



## Tamara Bates

March 1, 1976 - April 4, 2011

BATES, Ms. Tamara J. - Age 35, passed away Monday, April 4, 2011. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 16, 2011 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 1083 E. Stewart Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor Lewis Randolph officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Ms. Bates will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12 Noon-8 p.m. Friday. Ms. Tamara "Poo" Bates Hairston was born March 1, 1976 in Flint, Michigan, the daughter of L.A. and Willie (Bates) Hairston. Tamara was a resident of Flint her entire life. After receiving her G.E.D., Tamara attended Mott Community College for 1 year, and then went on to Baker College where she was studying to become a CNA. Tamara was employed at K-Mart and McDonald's in Flint. Because of her love for helping others she went into the Nursing field. Tamara worked at Helping Hands Nursing Service in Grand Blanc, MI for over 4 years before becoming a devoted worker at Greenley Square Manor in Burton, MI for 3 years. Tamara always maneuvered 2 or more jobs at once. Tamara enjoyed shopping; especially for beautiful purses and wearing "brand name" sport shoes. Tamara loved spending time with her son, family and friends. "Poo" was known for making you laugh. She was a very dear and special person. Ms. Tamara Bates-Hairston leaves to cherish her memory: one extraordinary son, Earvin Hairston; loving and caring parents, L.A. and Willie Hairston, all of Flint; 3 sisters, Lasonya Sharie Bates

of Flint, Sabrina Smith of Crawford, MS and Yolanda Newton of Tennessee; 3 brothers, L.A. Demond (Meeka) Bates, Eric (Anita) Jones and Marlon Richardson, all of Flint; 5 nieces including adorable niece, Jayla whom she adored as her own; 2 nephews including special nephew, Juwann; 6 aunts, Lowenstine (Oliver) Burley, Brenda (Paul) Sharp, Mary Alexander, Ernestine Gray, Mary Hairston, all of Flint and Thelma (Charlie) Jones of Crawford, MS; 3 uncles, Will Hairston, Jr. of Flint, Alcurtis (Pearl) Hairston and Gilbert (Jeanette) Hairston, both of Crawford, MS; a host of cousins including special cousins, Veleta Smith and Reba Hairston, both of Flint; a host of other relatives and friends, including special friends, Maketa Burns, Quinsandra Coleman and Kelly Lewis. The family would like to express special thanks to Rev. Lewis H. Randolph and Antioch Missionary Baptist Church family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tamara Bates*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I am truly sorry for your sudden loss. My family and I will keep you in our inner most thoughts and prayers. We send our most heartfelt condolences to "Poo's" children and immediate family.*

**Etobia Magee** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Tamara. At difficult times such as these many turn to the Bible for comfort and hope. Scriptures such as Psalms 34:18 and Acts 24:15 have given us comfort. We hope that they will give you some solace as well. May Jehovah be with you during these difficult days. Sincerely yours.*

**Wes & Karen Shaw** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *May God bless, comfort and keep you all. Our prayers are with you.*

**Tonya Louis** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *PRAISE THE LORD, LA, WIFE & FAMILY: Trust in the LORD with all your heart for he careth about you during this hour of sorrow. God promised to never leave you or forsake you. For he feel your hurt and hear every tear that fall from your eyes. IN JESUS NAME, Evg. Brooks*

**Evg. Sallie Brooks** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ I send out my deepest condolences to your son and your family. I will cherish the good times of me, Veleta, Kelly and Poo. From doing hair in the kitchen to riding out in the sunset in Smurfette listening to Mr. Melvin's 8 tracks. You will be missed and may God keep you. Love you and I will see you at the crossroads.

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**Tamekia Tucker** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Words can't express the loss the pain that is felt from this loss. I have know pooh since i was 16 years old she has been a good friend. Nothing but great times wit her. She will truly b missed.

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**tasha** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

QU

“ rest in peace to my bestfriend to the END know matter what...GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN. i know imma see you aqain in HEAVEN so save a SPOT for me my DEAR FRIEND

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**quinsandra** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Our prayers go out to the Bates Family. Poo was the sweetest person I've known she always kept them lips glossed up and a huge smile on her face. She was a true friend to my niece the whole hood hurting right now you will be missed.

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**ameshia kirkland** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *My heart dropped when I received the news of what had occurred. Please accept heartfelt sympathy from all of us. May God strengthen and keep you.*

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**Mr. Larry Sykes & Family** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ *PooH you will be missed. I will continue to pray for your family as God covers them in this life. May God bless the Bates Family.*

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**Keisha Vines-Pighee** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ *Back in the day I could always count on Poo for a good laugh as her laughter was contagious. I am keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

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**Natasha M Nesbitt** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Hello to the Bates Family:*

*PooH was a really nice person that I enjoyed knowing over the years. You as a family raised a little girl with a big heart. My family will continue to keep your family in our prayers. Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.*

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**Antionika Singleton-Couty** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *I'm so sorry for your lost, it seems like yesterday, when PooH and I were running up and down Winthrop, your family is my prayers.*

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**Heather Cobbin-Muddy** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ It's been many years since Pooh and I last saw each other, but the moment I heard about her tragic loss I instantly remembered her laugh and sense of humor. Pooh you will never be forgotten and I send strength and compassion to your family and friends.

*Gone too soon.*

*Scott*

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**Scott A. Williams** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Our prayers are with the entire Bates & Hairston family. God is a very present help in times of trouble. Let Him be your help now.

