



Mrs. Margerine Bates

January 30, 1941 - August 5, 2015

Our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, “Doll” ascended into heaven to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at the age of 74 after suffering a short illness at St. Mary’s Hospital. Doll was born January 30, 1941 in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, the daughter of the late Paul and Annie Maude House Jones.

She married W. D. Bates in 1957, who preceded her in death in August of 2004. To this union were born six children; Cynthia, Larry, Yolanda, Regina, Reginald and Tony. Doll was very active in church in her early years serving as YPWW, Sunshine Band and Sunday School teacher. She also enjoyed volunteering at Nelle Haley Elementary School and served as the school’s grandmother. Further, she loved people and proved this by visiting the sick and offering encouragement to those who needed it. She enjoyed being with family and making people laugh. “Doll” taught her children to love and look out for each other and to this day they continue to take care of one another. She was grateful for all the Lord had provided for her in life. She fought a good fight and kept the faith and taught her family to do the same.

She leaves to cherish her memory, two sisters; Ruth Jones and Virginia Gray; brother, Paul Jones; sister-in-law (Willie); five children; Cynthia (Gurnie) Doster, Yolanda (Anthony) Sullivan, Regina (Mark) Phillips, all of Houston, TX; two sons; Larry and Tony Bates, both of Saginaw, MI; sixteen grandchildren;

Gurnie, Jucowah, Quran, Tyre, Qua, Kaylim, James, Le-Anthony, Larricia, Larry, Lajuan, Theresa, Tonyea, Tony, Jaquan, and MyAngel; twenty-three great grandchildren; three godchildren; Duane Ryan, Andrea Valentine and Quinn Gaskin; three friends; Mamie Jones, Mary Joiner, and Catherine Davis and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Besides her parents and her husband, Margerine "Doll" Bates was preceded in death by her son, Reginald Bates, two sisters, Lillie Rushing and Servada Avery.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 14, 2015 at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 3309 Bundy Street, Pastor Lafayette Simpson, host pastor. Bishop Zachary Williamson will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (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 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Baptist Church
3309 Bundy Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates



Browne's Mortuary - August 13, 2015 at 02:41 PM

AT

To the Bates family our prayers are with you sorry we are not present with you but your is in our heart we love y'all much

auntie frankie chicken and tweet - August 13, 2015 at 07:20 PM

KB

“ Time passing and I'm still missing you !!!! i love you forever!!!



Keniya Bates - December 17, 2025 at 02:04 PM

KE

“ I love you grandma I think about you everyday it's still hard 6 years later 📍🥺🥺🥺🥺



Keniya - October 11, 2021 at 01:42 PM

KA

“ Kay lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates



Kay - September 17, 2019 at 02:16 AM

KA

“ Kay lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates



Kay - November 02, 2018 at 08:35 PM

KA

“ Love You Grandma Forever With Me 🥰💙💙😘💕

Kay - November 02, 2018 at 08:34 PM

KB

“ Keniya Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates



Keniya Bates - January 25, 2016 at 10:40 AM

KB

“ *I love you granny, Happy Early Birthday*

-Ma Ma

Keniya Bates - January 25, 2016 at 10:39 AM

KB

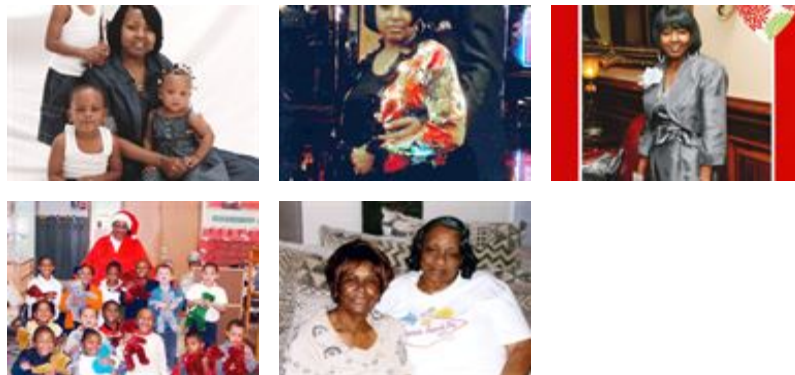
“ *thinking of you every single day. i love you*

- LeeLee

Kalleah Bates - October 23, 2015 at 08:56 AM



“ *41 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Browne's Mortuary - August 27, 2015 at 03:29 PM

CT

“ *Candice Tarver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Candice Tarver - August 14, 2015 at 04:18 PM

CT

My condolences goes out to the entire family. My 🙏??prayers are with you all.

