



## Mrs. Doretha Bates

January 25, 1938 - April 30, 2022

BATES, Mrs. Doretha - Age 84, passed away Saturday, April 30, 2022, at her residence. Family hour 12:00 PM Saturday, May 7, 2022 at House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church 1851 W. Carpenter Rd., with funeral services commencing at 12:30 PM, Pastor George Hodges, officiating. Interment Gracelawn Cemetery, 5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 12:00 PM Saturday, Mrs. Bates will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 1:00 PM-6:00 PM Friday. Mrs. Doretha Bates was born January 25, 1938 in Indianola, Mississippi, the daughter of Frank Byrd and Cora Lee Carter. Doretha was a resident of Flint, Michigan and a faithful member of House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the Mothers Board. Doretha was employed at the Flint Board of Education until retirement. She enjoyed cooking, gardening and going to second hand shops. Doretha also enjoyed taking care of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Doretha Bates leaves to cherish her memory: 2 daughters, Dorothy Bates and Margaret Bates, both of Flint; 2 sons, Larvester (Karen) Bates of Pine Bluff, AR and Michael (Theresa) Bates of Little Rock, AR; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Joe Byrd and Archie Byrd, both of Flint; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, other relatives and friends including special friend, Angela Hickmon. Mrs. Bates was preceded in death by her husband, W.T. Bates; daughter, Brenda Bates; son, Anthony

Bates; grandson, Damarrio Miles; parents, Frank and Cora Lee Byrd; Lee Dora Whitaker, Essie Mae Spiller, Eddie Mae "Happy" James, Betty Hargrow, Nellie Thomas, Andrew Byrd, Eddie Frank Byrd, Willie Lee Byrd and Benjamin Byrd. The family would like to express special thanks to Hurley Medical Center, University of Michigan Hospital, All American Hospice, House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church family and Rev. George Hodges.

# Cemetery Details

## Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI 48505

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAY 6. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-6666  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

MAY 7. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church  
1851 W. Carpenter Rd.  
Flint, MI

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Doretha Bates*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates*



**Jesse Kirksey** - May 20, 2022 at 11:49 PM



“ *Condolences to Bates family keep you in my prayers*



**Vicky Mccreay** - May 09, 2022 at 07:23 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss Dorothy and siblings! Your Mom and I had the same name just spelled differently! May GOD help you all through the loss of your dear Mother! I just seen her recently! Praying!*



**Doreatha Swift** - May 07, 2022 at 08:05 PM

DB

“ Darline Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates



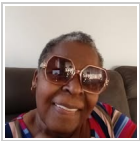
Darline Baker - May 07, 2022 at 11:35 AM

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“ NaRotha Ogden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates



NaRotha Ogden - May 06, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ May Perry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates



May Perry - May 06, 2022 at 01:39 PM

R(

“ R(Finley)West lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates



R(Finley)West - May 05, 2022 at 10:03 PM

IH

“ Iris Hart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates



Iris Hart - May 05, 2022 at 06:22 PM

SP

“ Sandra Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates



Sandra Payne - May 05, 2022 at 03:52 PM

DM

“ Prayers, love, hugs and condolences to the Bates Family! 🙏❤️😊



Deborah Milling - May 05, 2022 at 12:26 PM

DG

“ Duane Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates



Duane Gibson - May 04, 2022 at 11:06 PM

RH

“ Rest in peace dear sweet Mrs Bates. My deepest condolences and prayers will be with the entire family 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

RENEE HILL-SYKES - May 04, 2022 at 04:27 PM

LH

“ Condolence to the Bates family.

Leonard Henry - May 04, 2022 at 02:06 PM

GW

“ You all are in my prayers Family! 🙏

Gina Hughey Wortham - May 04, 2022 at 08:22 AM

DE

“ Doretha was a very nice lady.I worked with her at Dewey School. She always had me laughing.Skip and family my prayers are with you all. Your neighbor on Philadelphia. Deb Edson

Deborah Edson - May 04, 2022 at 12:30 AM

TA

“ Thinking of you all.. 🙏🙏🙏



Teresa Anthony - May 03, 2022 at 10:22 PM

EV

“ *Elaine Vaughn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates*



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**Elaine Vaughn** - May 03, 2022 at 05:30 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates*



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**Barbara Lakes** - May 03, 2022 at 12:01 PM

LC

“ *Lois Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates*



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**Lois Cunningham** - May 03, 2022 at 10:52 AM

CS

“ *Charles And Karen Summerville sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates*



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**Charles And Karen Summerville** - May 03, 2022 at 10:29 AM

CS

*Take your rest in Jesus Mrs. Doretha... I remember working together back at Daily Elementary school where she trained me... she was always so nice to me and always had words of wisdom to share. I pray for the family in their time of bereavement and that God would comfort them with His unconditional Love*

**Charles Summerville** - May 03, 2022 at 10:44 AM

CH

“ *Cynthia Higgins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates*



**Cynthia Higgins** - May 03, 2022 at 10:26 AM

TD

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Mrs Doretha Bates you are truly going to be missed Love Tracy Davis and the Family*



**Tracy Davis** - May 03, 2022 at 09:35 AM

TD

“ *Tracy Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates*



**Tracy Davis** - May 03, 2022 at 09:32 AM

RG

“ To the family stay encouraged we are praying for all of you as you prepare to celebrate her life so to my bros. Mike Skippy hold on to God unchanging hand because its time like this that will shake your faith so trust God allow his love to comfort all of you in this hour



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**Rev Ira Gilbert** - May 03, 2022 at 08:17 AM

JH

“ Janice Holbrook lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates



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**Janice Holbrook** - May 03, 2022 at 06:17 AM

JJ

“ Jacquelyn Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates



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**Jacquelyn Jones** - May 03, 2022 at 02:11 AM

MA

“ Margaret Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates



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**Margaret Anderson** - May 02, 2022 at 11:48 PM

MA

“ Prayers and condolences to the family Aunty will truly be missed. ❤️🙏🙏🙏❤️



Margaret Anderson - May 02, 2022 at 11:46 PM

RC

“ Rahsheem J Covington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates



Rahsheem J Covington - May 02, 2022 at 11:08 PM

CG

“ My sincere condolences to the entire family. Mother Bates was a sweet woman of God. I was honored to give her love down through the years. May precious memories comfort your hearts.



Carol Gardner - May 02, 2022 at 09:56 PM

MM

“ Mary McGee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates



Mary McGee - May 02, 2022 at 06:58 PM

KC

“ *Kim E Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates*



Kim E Carpenter - May 02, 2022 at 06:29 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates*



Barbara Lakes - May 02, 2022 at 05:21 PM

AE

“ *April Ewing lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates*



April Ewing - May 02, 2022 at 12:27 PM

MF

“ *Mackey Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates*



Mackey Family - May 02, 2022 at 10:45 AM

DE

“ *Debra Evans lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates*



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**Debra Evans** - May 01, 2022 at 03:43 PM

MG

“ *Marshall Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates*



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**Marshall Green** - May 01, 2022 at 03:08 PM

CL

“ *Charlotte Lee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Doretha Bates*



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**Charlotte Lee** - May 01, 2022 at 02:13 PM