



Deaconess Mary Lee Bates

November 8, 1927 - February 2, 2021

Deaconess Mary Lee Bates passed away peacefully on February 2, 2021 at the age of 93. She was born on November 8, 1927 in Southern Pines, North Carolina to Dolly Hancock and Maebell Hancock. She was married to Samuel Bates of Stamford, Connecticut. Deaconess Bates was a domestic worker for many years throughout Stamford. She devoted much of her time and energy as a caregiver and nurturer to family members and friends. Her memory will be treasured by her husband of sixty-three years Deacon Samuel Bates, one sister; Aileen Perdue, five grandchildren; Cassandra Smith Gathers (Jerome), Thereasa Chambers, John Smith, Jr. (Jeannine), Larry Hill and Lisa Smith, five great grandchildren; Christian Chambers, Amanda Chambers, Shamyia Valentine, Michael Gathers, Malik Gathers a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Deaconess Mary Bates is predeceased by her son; John E. Smith and her brother James Hancock. Visitation will be held on Saturday February 6, 2021 from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM followed by a service of celebration at 5:00 PM at Graves Medley Funeral Services, 31 Stillwater Ave. Stamford, CT. with Rev. Dr. Joseph Ford officiating. Interment will be private.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Graves Medley Funeral Services
31 Stillwater Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902
(203) 323-2666

Service

FEB 6. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Deepest Sympathy to the family of Deaconess Mary Bates. May God supply you with comfort & peace.*
My lovely friend and someone that shared her motherly love with me. She was kind to me and treated me like a daughter. I will forever remember her kindness and compassion. Her caring personality will truly be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her. Mother Mary Bates loving and warm energy was contagious. My family loved her so much. I will miss her dearly. Especially when she calls me and I'm not available. The message she leaves saying. "You old Street Runner" Gone but never forgotten, there's space within me where her memories will live forever. I love you! 🥰🥰🥰



Marvin & Patricia Jones Bethea

Marvin & Patricia Jones Bethea - February 06, 2021 at 08:57 AM

MH

“ *My condolences to the Bates family. Deacon samuel and Mary Bates I have known every since I came to Stamford. Mrs. Bates were a beautiful person.*

Minnie Henderson - February 06, 2021 at 07:38 AM

SC

“ *A wonderful woman of God. She loved her United Choir and it was a privilege to be around her. She would have something positive to say or some good advice for people she loved. She will truly be missed by all!*

R.I.P. Deaconess Bates

Sheena Carpenter - February 05, 2021 at 09:26 PM

RS

“ *Momma Bates...*

*You fought a good fight and not only kept the faith for yourself but for your family and all of those who surrounded you..you have been a steadfast disciple of Christ and took care of of the least of them..although God lent you to us for 93 years, we just did not want to let you go..Sleep until Christ comes back again..tell my mommy that I said I will see her just like I will see you in the morning time!
Love you for eternity, one if your children
Rev. Dr. Dawn Cherri Snell*

Rev Dr Dawn C Snell - February 05, 2021 at 08:08 PM

LP

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Loretta Peterson - February 05, 2021 at 03:33 PM

LP

“ *Loretta Peterson lit a candle in memory of
Deaconess Mary Lee Bates*



Loretta Peterson - February 05, 2021 at 03:23 PM

LP

Love and Peace to your family. My family loves and so much appreciated Mrs. Bates love and kindness to our late parents (Deacon & Deaconess Robert and Annie Thomas. God Bless and keep you all.

Loretta Peterson - February 05, 2021 at 03:29 PM

WD

“ *Our prayers and thought are with you and your family during this difficult time. May the comfort of God help you during this time of need*

William and Elaine DuPree - February 05, 2021 at 03:14 PM

SH

To The Bates Family

Asking God to surround you with his perfect peace and comfort during this very difficult times. I will always cherish the memories of my friend.

Sarah Herring

Sarah P Herring - February 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RD

Our prayers and thoughts are with the family of Deaconess

Bates. Deaconess Bates was such a sweet and beautiful lady, I'll miss her smile and her kindness.

Roberta Davis and Nicole Cobb

Roberta Davis - February 06, 2021 at 02:21 PM