Candice Tarver - August 14, 2015 at 04:22 PM

YB

Trust In The Lord With All Your Heart And Lean Not To Your Own Understanding(Proverbs 3:5)

To My Life Long Friends For Over 45 Plus Years; Louise, Larry, Yolanda, Regina, And Tony. It Was God's Will, Doll was a wonderful and loving individual whom would make you laugh every time you was around her. I'm so sorry that I couldn't come home to be their with you all. However my thoughts and prayers will always and forever be with each and everyone one of you as you go through this difficult time. However I do know what exactly what you're going through and this too shall pass. Doll is gone from our present but not from our heart nor from our spirits. Love You All And God Bless.

Yvette Smith Brazil (Marietta Georgia)

Yvette Smith Brazil - August 16, 2015 at 08:39 PM

CW

“ *For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Romans 14:7-9*

*Louise, Yolanda, Regina & the entire Bates family;
My most heartfelt condolences to you all in the passing of Ms. Doll:
God's comfort and peace.*

Psalm 127:3 – Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD, and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

This passage praises God as the giver of children, describing them as a heritage and reward from on high. How befitting a passage when I think about you all and Ms. Doll.

May God bless and keep you all during this time and always.

*With Love,
Cathy Hazzard-Williams*

Cathy Williams - August 14, 2015 at 04:12 PM

JD

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. margerine Bates. My prayers are with you. Special prayer to Missonary Yolanda Sullivan and family from your District Missionary Jewel Delaney and pastor Rogers Delaney.*

Jewel Delaney - August 14, 2015 at 02:39 PM

MR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate Doll's home going. We will always remember her jokes and smile.

God be will you.

Minnie Riley

Minnie Riley - August 14, 2015 at 10:32 AM

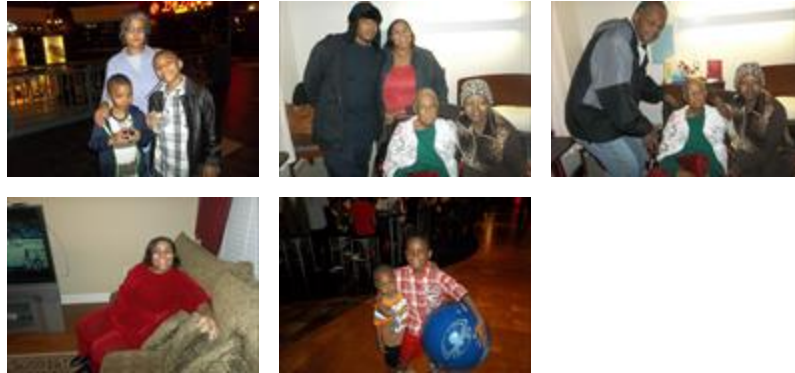
LH

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Latoya Hood - August 13, 2015 at 11:36 PM

LH

“ 19 files added to the album Life Tributes



Latoya Hood - August 13, 2015 at 10:53 PM

EG

“ Our deepest condolences are extended to the entire Bates family and especially to Missionary Yolonda Sullivan (Deacon Anthony Sullivan), Missionary Cynthia Doyster (Minister Doyster), and Sis. Regina Phillips (Deacon Molly Phillips) all of Houston, Texas in the homegoing of your most loving and precious mother, Mrs. Margerine Bates. We were blessed to have met her during her last visit to Houston and found her to be an exceptional jewel. She exemplified the true qualities of a sainted woman which are a meek and quiet spirit. (1 Peter 3:4). Her life has not only touched the life of her family but of all of whom she has interacted. We will miss her but she has transitioned to spend eternity with our Lord and Savior on that celestial shore where all of the saints welcomed her home! May you be forever strengthened to know that we care and have been keeping you before the Lord in prayer!

Forever in our hearts,

Elder & Mrs. Ron Gardner

All Nations Christian Church of God in Christ

2340 Texas Parkway

Missouri City, Texas 77489

Church #281.403.3460

Elder Ron Gardner - August 13, 2015 at 03:27 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Browne's Mortuary - August 13, 2015 at 02:23 PM

YB

Larry

Yvette Smith Brazil - August 16, 2015 at 09:24 PM

FP

“ *Friends and co-workers from Southeast Plaza purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Margerine Bates.*



Friends and co-workers from Southeast Plaza - August 13, 2015 at 09:31 AM

EB

“ *Evang. And Mrs. Cedric Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Evang. and Mrs. Cedric Brown - August 12, 2015 at 09:34 PM

MS

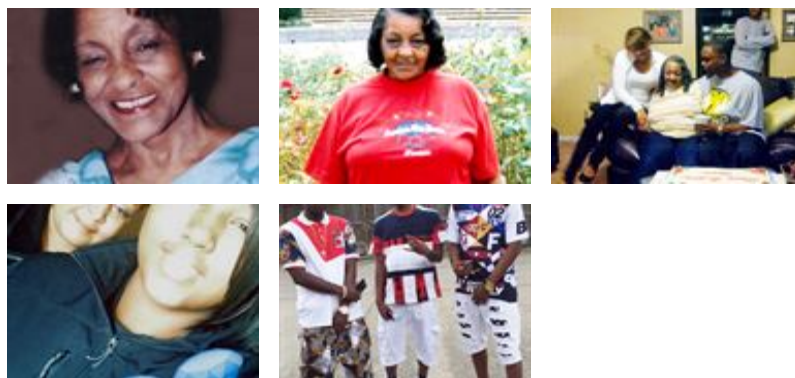
“ Missy' Trevina Shearer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates



Missy' Trevina Shearer - August 12, 2015 at 04:28 PM



“ 61 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - August 12, 2015 at 02:19 PM

TM

“ Deepest Sympathy to all the family I will truly miss Aunt Doll... Love You All... Tracy Morgan-Avery and family.



Tracy Morgan-Avery - August 12, 2015 at 01:21 PM

CT

“ Yolanda, Regina, Louise, my thoughts are prayers are with you during this time. Love, Mark and Christina Taylor

Christina Taylor - August 12, 2015 at 11:33 AM

LC

“ *Ladybug Club lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Ladybug Club - August 12, 2015 at 09:25 AM

LC

with our deepest sympathy

Ladybug Club - August 12, 2015 at 09:28 AM

JR

“ *Yolanda, Regina, Louise, Larry, and Tony my prayers are with you as we all grieve the loss of Doll. Levi and Jewel Range*

jewel range - August 12, 2015 at 06:39 AM

EB

“ *Evang. & Mrs. Cedric Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Evang. & Mrs. Cedric Brown - August 11, 2015 at 05:52 PM

EB

We love you all and you are in our prayers!! God Bless You!

Evang. & Mrs. Cedric Brown - August 11, 2015 at 05:54 PM

HH

“ *Helen Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Helen Hamilton - August 11, 2015 at 05:33 PM

MF

“ *Michelle Blair And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Michelle Blair and Family - August 11, 2015 at 10:36 AM



“ *Our condolences to Bates Family you all are in our Prayers Love Anita (Mark) Morgan and Family*



AnitaAvery Morgan - August 10, 2015 at 02:26 PM

RH

“ *Renee Hawkins- Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Renee Hawkins- Henderson - August 10, 2015 at 01:49 PM

MV

“ *Michelle Valentine lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Michelle Valentine - August 10, 2015 at 12:43 PM

CM

“ *Chris & Cheryl Morris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Chris & Cheryl Morris - August 10, 2015 at 10:28 AM

AL

“ *Almira Litle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Almira Litle - August 09, 2015 at 04:55 PM

TJ

“ *Terry Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Terry Jones - August 09, 2015 at 04:50 PM

SA

“ *My sincere condolences to the family and friends of "Doll" Bates at this very difficult time. Yolanda, even though I am not there in the flesh, know that I'm with you, Regina and Louise in spirit. Love always, Sheila Adams*



Sheila Adams - August 08, 2015 at 03:25 PM

PJ

“ *Miss you sis always. Love you your brother Peanut.*

Paul Jones - August 08, 2015 at 09:46 AM

RC

“ *Ralph&Shirley Culpepper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Ralph&Shirley Culpepper - August 08, 2015 at 09:39 AM

LF

“ *I'm so sorry about the loss of doll....may she REST PEACEFULLY*

Loretta Bailey - Coates & Family - August 07, 2015 at 10:22 PM

LB

“ *Loretta Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



loretta bailey - August 07, 2015 at 10:17 PM

TO

“ *Torrey(Kristy)Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Torrey(Kristy)Robinson - August 06, 2015 at 12:53 PM

TA

“ *Tadric(Janae)Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Tadric(Janae)Robinson - August 06, 2015 at 12:51 PM

TJ

“ *Todd Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Todd Jones - August 06, 2015 at 12:49 PM

DO

“ *Douglass(Suzette)Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Douglass(Suzette)Jones - August 06, 2015 at 12:47 PM

BJ

“ *Bonnie Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Bonnie Jones - August 06, 2015 at 12:45 PM

VA

“ *Vivian Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Vivian Armstrong - August 06, 2015 at 12:44 PM

FJ

“ *Felicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margerine Bates*



Felicia Jones - August 06, 2015 at 12:42 PM

HH

My prayers and thoughts are with you Sister Regina, Missionary Sullivan, Sister Louise and the Bates family as a whole God bless you all, Love Sister Hamilton.

Helen Hamilton - August 11, 2015 at 05:28 PM

LH

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Latoya Hood - August 13, 2015 at 10:44 PM