



Helen Bates

February 8, 1927 - November 22, 2013

Helen Bates, age 86, of Princeton, Texas, passed away November 22, 2013, in McKinney, Texas. Helen Bates was born February 8, 1927, in Carrollton, Texas, to James Lafayette and Dovie Laurel (Scott) Evans. She married Billy Joe Bates on November 6, 1944, in Collin County, Texas.

She is survived by her daughters, Laura Higginbotham of McKinney, Texas and Cathie Grubb and husband, John of Princeton, Texas; sons, Billy Bates and wife, Carol, Terry Bates and wife, Patsy, Ronnie Bates and wife, Donna, and Keith Bates, all of Princeton, Texas; eighteen grandchildren; forty-six great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other loving family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, three brothers, husband, grandson, Eric Timmons, and son-in-law, Billy Joe Higginbotham.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 27, 2013, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel in Allen, Texas. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park in Allen. The family will receive friends from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Memorials

Laura & Family, I met Mrs. Bates when she would visit you at work. I gave her some lace that had belonged to my grandmother. She made me several lace angels and I still hang them on my tree each year. My thoughts and prayers

are with all of you.

INETHA ROBERTS, NOVEMBER 26, 2013

Laura, and family I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother, grandmother and a friend to so many. She was a lovely lady and had a great family. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time of loss. She is beautiful and young again and feeling no pain in heaven with your Dad.

BRENDA GODWIN HONEA, NOVEMBER 26, 2013

Aunt Helen, As sad as I am to loose you, I know you are happy with our family now. I love you and will miss you terribly. God Bless your family and may he comfort them.

THEDA MEDLEY, NOVEMBER 26, 2013

I'm so saddened to hear of the loss of this GREAT LADY. She was like A MOTHER to me. My Thoughts and Prayers go out to the family. I know her and Joe are rejoyceing to be together again . Helen you will be missed. I love You

LEROY AND NANCIE SUE MARSH, NOVEMBER 24, 2013

My heart is heavy today. I've known the Bates family my whole life. Joe & Helen were both great people. They will be forever missed but their memory lives on and their Legacy....I mean just read above: 6 children, 19 Grandchildren (most of which I know and grew up with)and 46 Great Grandchildren & let's round that off with 4 Great Great Grandchildren...WOW! Remarkable! I have always believed that a person isn't rich by how many possessions or how much money they have, but how many family, friends and loved ones they have...In this case, Helen's net worth...PRICELESS! The Morrison Family sends our thoughts and prayers out to the Entire Bates family

JOHNNY MORRISON, NOVEMBER 24, 2013

My thoughts and prayers are with the Bates family. So hard to bear sometimes, but it's God's will...she is fine.

DOROTHY JUNE LORANCE GIBSON, NOVEMBER 24, 2013

Mamaw you are gone, but will never be forgotten. You were an exceptional woman, and I only hope I can be just half the woman you were. You did so

much for me in my life and I cherish all the memories I have of you and Papaw. I know how happy you are to be back with him, and everyone else that has gone before you. I love you and I take great comfort that I now have two beautiful Angels watching over their family.

SHELLY JONES, NOVEMBER 24, 2013

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