



Martha Bratton Bates

October 21, 1931 - August 22, 2022

Martha Bratton Bates was born in Shady Grove on October 21, 1931, to the late George Erwin and Audrey Baker Bratton and departed this earthly home on August 22, 2022, at the age of 90.

In addition to her parents she is also preceded in death by her husband Leo Bates, brothers Rod, Don, McEwen and William Bratton.

Survivors include her son David and wife Debbie Bates, daughter Barbara Blanton, her grandchildren Michael (Lindsey) Bates, Stephanie (Trever) Rietveld, Matthew (Shauna) Blanton, and Audrey(Colton) Banks, great-grandchildren Wyatt and Whitley Bates, Baker, Hayes, and Scout Rietveld, Zac and Ian Blanton, Aiden Clemmons, and Will Banks, along with many other relatives and friends.

Miss Martha as she was known by many along with her husband Leo owned and operated Bates Garage for many years. She was a member of the West 7th Church of Christ for many years, after the death of Leo, she was a member of the Shady Grove Church of Christ.

If you wish to make a memorial Donation in Martha's memory please do so to Doyle Bowen Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens

2833 Highway 100 E
Centerville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Funeral Service

AUG **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RG

“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates



Ronald Gammons - August 29, 2022 at 06:21 AM

MC

“ Maelynn Campbell sent a virtual gift in memory of Martha Bratton Bates



Maelynn Campbell - August 28, 2022 at 10:04 PM

RK

“ Miss Martha was the most beautiful and wonderful lady I have ever had the pleasure to know. My prayers go out to all her family.

Ricky King - August 27, 2022 at 01:54 PM

RM

“ Roy & Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates



Roy & Sharon McCoy - August 25, 2022 at 04:08 PM

JE

“ *David, Debbie, Barbara, Michael and Stephanie,*

What a wonderful Mother and Grandmother you were blessed with!

Miss Martha was such a loving Southern Christian lady. She was friendly and kind to all, and loved her family. You have honored her with your loving care for her during her declining years.

Precious Memories of a life well lived.

*Our Love and Sympathy,
Chug and Johnnie Ruth Elrod*



Johnnie Elrod - August 24, 2022 at 06:50 PM

JH

“ *Joanie Griggs Holtsford lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates*



Joanie Griggs Holtsford - August 24, 2022 at 06:39 PM



“ *Martha was my sister Wilma 's best friend when they were growing up and they maintained that friendship over the years even though Wilma lived in Arizona. She was a pretty, sweet. Southern lady who always made me smile. May God comfort you with your happy memories at a lady who lived her life well.*

Bea Jobe - August 24, 2022 at 05:20 PM

RG

“ So sorry you hear of her passing



Ronald Gatewood - August 24, 2022 at 11:14 AM

RL

“ Randy Lynch sent a virtual gift in memory of Martha Bratton Bates



Randy lynch - August 24, 2022 at 10:34 AM

JT

“ So sorry for your loss Stephanie. I remember when my Dad passed you were one of a very few friends that came. Something I will never forget. Prayers for you and your family.



Jessica Tidwell - August 24, 2022 at 10:29 AM

MT

“ Mark And Tina Truett lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates



Mark and Tina Truett - August 24, 2022 at 06:05 AM

FD

“ *Faye Daniels lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates*



Faye Daniels - August 23, 2022 at 11:41 PM

LG

“ *Linda Sawyer Grives lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates*



Linda Sawyer Grives - August 23, 2022 at 11:27 PM

WS

“ *She was a kind and beautiful lady.*

Wanda Stone - August 23, 2022 at 11:23 PM

LF

“ *Lori Fann lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates*



lori fann - August 23, 2022 at 11:16 PM

SR

“ *Martha was a precious lady. She always had a smile on her face, and sweet hug to share. Prayers for David, Debbie and the rest of the family.*



Sharon Rochelle - August 23, 2022 at 10:42 PM

KF

“ *Kilpatrick Family lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates*



Kilpatrick Family - August 23, 2022 at 09:52 PM

WP

“ *Wayne And Jewell Prince lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates*



Wayne and Jewell Prince - August 23, 2022 at 09:06 PM

SB

“ *Shawna Bowman-Vega lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates*



Shawna Bowman-Vega - August 23, 2022 at 08:43 PM

BM

“ *Ms. Martha was one of the sweetest ladies ever. I grew up loving her.*



Bobby/Sandy McFarlin - August 23, 2022 at 08:22 PM

LD

“ *Martha was a beautiful and special lady! I enjoyed visiting with her when she would visit her grandchildren that lived next door!*



Laura DeLong - August 23, 2022 at 08:11 PM

CS

“ *Charlotte Staggs lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates*



Charlotte Staggs - August 23, 2022 at 08:10 PM

SA

“ *Stacia Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates*



Stacia Atkinson - August 23, 2022 at 07:40 PM

CW

“ *Coleen Williams lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates*



Coleen Williams - August 23, 2022 at 07:21 PM

JB

“ *John Blade lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates*



John Blade - August 23, 2022 at 06:57 PM

JH

“ *To The Family
Very Sorry For Your Loss my Prayers Are
With You
From Your U,P.S Driver James Harlan
Franklin Tenn*



James Harlan - August 23, 2022 at 06:13 PM

KB

“ *Karen Bowen lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates*



Karen Bowen - August 23, 2022 at 06:01 PM

SS

“ *Love and Prayers to all her friends, family and loved ones*



sara Swanson - August 23, 2022 at 05:27 PM

SG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. So many fond memories of Martha and Leo!*



Stanley & Judy Gordon - August 23, 2022 at 04:58 PM

PA

“ *Ms Martha was one of the sweetest ladies ever. Prayers to all the family!*



Phillip, Letitia & Mckenna Allen - August 23, 2022 at 04:53 PM

CB

“ *Carmela Brown lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates*



Carmela Brown - August 23, 2022 at 04:44 PM

LG

“ *Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates*



Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam - August 23, 2022 at 04:35 PM

BI

“ *Brenda Isbell lit a candle in memory of Martha Bratton Bates*



Brenda Isbell - August 23, 2022 at 03:52 PM

TU

“ *Barbara, your mom was always friendly and nice. You and I graduated from HCHS. You have my deepest sympathy.*

Terrie Utley - August 23, 2022 at 03:22 PM

JW

“ *Janet Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Martha Bratton Bates*



Janet Wright - August 23, 2022 at 03:15 PM

MH

“ *She was such a sweet lady 🙏🙏*



Melinda Hickman - August 23, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ *Martha was the sweetest and kindest lady you would ever meet. She will be with Leo again. May God bless her family.*



Joyce Mayberry - August 23, 2022 at 03:00 PM