



Ms. Barbara Ann Bates

September 13, 1952 - August 9, 2022

Mrs. Barbara Bates transitioned on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at the age of 69 years. She was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi on September 13, 1952 to Robert Boles and Sara Washington.

The family later moved to Saginaw, Michigan where she attended schools and resided until her untimely death. In 1984 she met and married the love of her life, Allan Bates.

Barbara worked at several General Motors Plants before she retired. Decorating was her passion and she also loved cooking. She was the Kool-Aid Queen. Barbara was known for making the best Kool-Aid in the world. She was not only the matriarch of her family; she was known as Big Momma, Momma, Granny, Nana, Grand Ma, Auntie, The Queen and many other sweet names. Barbara was also known by her famous quote to her family and friend, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste" with a laugh.

Mrs. Barbara Ann Bates leaves to cherish many memories: one daughter, Devia Boles; two sons, Derrick and Dedrick Boles, all of Saginaw, MI; grandchildren, Brittany Boles, Savannah Price, Monique Boles, MyKail Williams and Latreze Mushatt, all of Saginaw, MI, Shanika Barnett, Channon Minor, Ciaunni (Michael) Langston, Bre Asia Aguilar, Nasir and Amonce Jimenez and Ariel Williams; great-grandchildren, Elisha and Elias Tillman,

Bryce Langston and Kenadi Williams; sisters, Yvonne Ryan, Diane Boles, Columbus, OH, Shirley Hughes of Saginaw, MI, Sabrina Satchell and Judy Finch; brothers, Steven, Anthony and Robert Boles, all of Saginaw, MI and Cornelius Berry, Columbus, OH; god-daughter, "Shay Shay" and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Bates was preceded in death by her husband, Allan Bates; parents, Robert Boles and Sara Berry; three brothers, Horace Washington, Sr., James and Raymond Berry.

Hats off to all of her children who were really and truly there for their mom and grandma. You've all set great examples for the young people of B.V, also a special thanks to Ricky Garza and Sherenia Parks.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m., Friday, August 19, 2022 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607. Pastor Eugene Burton will officiate with interment in Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI 48442. Visitation 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Browne's Mortuary - August 19, 2022 at 10:37 AM

B'

Sending Prayers

Baker Family 's - August 19, 2022 at 10:54 AM

DR

“ *Debbie Rogers lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Debbie Rogers - August 29, 2022 at 04:41 AM

AH

“ *Alice Hunt lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Alice Hunt - August 26, 2022 at 08:48 AM

MK

“ *Monica L Kellum lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Monica L Kellum - August 24, 2022 at 12:32 PM

MG

“ *Sending my Deepest sympathy 🙏*



Mary J Gage - August 22, 2022 at 10:26 PM

MH

“ *To the Ms.Barbara Ann Bates Family,I send my sincere sorrow.I'm sorry I missed you.It's been so long.I think about how nice you were.Back to the neighborhood.You and Alan will always be thought of and cherished.May your Family find peace.Your friend Milt from the old neighborhood.*

Milton Hollins - August 22, 2022 at 05:24 PM

JB

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Boles & Bates family. You are in my prayers Dee-Dee along with your children and grandchildren and your brothers and their families. May your beautiful Mother Big Momma Rest In Peace.*



Jackie Bruce - August 19, 2022 at 10:37 AM

JB

“ Jackie Bruce sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



Jackie Bruce - August 19, 2022 at 10:33 AM

PS

“ Patricia Steward lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



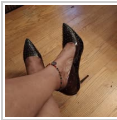
Patricia Steward - August 19, 2022 at 08:58 AM

MF

“ SENDING PRAYERS of STRENGTH and UNDERSTANDING ALL the WAY from GEORGIA 🙏💪💖 BIG MA is LOVED and will SURELY B MISSED 💜😭💜



MICHELLE FLOWERS-FINNEY - August 19, 2022 at 12:58 AM



I'm Geraldine Keys the youngest sister of Barbara's, dad Robert Boles. I live in Ft. Washington, Md. to her children and grands I love you all. Barbara and I share the same birthday.

