



Vada Marie Yates

August 31, 1933 - January 3, 2021

Vada Marie Yates, daughter of the late Benjamin and Lona (Daulton) Harrison was born on August 31, 1933 in Buffalo, Missouri and departed this life on January 3, 2021 at her home in Springfield, MO. At the time of her passing she was 87 years, four months, and three days of age.

Vada was reared in Buffalo and graduated from Buffalo High School in 1951. She was united in marriage to Wilburn Yates in late December of 1951 and together they had five children. She went to work as a secretary for an Attorney in Buffalo before she and Wilburn opened their home as foster parents to over 35 children. Vada loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, she could always be found holding a baby or a grandchild in her lap. She was an excellent cook and was well known for her cinnamon rolls and her love for good, hot coffee. She enjoyed spending her free time crocheting and taking care of her roses. Vada was a faithful member of the Berean Baptist Church in Springfield for the past 45 years and worked in the nursery as long as her health permitted.

Vada was preceded in death by her husband Wilburn; her parents; one brother, Clarence Harrison; one sister, Mary Stafford; one grandson, Casey Yates; and one granddaughter, Mikyah Yates. She is survived by three sons, Gary & wife Anita Yates of Willard, MO, Lowell & wife Carin Yates of Springfield, MO, and David & wife Kimberly Yates of Casslake, MN; two daughters, Karen & husband Bruce Mullen of Springfield, MO and Eva Yates of the home; 17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She also leaves

other family members and many friends who will all truly miss her. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021 in the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Ables officiating. Escorts will be Eddie Yates, Paul Yates, Eldon Yates, John Yates, Jeff Stafford, and Craig Stafford. Honorary escorts will be Ron Fann, Neil Leimkuehler, Gary Boehmer, and Ronn Hobbs. Music will be provided by Brian Mills, Thad Forrester, and Jon Yates. Interment will be in the Oak Lawn Cemetery under the care and direction of the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Friday prior to the service at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Berean Baptist Church Missions Fund.

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Cemetery

Main Street
Buffalo, MO 65622

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo
931 W. Main St.
P.O. Box 993
Buffalo, MO 65622
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Service

JAN 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Vada Marie Yates*

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Vada Marie Yates*

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Vada Marie Yates*

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ *Vada Marie Yates*

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Vada Marie Yates*

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *Such a sweet soul with beautiful heart. Sad to her gone but never forget her, she's in no more pain and isn't hurting anymore. She's with her husband and family now. We can smile knowing she's happy and with everyone down here still. I'm always sending love to the family.*



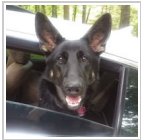
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“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Vada Marie Yates.



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“ Vada, will be miss, but sometimes we have to let go, when Lord calls you home
I remember coming to her house, when we was kids, and making home made ice cream
Wilber could really eat that ice cream, and Gary and Lowell was close friends back then, played a lot of fast pitch soft ball. I think back to those days, and I miss seeing my old friends, now are mom and dad are moving on, and now we are the old people.
I am sorry for our loss, but we all will meet soon

Phil Bare
CEO

Phil Bare - January 05, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ Vada seemed to be ageless! I think it was her beautiful smile and loving heart. All 3 of my children went thru her nursery at church and i always knew they were loved. We will miss you Vada but say “hi” to Mom &Dad.

Dianne Daugherty - January 05, 2021 at 09:34 AM

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“ *Theresa Pemberton lit a candle in memory of
Vada Marie Yates*



Theresa Pemberton - January 04, 2021 at 04:44 PM