



Ms. Rosie Lee Bates

April 3, 1950 - November 20, 2025

Rosie was born April 3, 1950 in Natchez, the daughter of Thelma Kelly and Willie Birdie. She was a 1968 graduate of Sadie V. Thompson High School and a 1973 graduate of Jackson State University. Rosie was retired teacher from the Natchez Adams School District. Ms Bates was a member of Southwood Lodge Baptist Church where she served as secretary. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends and helping others.

She is preceded in death by her parents; siblings: Jessie Bates, Willie Mae Kelly, Warren Kelly and Bobby Ann Kelly; grandparents: Joseph and Mary Bates and grandchildren, Cylin Williams and Anthony Harris.

Rosie leaves to cherish her memories: son, Bryant Bates (Monica); brother, Eddie Kelly, sister, Jacqueline Kelly; uncle, Freddie Bates (Josie), granddaughter, Breanna Bates, great grandson, Jru Coleman; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Online condolences may be sent to www.westgatefh.com

Cemetery Details

Southwood Lodge Baptist Church Cemetery

224 Upper Kingston Road
Natchez, MS 39120

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Southwood Lodge Baptist Church
224 Upper Kingston Road
Natchez, MS 39120

Funeral

NOV **29**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

NOV **29** (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Mazique sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates



Shirley Mazique - January 15 at 10:18 AM



“ I was floored when I found out, such a sweet and caring person. I'll miss seeing you at the polls



Jennifer Minor-Johnson - December 24, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ Shirley Mazique sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates



Shirley Mazique - December 08, 2025 at 12:11 AM



“ Debbie Myles lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates



Debbie Myles - December 03, 2025 at 02:29 PM

MJ

“ Marie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates



Marie Johnson - December 03, 2025 at 07:03 AM



“ Ms bates was a awesome teacher it was a blessing to have had her as a teacher. I am grateful to have known her.

Demetress Jackson - December 01, 2025 at 06:02 PM

EL

“ I love you Mrs bates favorite teacher in the world

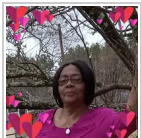
Eddie Long - December 01, 2025 at 07:47 AM

BW

“ Bernice Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates



Bernice Walker - December 01, 2025 at 07:15 AM



“ Theresa Irving lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates



Theresa Irving - November 28, 2025 at 10:08 PM

SH

“ Sharon Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates



Sharon Hawkins - November 28, 2025 at 05:06 PM

MR

“ Maxine Railey sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates



Maxine Railey - November 28, 2025 at 02:18 PM

JL

“ Joyce Lewis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates



Joyce Lewis - November 28, 2025 at 12:33 PM

DM

“ Debbie Myles lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates



Debbie Myles - November 28, 2025 at 11:42 AM

FA

“ *Felicia Adams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



Felicia Adams - November 28, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ *Malinda Butler lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



Malinda Butler - November 28, 2025 at 11:13 AM



The family have my sincere condolences and prayers 🙏

Malinda Butler - November 28, 2025 at 11:13 AM

BJ

“ *My condolences to the family. Brenda Dixon Jarvis*



Brenda Jarvis - November 28, 2025 at 09:48 AM

CR

“ *Dedicated professional in service to NASD for many years. Take your rest. 🙏*



Carol Ransom - November 28, 2025 at 09:25 AM

RA

“ *Rose Anderso lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



Rose Anderso - November 27, 2025 at 06:12 PM

DC

“ *A beautiful person. Take your rest.*



Diane Carter - November 27, 2025 at 04:18 AM

LF

“ *As a retired administrator I had the opportunity to work with Ms. Bates in NASD. She was a great team player and worked well with faculty and staff. Her passion for students went above and beyond. May she rest in eternal peace. Blessings to the Bates family. Spiritually
Lorraine Fleming-Franklin*



Lorraine F. Franklin - November 26, 2025 at 09:25 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates.



November 26, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ Sincere condolences to the family 🙏



A - November 25, 2025 at 12:47 AM



“ Sending prayers to the Bate's Family. May god bless and comfort you.



Linda Watson - November 24, 2025 at 08:40 PM



“ Marilyn Alexander-Turner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates



Marilyn Alexander-Turner - November 24, 2025 at 06:30 PM

JD

“ *Jessie Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



Jessie Dorsey - November 24, 2025 at 05:21 PM

YB

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Ms Rosie Lee Bayes REST IN PEACE*



Yvonne Blanton Bell - November 24, 2025 at 03:37 AM



“ *Kathy Allen lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



Kathy Allen - November 24, 2025 at 01:22 AM

ED

“ *ELOUISE DAVIS lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



ELOUISE DAVIS - November 23, 2025 at 06:42 PM

MW

“ *Michelle White-Harried lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



Michelle White-Harried - November 23, 2025 at 06:40 PM

BJ

“ *My condolences to the family.*
Brenda Jarvis



Brenda Jarvis - November 23, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ *Kathy Allen sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



Kathy Allen - November 23, 2025 at 09:30 AM

RY

“ *Rose M York lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



Rose M York - November 22, 2025 at 11:34 PM

AS

“ *Alisha Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



Alisha Shepherd - November 22, 2025 at 07:44 PM

GG

“ *Georgia Green lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



Georgia Green - November 22, 2025 at 06:35 PM

DC

“ *Deshonda Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



Deshonda Calhoun - November 22, 2025 at 03:17 PM

DM

“ *Debbie Myles lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



Debbie Myles - November 22, 2025 at 01:16 PM

ZA

“ *Condolences to the family.*



Zelda Argue - November 22, 2025 at 12:06 PM

KT

“ *Kim Thornburg lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



Kim Thornburg - November 22, 2025 at 10:13 AM

KW

“ *Kimula Wallace sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



kimula Wallace - November 22, 2025 at 07:48 AM

EM

“ *Ethel Morris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



Ethel Morris - November 22, 2025 at 07:35 AM

JD

“ *Jessie Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



Jessie Dorsey - November 21, 2025 at 09:39 PM

ED

“ *Elizabeth Dunham sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



Elizabeth Dunham - November 21, 2025 at 09:15 PM

TH

“ *The Herrington's lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



The Herrington's - November 21, 2025 at 08:50 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Winston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



Barbara Winston - November 21, 2025 at 07:54 PM

JP

“ Jacquelyn Posey sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates



Jacquelyn Posey - November 21, 2025 at 07:11 PM

RF

“ My deepest condolences to Bryant, Jackie and the entire family, Rose always was kind and would help anyone, a woman of faith and she loved her sister Jackie, Rose we will miss you RIP Love Rebecca



Rebecca Fleming - November 21, 2025 at 01:59 PM

PB

“ My dear Cousin Rosie Bates, you have fought the good fight, you have finished the race, you have kept the faith. Take you your rest , You will be truly miss and we will 4ever Love you in our heart ❤️ 🙏
Keeping all of the Bates family and friends in prayer



Peggy Bacon - November 21, 2025 at 09:18 AM

WH

“ The West Gate Family extends our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Bates Family.

Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.

West Gate Funeral Home - November 21, 2025 at 08:12 AM

WH

“ *West Gate Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Lee Bates*



West Gate Funeral Home - November 21, 2025 at 08:08 AM



Lite a candle in memory of Ms Rosie Lee Bates

Kathy Allen - November 22, 2025 at 09:28 PM