



Thessell "Tia" Bates

July 13, 1922 - March 24, 2012

Mrs. Thessell "Tia" Bates age 89, of Union Grove passed away Sat. March 24th, 2012, at her residence. Mrs. Bates was born on July 13, 1922, in Marshall County, AL to Emmett E. and Brunner Oaks Bodine. She was married to Byron Braz Bates who passed away on Jan. 23, 2012. In the early 40's she taught school at Nixon Chapel and in the late 60's at Union Grove. In the 80's she taught for several years at the Arab Child Development Center. Later she cared for Children of working parents in her home.

Mrs. Bates is survived by her Children: Kenneth Bates and Phillip Bates of Union Grove and Martha Bates of Huntsville; 5 Grandchildren and 7 Great Grandchildren; She was preceded in death by Husband: Byron B. Bates and Son: Darrell Bates

Funeral Service will be Tues. March 27th, 2012, at 1 PM at Gober Funeral Chapel with Dr. John B. Bates officiating. Burial will be in Arab Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 6-8 PM at Gober Funeral Chapel. Pallbearers will be: Kenneth Bates, Phillip Bates, Darren Bennett, Kevin Besser, Kevin Howse and John Bates

Tribute Wall



“ *Thessell "Tia" Bates*

October 23, 2023 at 12:35 AM



“ *I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.GOD SURLY TAKES THE BEST TO BE HIS ANGELS. MRS.BATES AS I WILL ALWAYS RESPECTFULLY ADDRESS HER WILL SURLY BE MISSED.SHE IS ONE OF THE BRIGHT SPOTS IN MY CHILDHOOD MEMORIES. SHE IS THE REASON I LOVE BIRD WATCHING,WE HAD A REPORT TO DO AND I DID MINE ON THE SNOWY OWL.I MADE A GOOD GRADE AND THAT WAS SO THRILLING FOR ME,I RARELY CARED ENOUGH TO DO MY ASSIGNMENTS.SHE MADE IT FUN AND INTERESTING TO LEARN.WE SURLY NEED MORE TEACHERS LIKE HER NOW.SHE LOVED TEACHING AND SHE LOVED HER STUDENTS.I WILL BE FOREVER GREATFUL.I WILL CARRY HER IN MY HEART ALWAYS.GOD BLESS YOU ALL.*

DONNA JO STANTON,WRIGHT - December 18, 2012 at 01:05 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bates made quite an inpresstion on our life and our children's life . If only we had knew it in time our children and ourself wound have payed our respect to her and visited with you. Our daughter (Tammy) and our son (richard)will always remember the love she gave to them at the day care. And also we would like to express our thoughts and prayers to the loss of you mother and father.*

Linda and Ronald Freeman - December 18, 2012 at 01:05 PM

ME

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Both Mr & Mrs Bates were very sweet and precious people. I had the honor to take care of them while working at Dr Hargraves office a few years ago and was blessed to come to know them as my friends. They both made a lasting impression in my life and I think of them often.

Melody Lusk - December 18, 2012 at 01:05 PM

DB

“ our thoughts and prayers are for you in this time of sorrow ,we love all of you,and may god bless, michael and dorris,bates

Dorris and Michael Bates - December 18, 2012 at 01:05 PM

LW

“ Kenneth, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Larry and Shelia Walker - December 18, 2012 at 01:05 PM

GO

“ My sincerest sympathy to the loved ones of this precious lady. May God bless you and comfort you.

Gordene Landreth - December 18, 2012 at 01:05 PM

SA

“ I share your grief and pray for your comfort. Sincerely, Sandra Gibson

Sandra Gibson - December 18, 2012 at 01:05 PM

TA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I can't imagine how hard it is to lose your father and mother in the same year. Your families are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you.*

Tammy Williams - December 18, 2012 at 01:05 PM

DO

“ *The Clemons and Collins Families send our condolences to all those that loved Mrs. Bates. She will be greatly missed.*

*Kelsie, Larry and Jim Clemons
Jackie, Donna, Alexis and Addison Collins*

Donna Collins - December 18, 2012 at 01:05 PM