



Virginia Ann Johnson-Bates

February 11, 1943 - June 5, 2022

Virginia Ann Bates was born February 11, 1943, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia to the late Daisy Britton. She was preceded in death by her husband Stanley Bates; grandmother, Lilly Ann Gayles; a devoted aunt, Lilly Goode; brothers, John Edward Johnson and James Thomas; sisters, Daisy Hargrove and Geraldine Prophet.

She was educated through the Mecklenburg County Public School System. Virginia furthered her education and received a certificate in becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). After that she was employed by various nursing homes throughout the Richmond area, providing healthcare and home nursing for many years. She not only worked at facilities but extended her expertise to families as well. She enjoyed taking care of others and it was shown with the level of skill and tenderness that she provided.

Virginia gave her life to Christ at an early age and later became a Deaconess at Broadrock Baptist Church. She loved her church family. Virginia was an extraordinary woman that made a decision to open her home to children in need and became a foster parent. That speaks volumes about her loving, being supportive, and giving spirit to others.

She was an amazing cook and her specialty was baked chicken, greens, yams, and topped off with that delicious pound cake. She also loved

shopping, games, yard sales, and QVC. Recently she became so savvy she began ordering from Amazon! One of her favorite things to do was spending time with her family and talking on the phone. Being surrounded by her loved ones was the absolute highlight of her day.

Virginia was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, niece, and friend. There was never a dull moment when she was around. Virginia had a heart of gold and to know her is to love her!

She leaves to cherish memories to her family: devoted daughters, Paulette Wallace (Burnett), Andrea and Ashley Bates; sons, Thurman McFail and Christopher Bates; adored grandchildren, Akliha, Narquinta, Yahkie, and Jamal Wallace, TreJvon, Deon, Alana, and Tia McFail, Patricia Whitaker (Bradley); great-grandchildren, Jahmarey Smith, Jahkiy and Akirah Harris, Bradley, Brandon, and Brandi Whitaker; great-great-grandchildren, Nicole and Niyla; sisters, Lillie Pettus (Jerry) and Rosa Boyce (Rick); brother, Ernest Thomas (Irene); 5 bonus children; 2 bonus grandchildren; 4 bonus great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; a devoted friend, Jackie Harris; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Dale Memorial Park

10201 Newbys Bridge Road
Chesterfield, VA 23832

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 16. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life with live streaming

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Virginia Ann Johnson-Bates, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - June 13, 2022 at 09:57 AM



“ *Virginia Ann Johnson-Bates*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Andy Warner & Cathy Barnes purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Virginia Ann Johnson-Bates.*



Andy Warner & Cathy Barnes - June 16, 2022 at 08:40 AM



“ *Love, Mollie & Tracy purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Virginia Ann Johnson-Bates.*



Love, Mollie & Tracy - June 13, 2022 at 09:22 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 - June 12, 2022 at 02:39 PM

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*I would like to add my condolences to the family of Mrs. Bates, TJ and Paulette from your Broad Rock family and friends.
Elaine Beard and Sean Beard*

Elaine Robinson Beard - June 17, 2022 at 12:33 PM