY purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Ms. Bettie Jean Yates.



PM & MRS CHARLES G. TURNER, SR & FAMILY - December 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

MS

“ *My condolences to the Yates family. Ms. Bettie was a wonderful, beautiful, and fun lady to be in the presence of. She loved and cherished all her children, and deeply cared for her children's friends as if she was solely responsible for them while in her presence. She would always invite you into her home, feed you, and allow you to relax as if you were hers. She would also put you in your place if for some reason you disrespected her or her home. I never had that problem with her, but I enjoyed watching her put any disrespectful youngster in their place, she would always put some type of humor spin on it when she did.*

Ms. Bettie had some of the most beautiful Buick Electra 225's I've ever seen and rode in. She's a senior Lady that will be deeply missed and remembered.



RIP Ms. Bettie Jean

Fr: Michael F. O'Garro Sr.

Michael F. O'Garro Sr. - December 20, 2022 at 11:34 AM

CW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Carolyn Winters - December 20, 2022 at 09:42 AM

CW

“ *Condolences and prayers for the family. I will certainly remember my cousin fondly as her calls always began with "Hey Baby". She was loving and kept the family connected. Missing her already...Carolyn Winters*

Carolyn Winters - December 19, 2022 at 06:16 PM

MS

“ TO JEROME YATES AND FAMILY

WE WERE SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR MOTHER'S PASSING. SINCE LEARNING OF HER TRANSITION WE HAVE REMINENCED ABOUT THE MANY PHONE CALLS WE SHARED WITH HER. IT IS THROUGH THESE CONVERSATIONS THAT SHE SHARED A LOT OF WISDOM, AND HER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD.

SHE ALSO SHARED A LOT OF MOTHERLY ADVICE WHICH WAS ALWAYS WELCOMED. TAKE SOLACE IN KNOWING THAT SHE LOVED YOU AND WAS APPRECIATIVE FOR ALL YOU DID FOR HER. REMEMBER TO THANK GOD FOR HER LONGEVITY, AND ASK GOD TO GIVE YOU THE STRENGTH TO MOVE FORWARD.

JUST KNOW THAT SHE IS IN A BETTER PLACE. NO MORE SUFFERING AND PAIN. THIS IS GOD'S WILL AND WE ALL HAVE TO COMPLY.

MAY GOD BLESS AND COMFORT YOU

YOUR OTHER FAMILY IN COLORADO

CHARLES, DEBORAH, MICHELE, CHUCKIE, DEVON

MR. & MRS. CHARLES G. TURNER SR - December 17, 2022 at 03:13 PM

BB

Sending our love and condolences to the family. We enjoyed her last visit to the house this summer. She was such a beautiful lady and we enjoyed the time we spent talking. We are praying for the family. May God comfort each of you.

Billy & Jona Brooks - December 21, 2022 at 04:42 PM

GR

“ *My condolences to the Yates family during this difficult time. May God continue to be with you with knowing your Angel has arrived in the Kingdom of God and suffers no more.*



Garrett L. Robinson - December 17, 2022 at 04:55 AM

JH

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to the family of Ms. Bettie Yates from Joanne Hodges & family*

Joanne Hodges - December 16, 2022 at 07:25 PM