



Margaret Ann Bates

December 19, 1940 - May 1, 2014

Mrs. Margaret Ann Black Bates passed away on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at home. She was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Black on December 19, 1940 in Athens, AL. Margaret Ann graduated from Athens High School in 1959, married Harold Wade Bates in 1960 and they lived together in Elkmont, Alabama. Margaret Ann was retired from Limestone County Schools where she worked at the Central Office and then finished her career as the secretary at Elkmont High School. She was known in her community and beyond as a kind and compassionate person who always had a smiling face for everyone she met. Margaret Ann was an active member of Elkmont Church of Christ where she taught Bible classes for many years. She loved all of her grandchildren very much and was very active in rearing them in God's way. Margaret Ann is survived by six children: Stan and Anita Bates, Steve and Beth Bates, and Joe and Alicia Bates, all of Elkmont; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is also survived by one sister, Ms. Janice Parr and one brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Black. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to Hospice of North Alabama, 3311 Bob Wallace Ave., Suite 101, Huntsville, AL, 35805. Visitation will be held on Friday from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home. A memorial service and burial will be held on Saturday at 11:00 am also at Limestone Chapel with burial at Roselawn Cemetery. Please sign our online guestbook.

Tribute Wall

RR

“ *What a wonderful woman with a wonderful loving heart! Prayers for all of you.*

Retta Campbell Reed

R Reed - July 27, 2014 at 03:23 PM

FO

“ *Margaret Ann Bates*

Funeral Home Owner - May 13, 2014 at 03:03 PM

RJ

“ *Wade, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We are remembering you and your family in our prayers.*

Robert & Peggy Jones

Robert & Peggy Jones - May 13, 2014 at 12:19 PM

BB

“ *Wade & family,
We are so sorry for your loss but you have lots of good memories.
She was one of the most caring people I have ever known. May
God bless you all.*

Bud & Jean Brackeen - May 09, 2014 at 08:53 PM

MP

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. May you find comfort in the words found at 2 Corinthians 1: 3, 4. Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trials so that we may be able to comfort others in any sort of trial with the comfort that we receive from God.

Ms. Pettway - May 07, 2014 at 11:54 AM

SH

“ To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Our Prayers go out to The Bates Family. Our prayers are continuous, that your strength might increase. May God give you comfort and peace. Mrs. Bates was a true servant, touching many lives in our community. We thank God for the life she lived, for her example, her giving heart. We ask God to be with you all as you begin this life-long process of healing. All of our thoughts and memories of Mrs. Bates are so very pleasant; infectious smile which reflected her personality & legacy she left behind for all that knew her. She no longer has to suffer with the cares of this world. By this alone, may your hearts be uplifted, so as to celebrate her life & to celebrate God blessing you with such a magnificent person!
Keeping You All in our Prayers

The Milan Family “Anthony, Sharon, Ian and Nolan”

Sharon Harris-Milan - May 03, 2014 at 11:25 PM

JH

“ wade, i was sorry to read about ann passing away. she was a fine lady

jimmy hargrove - May 03, 2014 at 04:23 PM

FC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Ann. Praying for comfort for each of you.
With Love, and sincere sympathy. Faye

Faye Hardiman Craig - May 03, 2014 at 12:08 PM

JH

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

Jeremy Henderson - May 02, 2014 at 09:37 PM

RC

“ Mr. Bates, Stan, Steve, Joe and family. Our prayers are for you during
this time my you feel God's presents, peace and comfort in the day
ahead.

Robert & Patti Clark - May 02, 2014 at 09:37 PM

ST

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Mrs. Bates. Our prayers are
with the family and we know that God will comfort you and give you
peace now and in the days to come. God Bless You, Stanley &
Carolyn Turner

Stanley & Carolyn Turner - May 02, 2014 at 09:21 PM

TH

“ Please know that your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Mrs.
Ann was a very precious lady and will be dearly missed.

Tommy Hudson - May 02, 2014 at 08:10 PM

BB

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. May God bless and comfort you at this time! We are praying for all of your family.
sincerely, Bob and Joyce

Bob and Joyce Brooks - May 02, 2014 at 05:07 PM

MP

“ Stan and Joe, we are very sorry to hear of your lose. As you know we will make the funeral as we are still in Europe. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

May God Bless you,

Mark and Roslyn

Mark and Roslyn Pressnell - May 02, 2014 at 05:05 PM

KM

“ To Wade and Family, My sincere sympathy to all of you in the loss of your wife, mother and grandmother. May the good Lord comfort you at this time and the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Kenneth and Linda Mitchell

Kenneth Mitchell - May 02, 2014 at 04:20 PM

EP

“ i am so sorry for your loss. Ms. Ann was a wonderful and caring person. She will be missed. May God Bless your family during this difficult time.

Eva Pettus - May 02, 2014 at 02:23 PM

JW

“ Wade and family, Our heart is saddened by your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your sweet family.

Jimmy and Annette Lewis Wales - May 02, 2014 at 10:28 AM

KR

“ So sorry to learn of the loss of Mrs. Bates. I always loved visiting her in the office at Elkmont High School and seeing her around town the past several years. She was such a sweet and beautiful lady! Praying for all of the Bates and Black family.

Kiley Robinson - May 02, 2014 at 09:30 AM

DS

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Ms Ann. Sending prayers. May God be with your family and warm your heart with precious memories. I will always remember her sweet smile. With deepest sympathy.

Dianne Spence-Hall - May 02, 2014 at 08:06 AM

TC

“ To the Bates Family i was so sorry to hear about Mama Bates passing away. Such a joy to be around, always made me feel good to see her and talk to her at games and school functions, will be missed, but believe me she has earned her wings to heaven, prayers to the Bates family on this tough time.

Terrence Crooks - May 02, 2014 at 08:03 AM

ST

“ I was so saddened to hear of the loss of Margaret Ann. She was such a special lady. My prayers and sympathy are with her precious family and friends.

Sherry Tyler - May 01, 2014 at 10:55 PM

JH

“ *I just want to say that I am so sorry for your loss. Ms. Ann was one of the kindest ladies I have ever met. Always a kind word to say. You are all in my prayers.*

Jeal Jeffreys Hill - May 01, 2014 at 10:09 PM

BT

“ *Wade and family , May God hold you in His arms and heal the sorrow that you feel. We are with you in our thoughts and prayers. James and Betty Turner*

Betty Turner - May 01, 2014 at 08:07 PM

DB

“ *Dear Wade and family, please know how sorry I am about Margaret Ann. I know she is in a better place, and is not in any pain. Please know that I am here for you. I love you all so much. Love Doris*

Doris Black - May 01, 2014 at 04:01 PM

CR

“ *So sorry for your loss...our thoughts and prayers are with you all...*

Carol Raney - May 01, 2014 at 03:04 PM