



## Mrs. Mary Grace Bates

April 7, 2025

Mary Grace Bates was called home to eternal rest on April 7, 2025. She was born July 24, 1951, to Andrew and Ruby Kate Bates, who preceded her in death. She openly confessed her life to Christ at an early age at Goodship Missionary Baptist Church, Millbrook, Alabama. She faithfully served as a loyal and dedicated member until relocating to Birmingham, Alabama, in 2001. Grace later joined Guiding Light Church in Birmingham and was eager to connect and make a positive impact within the organization. She had a welcoming spirit, a commitment to community, and enjoyed connecting with people. Grace was delighted to serve as a Greeter at Guiding Light. Volunteering, attending church events, and growing in faith fulfilled her dedication as an active member. There was a tangible sense of peace and joy in the church that spiritually nourished and uplifted her. Grace worked for the Montgomery Public School System and retired after 20 years of service. After her retirement, she later found work at Birmingham International Airport and with the Jefferson County School System. Grace enjoyed traveling, meeting new people, and the luxury of shopping. Cooking and experimenting with food were her favorite pastimes. Grace truly loved and adored spending time with her family. She enjoyed various genres of music and loved to dance. Family connections provided her with a source of strength, comfort, and precious time well spent with those she loved. She embraced each day fully, spreading joy with her radiant smile. She inspired many people, and her memory will be a blessing.

Grace is deeply loved and will be missed. Her children, Tammi Yvette (David) George and Ryan Perez Crawford, will cherish her memories. Siblings: Delois (Curtis) Crosby, Coosada, AL; Katie Bates, Detroit, MI; Dorothy Young, Millbrook, AL; Lucille Wise, Montgomery, AL; Sarah Wilson, Ventura, CA; Willie Frank (Carolyn) Bates, Millbrook, AL; David Bates, Jacksonville, FL and nine siblings who preceded her in death.

Grandchildren: Keshia McGhee, Millbrook, AL; Ryan Crawford, MaKayla, MeKyliya, and Omarion Hamilton, Montgomery, AL, and three great-grandchildren.

A supportive and dedicated friend, Annie Provitt. Two special and dedicated nieces, Greta Wellman, Detroit, MI, and Kurtisia C. McMeans, Millbrook, AL, and a host of extended loving and supportive nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

## Brookside Memorial Gardens

3360 Brookside Drive  
Millbrook, AL 36054

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Brookside Funeral Home  
3360 Brookside Dr  
Millbrook, AL 36054  
(334) 285-7442  
<http://www.brooksidefuneralhomeal.com>

## Homegoing

APR 18. 11:00 AM.

Faith Full Gospel Batist Church  
Montgomery, AL

## Burial

APR 18 (CT)

Brookside Memorial Gardens  
Millbrook, AL 36054



# Tribute Wall

KD

“ kevin duncan lit a candle in memory of Mary Bates



kevin duncan - April 26, 2025 at 09:53 AM

LE

“ Love, Lon and Kelly Edmonds purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Mary Grace Bates.



Love, Lon and Kelly Edmonds - April 17, 2025 at 09:46 PM

LE

“ Love, Lon and Kelly Edmonds planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Grace Bates.

Love, Lon and Kelly Edmonds - April 17, 2025 at 09:46 PM

JM

“ Jackqueline M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Grace Bates.

Jackqueline M. - April 17, 2025 at 05:48 PM

CD

“ Sorry for your loss. Praying for strength and comfort.

*Billy and Cassandra Davis*

Cassandra Davis - April 16, 2025 at 12:18 PM

DW

“ Daisy Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mary Bates



Daisy Wilson - April 16, 2025 at 11:21 AM

WD

“ Remembering Gracie and our years of loving Friendship!! Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot Heal!! Rest in Paradise! 🙏🏻



WillieMae Duncan - April 15, 2025 at 07:11 PM

BO

“ Bonita Owensby lit a candle in memory of Mary Bates



Bonita Owensby - April 15, 2025 at 11:04 AM

MJ

Sorry for y'all loss, sending prayers and our deepest sympathy.

Mary Ann Jackson - April 15, 2025 at 05:35 PM

SD

“ *Tammi, my condolences to you and your family. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Praying for strength and comfort. Sis Sue Darden*



Sis Sue Darden - April 15, 2025 at 07:54 AM

BN

“ *Brenda Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Mary Bates*



Brenda Nickerson - April 12, 2025 at 09:54 AM

DI

“ *Our condolences and Prayers go out to the Family. May God strengthen and comfort you doing this time. With our deepest sympathy. Wyman and Doris Iverson*



Doris Iverson - April 11, 2025 at 11:51 PM



“ *Our condolences and prayers are with the family. May God strengthen and comfort you all. Emma & Marvin*



Emma Rudolph - April 10, 2025 at 12:43 PM

AK

“ *Auntie Mary Grace will always hold a special place in my heart! Sending love & prayers to our family ! Alphonso & Shareika Kirt*



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**Alphonso Shareika Kirt** - April 08, 2025 at 10:27 PM