



Catherine Bates

May 15, 1931 - September 9, 2023

Catherine Arlene Brooks was born on Friday, May 15, 1931, in Rockville, Virginia. She was the tenth child of the late Charlie and Blanche Brooks.

She married William Freddie Bates on April 9, 1949. The couple started their family in Goochland County, VA, before moving to Boston, MA. A total of ten children were born to this union. As a child, Catherine had accepted Jesus Christ as Lord. She grew up as a member of Abner Baptist Church in Glen Allen, VA. As a young mother, she taught her children about The Savior, raising them at New Hope Baptist Church in Boston, MA. She worked only part-time in order to devote herself to the full-time raising of her children.

Her husband preceded her in death, as did 2 infant sons, a daughter, Penelope Gaines and a son, Freddie Bates. Also preceding Catherine were 9 of her siblings, sisters: Mariya Green, Clara Harris, Evelyn Lewis, Geneva White, and Mildred Norris; and brothers: Edward, Robert, Lee, and Carter Brooks. After the death of her husband, Bill, she relocated back to VA and rejoined her childhood church. Catherine visited and soon joined Cornerstone Baptist Church in North Chesterfield VA. She quickly fell in love with her new church family and adored her Pastor, the late Stan Bennett. Catherine attended church faithfully and was active in the Senior Saints Ministry. She loved studying the Bible and, for over a decade, attended Bible Study Fellowship, with her daughter.

Catherine loved her flowers and plants, enjoyed puzzling with her granddaughter and became an avid quilter, gifting her family and others with beautiful creations. She also enjoyed watching football and basketball with her son and son-in-law.

Most important to her was starting her day with devotional time with The Lord and praying for her family and loved ones.

Until being reunited in heaven, remaining to celebrate her life and cherish her memory with thanksgiving, are her children: Bernice Porter (Jan) of Mansfield, TX, Gracie Adorno (Louie) of Randolph, MA, Johnny Bates (Margaret) of Richmond, VA, Priscilla Roberts (Deslyn) of Nashua, NH, Christine Bates, Richmond, VA and Catherine Wilkins (James) of Chesterfield, VA, her sister Agnes Lipscombe and her sister-in-law Mary (Lilly) Brooks, Richmond, VA. 15 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, her church family, and friends

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Memorial Gardens

12609 Patterson Ave.
Richmond, VA 23238

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP **16.** 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

SEP **16.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

SEP **18.** 12:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Baptist Church
6100 Cornerstone Blvd.
N. Chesterfield, VA 23234

Tribute Wall

TT

“ Nana, I got on Google searching for your address to send you a thinking of you card and pics of your great grandson. I'm so sorry to read you're no longer with us... May you rest in peace...you always were a sweet lady that treated me like family whenever i was around you! I love you Nana!! Love TeeTee.



Tee Tee - September 13, 2025 at 09:47 PM

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Catherine - October 21, 2023 at 12:47 PM

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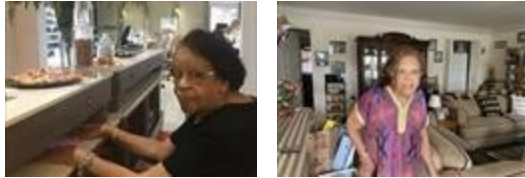
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Catherine - October 21, 2023 at 12:38 PM

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Catherine - October 21, 2023 at 12:37 PM

CB

“ I Love you nanna💜 .

Chelly Bates - September 26, 2023 at 11:20 PM

DG

“ I will never delete the puzzle videos and will continue to watch your captivating smile! ❤️. Rest In Peace. My condolences Keisha (Sissy) to you and your family. May Gods blessings and favor be upon you all. Dr. Juanita H Grant (Sissy)

Dr. Juanita H Grant - September 18, 2023 at 08:59 PM

DY

“ My condolences to the family. Keisha, may your Nana rest in peace. My prayers are with you and your family during this time. Denise Young

Denise Young - September 18, 2023 at 12:04 PM

MH

“ *The bond you shared with your mother doesn't end with death. The lessons you've learned, the memories you've shared, and the love the two of you had for each other lives on. Through all the years to come, your mother will be there by your side whenever you share a story about times the two of you spent together. May the happy memories you have provide you continued comfort. Praying for you always. Michael & Deborah Handy*

Michael & Deborah Handy - September 18, 2023 at 08:56 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Catherine Bates.*



September 15, 2023 at 04:07 PM

PR

“ *My sincere condolences to the Family. Aunt Catherine was so sweet. Love you all.*

Patricia Brooks Robinson - September 15, 2023 at 11:35 AM

RE

My sincere and condolences to the family. Sister Bates was a sweet lady. Sending my prayers 🙏

Rosemaria Edmonds - September 15, 2023 at 03:01 PM

JW

To the BATES FAMILY OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TOO EACH OF MAY GOD GIVEYOU ALL COMFORT AT THIS TIME OF SORROW. WE ARE ONLY A CALL AWAAAY. DAVID AND JANE AND JASHONNA WYNN

JANE B. WYNN - September 16, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Bates.*



September 14, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Bates.*



September 14, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Bates.*



September 13, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Catherine Bates.*

September 13, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - September 12, 2023 at 11:49 AM

DM

Our prayers are holding all of you close to our hearts. Aunt Catherine's spirit was so very, very sweet and her smile was beautiful. Be comforted by fond memories as you face the days ahead. May her soul rest in peace. Love Lawrence & Deedee Mitchell

Deedee Mitchell - September 13, 2023 at 07:25 AM

MM

All love rest in peace Michael and Francis

Michael Mitchell - September 14, 2023 at 04:21 PM

SF

May the Lord Bless you with Joyful & Loving Memories of your Mother, Praying for the family that the Lord will bring you Peace during this time, Keeping you the Family in Prayer. Sister V. Jackson

Sister V. R. Perkins/ Jackson Family - September 18, 2023 at 08:38 PM