



Zepher Bates

October 7, 1933 - March 25, 2012

BATES, Mrs. Zepher - Age 78, passed away Sunday, March 25, 2012 at her residence. Family hour 1 p.m. Friday, March 30, 2012 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing immediately at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Lee Thomas, officiating. Interment Gracelawn Community Cemetery, G-5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 1 p.m. Friday. Mrs. Bates will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 12 Noon-8 p.m. Thursday. Mrs. Zepher Mae Bates was born October 7, 1933 in Shreveport, Louisiana, the daughter of Enoch and Zello Henderson. She moved to Michigan in 1952 and was a member of Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Zepher graduated from High School in Louisiana and became a Chef at Durant Hotel before attending school to become a Social Worker. She was employed by the Department of Human Services until retirement in the early 90's. Zepher loved cooking, gardening, fishing, shopping, watching games shows, and spending time with family. She was also a devoted member of G.C.C.A.A. for 18 years. Mrs. Zepher Mae Bates leaves to cherish her memory: 4 daughters, Rose McZee, of Flint, Patricia (Larry) Frierson of Saginaw, MI, Linda Fernander of Flint and Brenda Fernander of Atlanta, GA; son, Tommie Allen of Flint; grandchildren, Michael Desmond, Damon Allen, Ronald Jr. and Tarron McZee of Tennessee, Taran (Nikki) McZee, Eugene McGee, Jasmica (Brent) Ager, Tarrel Lewis, Rhashanda Benedict of Flint, Omar Harris, Dion (Tamara) Frierson, Veronica

Frierson, LaPricia Allen of Saginaw, MI and Jeronica Frierson of Huntsville, AL; 24 great grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews including special nephew, Albert Laing; sister-in-law, Laura Allen-Webb of Saginaw, MI; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends including special friends, Ineather Boyce, Gladys Roots, Miss. Bea, Miss. Jones and a host of other friends. Mrs. Bates was preceded in death by her parents, Enoch and Zello Henderson; 3 sisters, Gladys Henderson, Bernice Harris and Della Ree Laing; 3 brothers, Arthur, Raymond and Willie Henderson; mother and father-in-law, Cleve and Rosie Allen. The family would like to express special thanks to the Floyd family, Rev. Lee Arthur Thomas, the Webb family, New Covenant Christian Center, the Frierson, Still and Elmore families.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Zepher Bates*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Zepher Bates*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Prayers of comfort and strength to you all. God called her home so she could rest but she is not gone, she lives in our hearts forever. With love to you all.*

Mary - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rest in Heaven Zepher.*

Andrea Smoots-Burress - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Oh words cannot explain how much I am going to miss 'grandma' she was always so sweet to me rest in heaven love, you will always be near and dear to my heart. Mama Rose you know I love you, to the entire McZee family, my prayers are with you.

Sedalyer Bullock-Gillam - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We send prayers and express our Deepest Sympathy to the entire family, that you will draw strength from the Lord during your time of bereavement. The Lord will keep you in perfect peace that passes all understanding.

Elder Patrick W. Sanders, Pastor

Mother Margaret Montgomery - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ We are so sorry to learn of your lost. Mae was a sweet & caring person!!! She really helped us during the illness & death of my father Mr. Y.Z. Hamilton. May GOD strengthen you during your bereavement. Blessed are they that mourn : for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5: 4. "BE BLESSED"

monica nelson - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ Dear Family of Zepher Bates,
During this time of difficulty, may you find comfort in considering God's Word the Bible, the finest basis of encouragement. In the book of Psalms 146:5,9 we are shown that God has loving concern for bereaved ones, also 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 truly shows that Jehovah God is the God of comfort who provides for us in all our tribulations. Our prayers are with the Family of Zepher Bates.

Henderson - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *Zepher Mae and I went to school together. We spent many a times laughing and having fun.
May she rest in peace in her new home.*

Earlene Sewell - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *WE are so sorry to hear about the loss of your love one,we all know we loved her but God loved her best so let not your heart be trouble for when we are absent from the body we are present with the lord.
May she rest in peace.*

Alfred & Debra Henderson - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM