



Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy

March 26, 1925 - May 10, 2017

Sylvia “Betty” McCurdy passed away on May 10, 2017 at the age of 92 at St. Mary’s hospital in Saginaw, Michigan after a brief illness. She was born on March 26, 1925 in Quantico, Virginia to Robert Lee Bates and Ovella H. Miller Bates. Betty attended school in Prince William County in Virginia and as a young adult moved to Saginaw, Michigan. She married Joe Brothers McCurdy on March 17, 1946. He preceded her in death on April 13, 1992 and they had one child, Janet Louise.

Betty was a member of Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church for 65 years. She had served as a choir member, church clerk, Sabbath school secretary and as Deaconess Society/Community Service Department Hospitality Leader. She was passionate about serving as hospitality leader, preparing and serving delicious meals for her church family and visiting friends. She also took great pleasure in attending summer camp meetings in Cassopolis. Betty also enjoyed traveling back home - to Virginia - to visit family and friends, trips that she and Joe took together and she continued after his death.

She was a faithful member of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). Betty’s friends and family marveled at her stamina and zest for life.

Gentle of heart and kind in spirit, Betty loved her family and friends, and her church. Her smile made you smile; her manner made you behave better around her. She became the family matriarch and blessed the food at family

dinners. She shared her recipes, she shared herself. She was truly loved by many.

Betty is survived by her daughter Janet Louise Miller and stepson James (Frankie) McCurdy of Wesley Chapel, FL; grandchildren, Derek (Deirdre) McCurdy, Darnell (Vanessa) McCurdy, Patria (Brian) Owens, Terrance (Regina) McCurdy, Portia (Steven) Sumner, Atarah (Keith) Robinson, Kalila Fafa, Tori McCurdy Teague, Joe McCurdy III and Ameerah McCurdy; great-grandchildren: Kanada Reed, Demarkius (Jornea) Erwin, Tashara Hunter, Andrea (Jason) Petty, Margaret Amos, Darnell McCurdy Jr., Amber McCurdy, Santrail Wilkins, Finesse Davis, Cierra Farmer, Aramis Davis, Kires Davis, Noble Kavo, James Kavo, Kalani Kavo, Nicholas Owens, Korina (James) McDermott, Sarah McCurdy, Sherah McCurdy, Steven Sumner Jr., Malik Robinson, Aiyana Robinson, Enrico (Julieanne) Pearson, Tevin Pearson, Romanti Pearson, Kahlil Pearson; eight great-great grandchildren; special nieces and nephews, Joyce Williams, Jeffrey Bates, Jacqueline (Thomas) Triplett, Jeraldine Burnell, Julia (Tonza) Price, Jeanetta Bates, John Bates, Jennifer Bates, Robert Bates Jr., Brenda (Bruce) Nolan, Alice Thomas, Roland (Deitre) Thomas Jr., James Thomas, Frederick Thomas and Ovella (Ryan) Bell; other special relatives, Willie Wright Sr., Regina Ryan, Willie Wright Jr., Cynthia Wright, Barbara Jones, Brad and Carlene Bradley, Rosalind Tillman, Larry Lewis, Royal Green, Felix Johnson, Michael Beemon, Jessie and Shari Turner, Preston Mason and Shena Thomas; and a friend since childhood, Reese Williams.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents Robert Lee Bates and Ovella Miller Bates; husband Joe Brothers McCurdy; son-in-law Otis J. Miller; grandchildren Otis J. Miller Jr. and Sheila Miller; stepson Joe McCurdy Jr.; siblings Robert Bates Sr., Annoise Lorraine Bates, Dorothy Thomas and Mary C. Jones; sister-in-law Emma Bates; brothers-in-law James M. Bates Sr., Rolland Thomas Sr. and Frederick Jones; nieces Joan Bates Wright, Jocelyn

Bates Jackson and Clara Orthea Thomas; nephews James M. Bates Jr., James A. Bates, Robert Thomas and John Jones.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017 at Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2115 Wadsworth. Pastor Steve Bramwell, Pastor and Pastor Leon L. George will do the eulogy 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. Family hour will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 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>

Visitation

MAY 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church
2115 Wadsworth Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Browne's Mortuary - May 26, 2017 at 10:46 AM

JE

“ *June Euell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



June Euell - May 21, 2017 at 03:46 AM

RA

“ *Rosie Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Rosie Anderson - May 20, 2017 at 11:53 PM

KF

“ *Kinnard Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Kinnard Family - May 19, 2017 at 12:48 PM

JP

“ *10 files added to the tribute wall*



Julia Price - May 19, 2017 at 09:18 AM

TM

“ *Mrs. Betty McCurdy was a kind and generous women and will be fondly remembered.*



Tedi Morris - May 18, 2017 at 08:38 PM

MB

“ *My condolences to the family of Mrs. McCurdy.*



Mary Bailey-Fifer - May 18, 2017 at 07:24 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy.*



May 18, 2017 at 12:07 PM

DF

“ *Dansby Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Dansby Family - May 18, 2017 at 09:48 AM

AN

“ *Alicia Nelson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Alicia Nelson - May 17, 2017 at 09:36 PM

DW

“ *Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Deborah Williams - May 17, 2017 at 11:42 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy.*



May 17, 2017 at 11:18 AM

JS

“ *Janie Surles-Cork lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Janie Surles-Cork - May 17, 2017 at 08:04 AM

