



## Mrs. Marilyn Ross Bates

September 30, 1958 - February 14, 2022

Marilyn was born September 30, 1958 in Natchez, the daughter of Major White, Sr. and Dorothy Mae Ross. She was a 1976 graduate of South Natchez Adams High School and continued her education at Copiah-Lincoln Community College. Marilyn was a retired restaurant manager and a member of Greater New Bethel Baptist Church. She enjoyed puzzles, softball and board games.

She is preceded in death by her biological parents; her adoptive parents, Willie Ross, Sr. and Sophronia Ross; son, John Anthony Thornburg; brothers Michael John Ross, Glen Ross Watkins, Clifton Ross and Ronnie Ross.

Marilyn leaves to cherish her memories: one son: Chris Bates; two daughters: Marquita Bates, Sierra Bates-Cashwell; brothers: Vincent Ross, Arthur Ross; half-brothers: Major, Jr., Charles, David, Willie, Clyde and Robert White; sister: Janice M. Ross; half-sisters: Joyce, Judy, Imogene and Laura White, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, one great grandchild, other relatives and friends.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.westgatefh.com](http://www.westgatefh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset View Memorial Park Cemetery

1617 Martin Luther King Jr Road  
Natchez, MS 39120

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

West Gate Funeral Home (Natchez)  
409 N Martin Luther King Jr Street  
Natchez, MS 39120  
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## Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Marilyn Ross Bates*

September 17, 2022 at 03:10 AM



“ *Linda Cave lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Ross Bates*



**Linda Cave** - March 10, 2022 at 06:30 PM



*Marilyn was my girl in high school. My partner in crime :-) I'll miss her. My deepest and sincerest condolences to her children and grandchildren*

**Linda Cave** - March 10, 2022 at 06:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marilyn Ross Bates.*



February 25, 2022 at 07:46 AM

ER

“ Mrs. Marilyn was a sweet and caring person. I remember her from Burger King in Vidalia. She would always make sure her customers were taken care of and satisfied. Whenever she was there, I knew I would be satisfied and my meal would be prepared right. Sorry for your loss family and friends of Mrs. Marilyn.



Ellen Reynolds - February 24, 2022 at 05:14 PM

MR

“ Maxine Railey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Ross Bates



maxine railey - February 24, 2022 at 08:45 AM

RV

“ Rosie Woods Varnado lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Ross Bates



Rosie Woods Varnado - February 23, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marilyn Ross Bates.



February 23, 2022 at 04:28 PM

RW

“ *Ruthie L Washington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Ross Bates*



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**Ruthie L Washington** - February 23, 2022 at 09:38 AM

ZA

“ *Such a sweet person. A loving parent and caring person. My condolences Chris and Marquette*



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**Zelda Argue** - February 22, 2022 at 08:55 PM

GH

“ *Gloria Hunt-Wright lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Ross Bates*



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**Gloria Hunt-Wright** - February 22, 2022 at 12:25 PM

WH

“ *West Gate Funeral Home and staff extends our deepest condolences to the Bates and Ross families. Treasure the memories that you have shared with Marilyn. They will bring you comfort in the days ahead. We will continue to pray for the family.*

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**WEST GATE FUNERAL HOME** - February 22, 2022 at 12:24 PM

WH

“ WEST GATE FUNERAL HOME lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Ross Bates



WEST GATE FUNERAL HOME - February 22, 2022 at 12:22 PM

AW

“ Ann White sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Ross Bates



Ann White - February 19, 2022 at 10:15 PM

PV

“ Patrice W Vivian lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Ross Bates



Patrice W Vivian - February 19, 2022 at 11:47 AM

BW

“ Barbara Washington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Ross Bates



Barbara Washington - February 19, 2022 at 09:16 AM

BW

“ *Barbara Washington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Ross Bates*



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**Barbara Washington** - February 19, 2022 at 09:14 AM

BF

“ *Blanton/Shropshire Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Ross Bates*



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**Blanton/Shropshire Family** - February 17, 2022 at 05:30 PM