Gerri Keys - August 19, 2022 at 12:47 PM

MS

“ Sending my love and prayers out the Bates and BOLES family. I will always Remember u Barb we are the BV moms , Sorry I can't be there for ur homecoming but believe I'm will be there in sprit from this hospital bed Continue RIH Love like u always said love u for life 🌸❤️💙



Marilyn Simmons - August 19, 2022 at 12:45 AM

VB

“ Velissa Batts lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



Velissa Batts - August 18, 2022 at 10:37 PM

DD

“ Doris Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



Doris Davis - August 18, 2022 at 08:37 PM

MW

“ MARIE WASHINGTON sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



MARIE WASHINGTON - August 18, 2022 at 05:50 PM

DS

“ To the family, Barbara Bates was a beautiful Soul on this earth. I count it an honor and privilege to have known her. I pray your grief be short and your joy much longer with beautiful memories of your beloved Barbara. Sincerely Donna Shipman and Brewer family 📿🙏❤️



Donna Shipman - August 18, 2022 at 04:00 PM

BH

“ Bri Hair Hats sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



Bri Hair Hats - August 18, 2022 at 12:54 PM

CG

“ The Goodman and Martin family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Bates.



Catherine Goodman - August 18, 2022 at 10:19 AM

SC

“ Silva Casey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



Silva Casey - August 18, 2022 at 10:04 AM

BR

“ *Brenda Ryan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Brenda Ryan - August 18, 2022 at 12:07 AM

BL

“ *I love you for being you! You always welcome me with love ❤️
REST IN HEAVEN..GOD HAVE OPEN "HIS" DOOR FOR A
BEAUTIFUL ANGEL! MAY GOD KEEP HIS LOVING ARMS
AROUND YOUR LOVE ONE'S! MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES*

Bertha Love - August 17, 2022 at 07:11 PM

SB

“ *Sheverna Burt lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Sheverna Burt - August 17, 2022 at 06:23 PM

KW

“ *Katherine West sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Katherine West - August 17, 2022 at 05:11 PM

MO

“ *Madeleine Ellen Oneal lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Madeleine Ellen Oneal - August 17, 2022 at 04:30 PM

RF

“ *Sending love and condolences to the family of Barbara Bates!*

Reid/Pittman Family - August 17, 2022 at 10:10 AM

RF

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the abates family.*

Reid/Pittnan family - August 17, 2022 at 10:08 AM

LR

“ *One and nicest person I have ever met you will truly be missed. Always there for everyone had a heart so big we going to miss you and love you but God loves you more. Rest in paradise my sister.*



Lloyd and Carolyn Riley - August 17, 2022 at 08:29 AM

RB

“ *Rosette Blakes sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Rosette Blakes - August 17, 2022 at 07:05 AM

AR

“ *Asia And KeMya Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Asia and KeMya Robinson - August 16, 2022 at 10:20 PM

DS

“ *Daniell Slade sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Daniell Slade - August 16, 2022 at 10:17 PM

EL

“ *Edith, Daniell, Latrice lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Edith, Daniell, Latrice - August 16, 2022 at 10:15 PM

EF

“ *Edith, Daniell, Latrice And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Edith, Daniell, Latrice and family - August 16, 2022 at 10:14 PM

CT

“ My condolence goes out to my family. We all loved Aunt Barbara Ann. She was a very sweet and given woman. The talks you shared with Aunt Barbara Ann could get deep, because she is going to tell you the truth, rather you like it or not. That was one thing I loved about her. I talked to her about 2 weeks ago on the telephone, we had a very good conversation. She was glad to hear from me, as I was glad to talk to her. I didn't know that was the last time, I would hear her voice, but one thing we said to each other was “I Love You.” I will always remember that last talk. My heart hurts for my family especially, Boo, Dee Dee, Derek, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren and family. The lord knew how much she was loved, but he loved her more. Everyone have faith, stay strong, comfort one another and pray, because the lord has gain a very powerful “Angel,” her achievements here on earth are done. But, always remember what Big Mama told you and taught you, because she loved you all. One of her jobs here on earth was keeping her family together and that what she did. That's how she got the name, “Big Mama.” I will keep all of you in my prayers, God bless and comfort you all.



