



## Mrs. Vera Theresa Bates

September 4, 1933 - August 1, 2016

Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates. Proverbs 31:31

Vera Theresia Helton was born September 04, 1933 to Daisy Helton and Leslie Puckett in Wisner, Louisiana. Her parents gave her the nurturance and guidance needed to handle life challenges.

Mother dear received her formal education at Ouachita Parish in Monroe, Louisiana; she furthered her education at MATC in downtown Milwaukee, WI. Mother wore many hats but she loved being a mother and a home maker.

Mother dear accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and was united with Bethesda Church of God In Christ where she served faithfully on the mother board, Bible Ban;

she also attended prayer and fast shut-ins and sang in the choir.

In her leisure, Mother dear loved reading books, and writing; Motherdear had a love for angels,

praying, singing and sewing. She was known for her famous lemon cheesy bars recipe! Her

faith was strong and she believed in the power of prayer.

Life should be measured not by the number of years, but rather by the love shared, the memories made, the joy given and the blessings received. Vera T. Bates life was full and her friends were many. One of her greatest joys was spending quality time with her family and friends. She loved her family and adored her grandchildren. On Monday, August 01, 2016 Motherdear was called home; her legacy shall live on in her family and all whom lives she touched.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories her brother Elder David Jenkins; two sisters

Mattie Hall and Katie Tidwell of Berkley, California; seven daughters Daisy Bates, Susie Bates,

Vivian (James) McNeal, Markeysha (James) Bilal-Fields of Brentwood, California, Cherry

(Chris) McKnight, Charita V. (Samuel) Davies, Ms. Charita Bates; four sons George Bates 1II,

Sherman (Angie) Bates, James (Lucy) Bates of Portage, WI., Gichi Gamba of Sherman Oaks,

CA; 38 grandchildren, many great-great-great grandchildren, a host of nephews, nieces and

other loving family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother Daisy Jenkins; father Leslie Puckett; step-father Wash

Jenkins; two sisters Celia Ruff and Dorothy Fields; two brothers Ed Sanders and Wash Jenkins

Jr.; one daughter Shirley Ann Bates; two grandsons Moses Isiah Bates and Ikeem Cantrell and

one granddaughter Chailotte Cantrell.

May her Legacy resound in all whom encountered her presence  
Knowing that her unwavering faith, unconditional love  
And warm embrace shall forever be in our hearts.

# Cemetery Details

## Wisconsin Memorial Park

13235 W. Capitol Dr.  
Brookfield, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethesda Church of God in Christ  
2810 W. Highland Blvd  
Milwaukee, WI

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

JB

“ *James Bates lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vera Theresa Bates*



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**James Bates** - October 27, 2023 at 02:20 PM

JB

*Missing your words of wisdom.*

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**James Bates** - October 27, 2023 at 02:21 PM

JB

“ *Remembering mother and all she did for her family. Love always.*



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**James Bates** - July 14, 2022 at 12:27 PM

JB

“ *Rest in Heaven Mrs Bates Love you forever. Always a beautiful spirit lovely lady.*



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**Janis Butler** - August 18, 2020 at 07:41 PM

JA

“ *Missing you so much. You loved singing so I know you found a place in The Heavenly Choir. Love you always.* ”



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**James Anthony** - July 22, 2020 at 07:25 PM

JB

“ *James Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vera Theresa Bates* ”



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**James Bates** - December 08, 2019 at 11:16 AM

CH

“ *Charita sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vera Theresa Bates* ”



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**Charita** - November 12, 2017 at 06:14 PM

JA

“ *James Anthony sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vera Theresa Bates* ”



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**James Anthony** - September 10, 2017 at 09:12 PM

JA

“ Remembering my dear mother. There is no emotional pain greater than losing a mother who was always there during your good times and bad time, to share in your joy and to comfort you during your sad times. You were a wonderul mother, and as I sit here weeping, I know that one day I will travel down that same road as you and I know when I come to the end of my journey you will be there to welcome me home.

James Anthony - September 10, 2017 at 09:11 PM

JB

“ James A Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vera Theresa Bates



James A Bates - February 28, 2017 at 09:08 AM

JB

“ James A Bates lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vera Theresa Bates



James A Bates - February 28, 2017 at 09:04 AM

JB

In memory of my mother Mrs Vera T Bates. 🌹🌹

James A Bates - February 28, 2017 at 09:07 AM

JB

“ There is no emotional pain greater than that of losing your mother. I'm still feeling the pain of losing you, but at the same time still pressing on with life. Our family chain is starting to link again with Brother George now joining you and Shirlann. Enjoy singing in God's choir and walking around Heaven. Loving you always. 🌹

James Bates - February 14, 2017 at 06:25 PM

JB

“ Missing you and recently departed George Bates III. May you, him, Moses, and Shirley Ann walk around heaven all day.

James Bates - February 13, 2017 at 09:00 PM

JB

“ A smile sent from heaven. I miss you so much mother, I did my best to take care of you when you couldn't do for yourself anymore. I miss the times you lived with me. Love you eternally, your son James.



James Bates - September 08, 2016 at 08:39 AM



My grandmother was my 2nd mom ,whom I always could depend on. When she smile I couldn't help but smile it lit up a room but when she frowned u better run. I will always miss u an have u n my heart.luv u

Dorcus Bates - March 24, 2019 at 02:58 PM



“ *A Devoted Heart Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Mrs. Vera Theresa Bates.*



August 10, 2016 at 01:02 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Vera Theresa Bates.*



August 09, 2016 at 05:20 PM



“ *I met Mrs Bates a few years past and she was a very nice lady. We talked and laughed about things. It was pleasant.*

**Cora Armon** - August 04, 2016 at 11:37 PM



*Thanks for sharing this memory of my mother.*

**James A Bates** - September 21, 2020 at 07:24 PM