



## Jean Spratley Bates

June 14, 1941 - September 27, 2017

Our beloved wife and mother. Jean Audrey Spratley Bates was born on June 14, 1941 to Joseph Spratley, Sr. and Mrs. Dorothy Spratley in Richmond, Virginia. She departed this life on September 27, 2017 to begin a new life in the presence of the Lord after a short illness.

She started her early childhood education at Randolph Elementary School, middle school at Benjamin A. Graves, and graduated from Maggie L. Walker High School in 1960. She received her professional education in the secretarial curriculum at Smithdeal-Massey Business College, Richmond, VA. Jean worked at Puritan Cleaners after completing business school.

She was joined in holy matrimony to George Bates, Sr., her beloved husband. They were blessed with two loving children, George Jr. and Michele. Jean was an outstanding cook, seamstress, homemaker, and domestic engineer. The "ride and joy" of her life was being a grandmother. She was known to her grandchildren as "Na Na". She loved organizing family "get togethers". Jean enjoyed traveling, fun entertainment, shopping and eating out at great restaurants. She was a fashionable, stylish, and sophisticated lady. Jean was a faithful member of New Bridge Baptist Church where she worked with the Women's Ministry, Food Ministry, Usher Ministry, Pastor's Aid, and Golden Girls.

Jean will deeply be missed by her devoted husband, George Bates, Sr.; one son, George Jr. (Iris); one daughter, Michele (Ron); four grandchildren, Theron Powell, Emanuel Sanchez, Derek Powell, and Genesis Bates; one brother, Joseph Spratley; sisters, Ann Ruff and Kathy Davis (Dan); one aunt, Virginia Haskins; two sisters-in-law, Margaret Bates and Joyce Bates; one brother-in-law, Leroy Bates; host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, great-great nieces, other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT 2. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Wake

OCT 2. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Bridge Baptist Church  
5807 Nine Mile Road  
Richmond, VA 23223



# Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Spratley Bates*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I would like to send My Love and support to the Spratley-Bates Families. Jean was always such a wonderful , loving spirit. She accepted me as Her niece and treated me kindly.. Her smile was always a joy to observe . I was a child when I met her but I could feel her love toward me. The God I serve never makes mistakes and I trust that She is with God now and if there was any pain in her life it is gone. Don't think about this sad time but remember all the good times and let God heal Your heart.*

*Sincerely  
Rita Harrison Robinson  
Marion, Iowa*

Rita Robinson - November 21, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ *To The Spratley Family,  
Our deepest sympathy to each of you in the passing of Cousin Jean. It is our prayer that God will sustain you and give you strength during this time of bereavement and the days ahead.*

*Gilbert and Ora Johnson Woodley  
Charles and Gloria Johnson Booker  
Amelia, Va.*

Gloria Booker - October 02, 2017 at 08:56 PM

BS

“ To Ann Ruff & Family:

*My Deepest Sympathy is Expressed for the  
Loss of Your Loved One!*

*Take Care, Peace Always & God Bless!*



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**Battinto Batts, Sr.** - September 30, 2017 at 08:42 PM



“ Madeline Ruff lit a candle in memory of Jean  
Spratley Bates



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**Madeline Ruff** - September 30, 2017 at 02:10 PM

Sophie  
Strachan-  
Moreno

“ To family and friends may you find comfort in God's word the Bible  
at Isaiah 61:1,2 it says "God will bind up the brokenhearted and  
comfort all those who mourn."

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**Sophie Strachan-Moreno** - September 30, 2017 at 11:38 AM

SM

“ To the Family, I was very sorry to hear of the passing of Jean who  
was a very sweet person and my fond classmate of Maggie L.  
Walker Class of 1960.

*Shirley Peters McCray*

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**Shirley Peters McCray** - September 30, 2017 at 10:47 AM

JN

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Jean Spratley Bates. Death of a loved one is a devastating pain that we suffer. Please know that God is a strong hold in a time of your distress (Nahum 1:7)

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**Jennifer N.** - September 30, 2017 at 06:53 AM

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“ To Jean's family I extend my deepest sympathy to you, my prayers go out to you all in this time of loss.

*Jean and her family were all my family for many years, we were neighbors. We shares many wonderful times together. She will always be a part of me, and forever in my heart.*

*Barbara Jean Coleman Snead*

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**Barbara Snead** - September 29, 2017 at 11:21 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - September 28, 2017 at 01:51 PM