Christy and Timothy - August 16, 2022 at 10:09 PM

BW

“ Bo Woods-Miller sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



Bo Woods-Miller - August 16, 2022 at 09:04 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss*



Vera Clark - August 16, 2022 at 09:02 PM



“ *The Clark Family*



Vera Clark - August 16, 2022 at 09:00 PM



“ *Mrs.margaret Stuckett sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Mrs.margaret stuckett - August 16, 2022 at 07:16 PM



“ *Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Larry Martin - August 16, 2022 at 07:00 PM

TM

“ *Tanya Myles-Wilson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Tanya Myles-Wilson - August 16, 2022 at 04:27 PM

SR

“ *I love her & Red y'all can rest together now*



shirlon Roberson - August 16, 2022 at 03:52 PM

MB

“ *Michelle Baker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Michelle Baker - August 16, 2022 at 03:35 PM

SH

“ *Rest Peacefully Auntie, You will forever be missed.*



Sharmere - August 16, 2022 at 09:00 AM

TW

“ *Torrie Watley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Torrie Watley - August 16, 2022 at 02:29 AM



“ *Phyllis Thorne sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Phyllis Thorne - August 15, 2022 at 10:00 PM

JT

“ *Ja'Von Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Ja'Von Thomas - August 15, 2022 at 09:07 PM

SN

“ *Sharon Nash lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Sharon Nash - August 15, 2022 at 08:08 PM

BK

“ *Barbara Kemp-Lauria lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Barbara Kemp-Lauria - August 15, 2022 at 01:44 PM

VB

“ *Velissa Batts lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Velissa Batts - August 15, 2022 at 11:52 AM

FI

“ *Love you Aunti*



Fierra - August 15, 2022 at 11:09 AM

CF

“ *Charles A. Sledge & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Charles A. Sledge & Family - August 15, 2022 at 10:37 AM

LB

“ Larry & Marilyn (Burns) Bowman lit a candle
in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



Larry & Marilyn (Burns) Bowman - August 15, 2022 at 10:09 AM

WH

“ Walter/Dorothy Harris sent a virtual gift in
memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



Walter/Dorothy Harris - August 15, 2022 at 10:01 AM

SH

“ Sharnise lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Barbara Ann Bates



Sharnise - August 15, 2022 at 06:16 AM

SH

“ Sharnise lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Barbara Ann Bates



Sharnise - August 15, 2022 at 06:14 AM

PR

“ From the first day I met you Ms Barb. You was on of the nicest mother figure a person can get to no. Warm heart beautiful smile and I love your short hair cuts. I'm gonna miss you Ms Barb. RIH.



PRich - August 15, 2022 at 04:30 AM

CH

“ Charles/Mary Helton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



Charles/Mary Helton - August 14, 2022 at 07:26 PM

ES

“ Ethel Nadiyah Shaheed lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



Ethel Nadiyah Shaheed - August 13, 2022 at 03:49 PM

MM

“ I met Mrs. Bates as a teen, known as “Big Ma”. One of the sweetest kind person(s) I've met. My deepest sympathy to the family.



Miranda Macon - August 13, 2022 at 12:31 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates.



August 13, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ *Ida Hill lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



ida Hill - August 13, 2022 at 11:18 AM



“ *Met Mrs.Bates when I was younger, known as “Big Ma”. Ones of the most sweet kind person(s) I know. My Deepest sympathy to the family* 🌸



Miranda Macon - August 13, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ *P Rich sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



P Rich - August 13, 2022 at 05:03 AM

CW

“ I remember Sis. Bates from Messiah Baptist Church when I was a kid. She always had something positive to say to me. I appreciated her. God bless her family and friends



Courtney S. Wrenn - August 12, 2022 at 09:46 PM

SM

“ Rest in Love, Auntie



Shayla Miller - August 12, 2022 at 09:24 PM

DT

May the God peace be with the family. Diane Torrence

Diane Torrence - August 15, 2022 at 09:17 PM

BB

“ Bridget Baber lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



Bridget Baber - August 12, 2022 at 08:42 PM

SC

“ *Silva Casey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Silva Casey - August 12, 2022 at 06:46 PM

BL

“ *Bertha Love lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



bertha love - August 12, 2022 at 04:05 PM

CC

“ *Cheryl Cooper lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Cheryl Cooper - August 12, 2022 at 02:56 PM

ME

“ *Mary E lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Mary E - August 12, 2022 at 12:33 PM

LV

“ *Linda McClain Veasley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Linda McClain Veasley - August 12, 2022 at 12:03 PM

BM

“ *My sister, I'll always remember so many good times, we share working together, traveling, and living together. I will miss you so much. God loves you more. RIP tell we be together again. Love you always Berna Martin*



