

Departure To A New Home

For

Reverend Mary Ingram Bates

1940 — 2013



Saturday, June 8, 2013

11:00 A. M.

*Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Leighton, Alabama*



Don't Worry

*Today is a new day.
Tomorrow has not yet come.
Yesterday is passed and gone.
What is this sadness from?*

*I pondered through my wandering mind,
to gather all my thoughts,
to try to put my mind at ease,
and make my worries naught.*

*The Lord said in His word,
take one day at a time.
Today will take care of itself,
for everything is mine.*

*But you just put your trust in me,
for you I will provide..
I know your needs before you ask,
I'm right here by your side.*

*When you are worried and distressed,
and don't know what to do.
Just place your trouble at my feet,
and I'll take care of you.*

~Mary Bates



Obituary

Reverend *Mary Magdalene Ingram Bates* was born October 22, 1940, in Harvest, Alabama to the late *Leotha Ingram* and *Mary Alice Walton Ingram*. She passed away June 4, 2013 in Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

She confessed Christ at the age of six and joined St. James Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Harvest, Alabama. Her family moved to Huntsville, Alabama and she joined the Mackin Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In 1952, her family moved to Leighton, Alabama and she united with the Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church where she was a member of the choir until her husband was called to serve his Country in 1963. She traveled with him until he retired in 1983.

During this time, she worshiped in the military chapel until she joined Anderson Chapel A.M.E. Church. There she served as a Class leader, Missionary worker and on many auxiliaries in the church. While there, she was called into the ministry, and licensed to preach. **Rev. Bates** preached her first sermon at Thomas Chapel A.M.E. Church in Copperas Cove, Texas under the pastoral care of **Rev. Aubrey Pickjins**.

After returning home in 1983, she reunited with Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She was licensed to preach by the Florence Presbytery and was later ordained on April 15, 1984. **Rev. Bates** served as pastor of the Good Spring Cumberland Presbyterian in America for eight years. **Rev. Bates** served on various committees in the Florence Presbytery, and served two terms as moderator, served on the Judiciary committee in Alabama Syand, as well as Vice-Moderator. **Rev. Bates** also served as Assistant Pastor at Mt. Zion Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

She leaves to cherish her memories, a loving **husband**: Elder Richard Bates of Leighton, Alabama; one **daughter**: Nicole Bates-Stamps; **son-in-law**: Charles of Houston, Texas; one **son**: Minister Richard Bates III and his **wife**: Tamoria of Chesapeake, Virginia; **grandchildren**: Armania Bates of Huntsville, Alabama; Haven Denise Stamps of Houston, Texas; Itali Simone Bates, Janiya Cherreyle Bellamy, and Jayden Cayem Bellamy; **sister**: Eva (Robert) Kennemer of Huntsville, Alabama; **brothers**: Leotha (Imogene) Ingram of Muscle Shoals, Alabama; Bruce (Lila) Ingram of Sheffield, Alabama; Docary (Carolyn) Ingram of Muscle Shoals, Alabama; **brothers-in law**: Lawrence (Mary) Williams of Huntsville, Alabama; Ruben (Wilma) Johnson, Lonnel (Regina) Johnson, Harvey (Essie) Johnson, Willie Derrick (Lisa), **sisters-in-law**: Mae Napier, Marva Garret all of Forest City, Arkansas; Pamela Johnson of Garland, Texas; **special friends**: Lucille Marshall, Pat Ingram of Leighton, Alabama; **adopted family**: Mary Alexander and family; a host of **nieces, nephews**, other **relatives and friends**. *She* was loved by all who knew her, and will be forever missed by those closest to her.



****Order of Service****

- ✓ Prelude.....Soft Music
- ✓ Processional
- ✓ Selection.....*Showers of Blessings*.....Presbyterial Choir
- ✓ Scripture.....*Timothy 4:6-*.....Rev. James Miller
- ✓ Prayer.....Rev. Joyce Johnson
- ✓ Resolutions and Acknowledgements *Flareice Presbytery*
Son, Richard Dale Alabama Synod
- ✓ Reflections.....Family & Friends
- ✓ Solo....."Wayfaring Stranger".....Carolyn Ingram
- ✓ Obituary (Silent Meditation) *"The Other Side"*
- ✓ Eulogy.....*Phillipians 1:23*.....Rev. John Haley
- ✓ Saxophone Solo....."Amazing Grace".....Brother James Roy

Recessional



Acknowledgment

*Because you cared, you came by to share
Beautiful flowers and words of prayer
Because you cared enough to do
Words of comfort on cards came too.
Because you cared, we're not alone—
Calls a visits reached our homes.
Because you cared, we're grateful indeed—
You've given comfort to a family in need.
Because you care, we are able to bare
The grief and sorrow...there is no despair
Because you cared, we're praying too
For God's richest blessings to be bestowed on you.*

*Thank You!
The Family*



He Only Takes The Best

*Mary... God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not found,
so God put his arms around you and
whispered "Come Home With Me."
We will carry your heart in our heart.*

*Our hearts are broken and we have
shed many tears, but we thank God
that you were with us for so many years.*

*Marry... you are the Best and
God only takes the Best.*

*We love you and we will miss you.
We will see you again.*

*Billy and Mary,
Redd and Duke*





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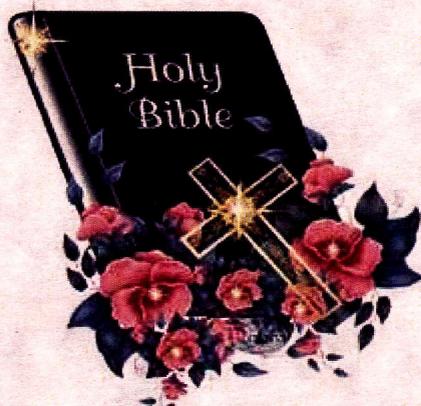
Honorary Flower Bearers

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Interment

Oakwood Cemetery

Sheffield, Alabama

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