ES

“ *May God bless the family and give you peace. God has blessed Sis. McCurdy and given her a long and full life. May this thought give you comfort.*

Earnestine Shells

Earnestine Shells - May 17, 2017 at 05:36 AM

JW

“ *Joanie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Joanie Williams - May 17, 2017 at 02:22 AM

CS

“ *Cathie Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Cathie Stephens - May 16, 2017 at 05:38 PM

BF

“ *To the entire McCurdy family, it saddens us to hear of the passing of Betty. She was refreshing when you seen her, she always looked like she was on vacation even though we knew she was probably doing something for somebody. She was a good person like that, it always hurts when you lose a loved one and we pray that God would cover you, and give you all comfort in your time of grief. You will all be in our prayers, from Willie and Elaine Houston and the entire Browder family.*



Browder Family - May 16, 2017 at 11:52 AM

NL

“ *Nikki Lewis-Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Nikki Lewis-Anderson - May 16, 2017 at 10:53 AM



“ *Lawrence Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Lawrence Brooks - May 15, 2017 at 08:16 PM



“ *Claudia Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Claudia Thompson - May 15, 2017 at 03:00 PM

JB

“ *James Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



james brown - May 15, 2017 at 09:59 AM

MH

“ *Mary Hannibal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Mary Hannibal - May 15, 2017 at 03:36 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy.*



May 15, 2017 at 12:23 AM

CS

“ *Cathie Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Cathie Stephens - May 14, 2017 at 04:17 PM

HJ

“ *Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr. - May 14, 2017 at 06:40 AM

SW

“ Mrs McCurdy was so sweet she use to call and keep me up on things going on on special days at the church we'd laugh and talk for a few she surely will be missed.my prayers go out for the family so sorry for you alls loss you all were so close.

Shelly Warren - May 13, 2017 at 08:36 PM

IB

“ Ingrid Blackledge lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy



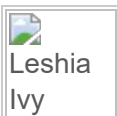
Ingrid Blackledge - May 13, 2017 at 05:48 PM

DM

“ Doris R Morris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy



Doris R Morris - May 13, 2017 at 01:24 PM



Leshia Ivy

My most sincere condolences to you and your family dear cousin. Sending wishes for peace and and love as you go through this most difficult time.
Love you,
Leshia Ivy and family

Leshia Ivy - May 13, 2017 at 06:09 PM

TF

“ *The Moten Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



The Moten Family - May 13, 2017 at 11:28 AM

MF

“ *Morris Family*

Morris family - May 13, 2017 at 07:14 AM

JP

“ *Our family has lost a wonderful person and we will miss her. Aunt Betty was a kind, caring and loyal friend to all who knew her. We were Blessed to have her in our life. Janet, Derek and Darnell my heart goes out to you. God Bless.*



Judie Bates Price - May 13, 2017 at 06:15 AM

BG

“ *Bro. And Sis. Bell's Grandchildren lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Bro. and Sis. Bell's Grandchildren - May 13, 2017 at 01:44 AM

PB

“ Pam Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy



Pam Bryant - May 12, 2017 at 09:17 PM

JH

“ God bless my condolences goes out to my Aunt Janet and family, Grandma was always so kind and loving, never spoke negative in no way what so ever. she definitely will be missed.

Joey Hunt - May 12, 2017 at 06:08 PM

CJ

“ Carolyn Jarrett-Mason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy



Carolyn Jarrett-Mason - May 12, 2017 at 06:01 PM

VH

“ Vanessa Humes-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy



Vanessa Humes-Johnson - May 12, 2017 at 01:26 PM

MF

“ *Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family - May 12, 2017 at 12:27 PM

DC

“ *My deepest condolences to the McCurdy family for their loss. Know that God feels for all in their time of bereavement*

Darlene Casmere - May 12, 2017 at 07:29 AM

AW

“ *Ann Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Ann Wilson - May 12, 2017 at 04:04 AM

DM

“ *Delphine Tillman Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy*



Delphine Tillman Martin - May 12, 2017 at 01:50 AM

DK

“ Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy



Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley - May 11, 2017 at 04:06 PM

JT

“ Aunt Betty was an inspiration to her family and friends. She was truly a phenomenal woman. She provided comfort when needed to family and others - most of all to her sister Lorraine, my mother. We will always carry her in our hearts.

Jacci Bates Triplett - May 11, 2017 at 10:36 AM

GM

“ Gary McClain lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sylvia McCurdy



Gary McClain - May 11, 2017 at 09:02 AM

RB

“ May Sylvia find comfort in God's promise of eternal life. Sylvia had the kindest spirit. She never said no when called upon to help others. She truly was an inspiration to my husband and me. To the family of Sylvia, please know that many caring thoughts are with you during this time of sorrow.



Robert, Shellie Bell - May 11, 2017 at 08:57 AM

SB

Robert and Shellie Bell

Shellie Bell - May 11, 2017 at 08:58 AM

BG

Benito Garcia

"Ms. Sylvia was truly a blessing and was always willing to help as a member of TOPS MI 0843. The same cheerful outlook on life and always at our Tuesday morning weigh-ins."

"Missing You Always"

*You never said I'm leaving
You never said goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why...*

Benito Garcia - May 12, 2017 at 09:47 PM