BERNA MARTIN - August 12, 2022 at 10:41 AM

LW

“ *Lori Faye Wright lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Lori Faye Wright - August 12, 2022 at 10:15 AM

LP

“ *Larry Polk sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Larry Polk - August 12, 2022 at 09:32 AM

EB

“ Evelyn Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



Evelyn Brown - August 11, 2022 at 10:06 PM

JB

“ Jennifer Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



Jennifer Bates - August 11, 2022 at 10:00 PM

BL

“ Barbara Land-Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



Barbara Land-Jones - August 11, 2022 at 09:40 PM

EB

“ Big Ma, One of the strongest woman I've ever known, I am very thankful to have been blessed to be apart of your life me and my kids we will truly miss you. You get your rest lady and tell Big Dad we say hello love you always....🥰🥰 Your EI, as only you called me.... Quay , Micheaiszha.....

Evelyn Brown - August 11, 2022 at 07:51 PM

EB

“ *Big Ma, One of the strongest woman I have ever known,it was a blessing to have you in me and my kids lives. We will truly miss you you get your rest and tell Big Dad we say hello... Love always.....Your El ass only you called me, Quay and Micheaiszha...*

Evelyn Brown - August 11, 2022 at 07:42 PM

CW

“ *Connie Whittington lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Connie Whittington - August 11, 2022 at 06:33 PM

ST

“ *Sheryl Y. Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Sheryl Y. Thomas - August 11, 2022 at 05:53 AM

DP

“ *Dorothy Price-Omar sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Dorothy Price-Omar - August 11, 2022 at 01:43 AM

DP

“ Dorothy Price-Omar lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



Dorothy Price-Omar - August 11, 2022 at 12:32 AM

VR

“ Sending prayers to the family



Veronica Roby - August 10, 2022 at 09:54 PM

DD

“ Doris. Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates



Doris. Davis - August 10, 2022 at 08:35 PM

TM

“ Boo, DeeDee, Derek, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. You ALL have most sincere condolences in the passing of Ms. Barb. It's my prayer that each of you find comfort in knowing she's resting peacefully with our Lord and Savior.



Tara Moten(Niecy) - August 10, 2022 at 07:56 PM

DF

“ *My dearest neighbor you were such a blessing. Just to see your face brighten up my day . I'm going to miss you. Gone but never ever forgotten!!!!*



Deirdra and Charles Ford - August 10, 2022 at 06:08 PM

RC

“ *Rhonda Clark lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Rhonda Clark - August 10, 2022 at 05:35 PM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Walsezetta Bennett - August 10, 2022 at 04:24 PM

PC

“ *Priscilla Craig sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Priscilla Craig - August 10, 2022 at 03:18 PM

LM

“ *Linda Miller lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Linda Miller - August 10, 2022 at 02:22 PM

BW

“ *Sending love, prayers, hugs and condolences to the family, extended family and friends. May God comfort each and everyone! Long time Potter School friend.*



Bernice Williams - August 10, 2022 at 02:07 PM

LK

“ *Wow...I communicated with Barbara Ann regularly on FB. She never mentioned that she was sick. My heart is saddened to learn of her passing but my mind is filled with so many pleasant memories of our childhood. Rest on Cuz. I'll see you " In the morning"!*



Larry Kemp - August 10, 2022 at 12:37 PM

LC

“ *Lloyd And Carolyn lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



lloyd and carolyn - August 09, 2022 at 11:48 PM

LS

“ *Lillie B. Strong & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Bates*



Lillie B. Strong - August 09, 2022 at 10:07 PM

IH

“ *Ida Helton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



ida helton - August 09, 2022 at 07:10 PM

IH

Take your rest my friend/sister you will truly be missed we have being close friends every since the early 70th you have been like an aunt to my son Reggie and I have been like an aunt to your kids I will always be here for them. RIP my friend/sister.

ida helton - August 11, 2022 at 08:21 PM

RA

“ *Barbara always had a smile and a kind word whenever I would see her, I was her daughter's neighbor, my Condolences to her daughter and grandchildren, and the entire family.*



Rhonda&Tommy Atkins - August 09, 2022 at 06:20 PM

MB

“ *Marilyn LaVerne Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Bates*



Marilyn LaVerne Brown - August 09, 2022 at 05:56 PM

CH

“ *SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS..THE CHOYCE FAMILY*



CHOYCES - August 09, 2022 at 05:13 PM