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**Wendy & Robert Webster** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ My prayers are with the Family... Love ya...R. I. P. POOH!!!! You will be missed..

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**Beatrice Bates** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Poo my best cousin,My first friend,My first daughter is named after you!When I lost my dad you had my back.You was my maiden of honor best women!Dont have to say no more.I'm going to be strong and my God have mercy on your soul.Rest in piece my B.C.F

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**Mrs.Veleta Smith** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ IT'S SO SAD TO HERE YOU GONE...I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT CAUSE YOU WAS ALWAYS NICE TO ME EVERYTIME I SAW YOU...YOU HAD A SMILE ON YOUR FACE..I'M GOING TO MISS THAT SMILE..TO YOUR FAMILY I SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS...I'M PRAYING EVERYDAY AND NITE...FOR MY PEOPLE IN FLINT...NOT JUST FAMILY I PRAY FOR EVERYONE IN THE WORLD....MUCH LOVE TO YOU POOH...

tricia - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ THIS IS VERY SAD,I HAVEN'T SEEN U IN WHILE,BUT U ARE STILL MY FAMILY,AND I NEVER WANT TO RECIEVE A PHONE CALL ABOUT A RELATIVE,THAT WAS KILLED OR DIED,I LOVE U POO & MISS U,AND I'M PRAYING FOR OUR FAMLTY.

TERA - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ LA & Lou Hairston & Family,  
You all have my deepest sympathy and all are in my prayers.Pooh was such a loving person and she will be dearly missed but never forgotten. God Bless the Bates and Hairston Family.

Sandy Hairston - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ She kept at true good humour's mark, the social flow of pleasure's tide: She never made a brow look dark, Nor caused a tear, but when she died

Pooh, may you rest in peace.

Marlena, Sherry, Shahidah, and Katrrina - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Words cannot explain how I feel. I don't have many memories as an adult, but our childhood memories are priceless! The fun times on Winthrop playing beauty shop, trying to play b-ball against Doug and Markees, going over Seekee's & Lee Lee's. Y'all family treated me like I was 1 of theirs. I could go on and on. I am so thankful for those times, nothing can replace them. Even though you are gone, you will never be forgotten. May God be with you and your family.

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**Toy Flowers** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ I was so shocked when my Mom called last Monday crying so hard she couldn't get it out her mouth, Uncle BeBee (LA) called and told her what happen, We had just seen each other a few days b4 chatting about the next family reunion meeting, you never know when you see someone one day that they may be gone the next(smh) but I want to say I know you'll be missed not only by your dear friends but your son, siblings, Parents & the rest of the family!!! Praying for my entire family and the murderer give yourself up because you can run but you can't hide GOD see's all things and you'll be caught sooner than you think!!! I know my Dad's Happy to see you;-) give him a BIG hug and kiss for me Poo!!!

*Love you, See you at the crossroads cuz!!*

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**Amanda Hairston** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ To the Bates-Hairston Family, just had to send my love n condolences. Hope you are finding comfort, peace and lasting memories of Tamara in Jesus. My love forever to the Family.

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**Shirley Briggs-Jones** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ we are sorry to here about your lost Poo will forever be missed May God Bless you and your family always. Keep your head up.

Aj and DeeDee - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I would like to give my condolences to Bates family. Me and Tamara go way back and was dear friends. We go back 30 years or more. I enjoyed her company and her beautiful smile. Tamara was a special friend and I could remember she kept a fresh pair of kicks on her feet. Her smile would light up a room and I would see her in traffic and we always acknowledged our friendship. Tamara will be truly missed, GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN, I LOVE U POO, AND I WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR YOUR SON.

Lamont Smith - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ TO THE ALL BATES FAMILY, MY CONDOLENCES FOR THIS SUDDEN LOSS. POOH WAS A GOOD FRIEND, AND YES SHE KEPT EVERYBODY LAUGHING, I'LL NEVER FORGET ALL THE KICKBALL GAMES WE PLAYED ON WINTHROP, TO HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL GAMES WE ATTENDED. I WILL DEFINATLY KEEP U GUYS IN MY PRAYERS. SEE U IN HEAVEN POOH. R.I.P.

DEONCA MILLER - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Our deepest sympathy on the lost of our little Poo. who's going to be sadly missed, from hearing her laughter and seeing her smile. With her kindness and sweetiest soul, and to my sister and brother-inlaw our sincere sympathy. (God Bless)

*The Sharp Family with all our love.*

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**Brenda & the sharp family** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO SAY MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE BATES FAMILY AND HER SON IVE KNOWN POOH SINCE PRE-SCHOOL. AND I COULD NOT BELIEVE IT WHEN I HURD THAT SOME ONE WOULD DO THAT TO POOH SHE WAS A GOOD PERSON WITH A GOOD HEART AND A BEAUTIFUL SMILE. TO THE PERSON WHO TOOK RESPONSIBLE YOU GONE HAVE YO DAY BECAUSE SHE DIDNT DESERVE THAT

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**Demetrius Noakes** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Sorry to hear about your loss even though it feels like she is gone away think about the sweet memories that she left behind and know it will be okay. It's been years since Poo and I last talked, but the minute I heard about her loss I smiled and start remembering the fun things and fun times we had and let me not forget the places we wasn't suppose to be. May god be with the family at this time of need!

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**Sharonda Glover** - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM