



Celebrating the Life of

Naomi

NEELY YATES

MARCH 14, 1935 - DECEMBER 23, 2021

To Naomi Yates,

The reason I'm writing this letter is to let you know you are so very important to me, in my life.

There is really not enough time left in this world nor word in the Webster dictionary, English Vocabulary to describe The Greatest Mother on Earth, but here we go...

N- NUMBER ONE IN MY LIFE
A- ALWAYS THERE FOR ME
O- ON THE LORD'S SIDE
M- MY DEAR SWEET MOTHER
I- IN GOD WE TRUST
Y- YOU CAN ALWAYS
DEPEND ON HER
A- ALWAYS GIVING & PRAYING
T- TELLING EVERYBODY ABOUT
GOD'S GOODNESS
E- EVERYTIME SHE TURNS AROUND
GOD IS BLESSING HER
S- SHE IS TRULY A CHRISTIAN

*Love your son,
the late
Ricky Yates, Sr*



Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth—
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

"Mama Yates"



Obituary

Naomi (Neely) Yates was born to the late Lonzo Ed Neely Sr. and Elnora (Wooten) Neely on March 14, 1935 in Coldwater, Ms.

She gave her life to Christ in 1946 at the age of 11 at New Pleasant Hill M.B. Church under the leadership of Rev. John Rogers in Coldwater, MS. Naomi later moved her membership to Ella Green M.B. Church of Coldwater, MS under the guidance of Pastor W.H. Walker where she served as a faithful usher. Naomi was united in holy matrimony to the late Thomas C. Yates Sr. on December 18, 1949 and to this union five children were born.

After relocating to Memphis, TN Naomi obtained a job at Memphis Dinnette Company where she was gainfully employed there for 17 years. Naomi decided to further her education by going back to Adult School at night where she completed her studies from 1991-1995 at A.B. Hill School in Memphis, TN. She united her membership in April 1967 with King Solomon M.B. Church under the leadership of Rev. L.M. Morganfield. She worked faithfully as an usher and Sunday school teacher. After the death of Rev. L.M. Morganfield, Naomi continued to work faithfully under the leadership and guidance of Dr. Van Ford Jr. She was the Vice President of the Mother Board and served on the telephone ministry. Mother Yates was later appointed President, and an honorary mother in December of 2015 in which she served faithfully with honor and great devotion. "Mother Yates" as she was so affectionately called, loved God, her church family, and her Pastor.

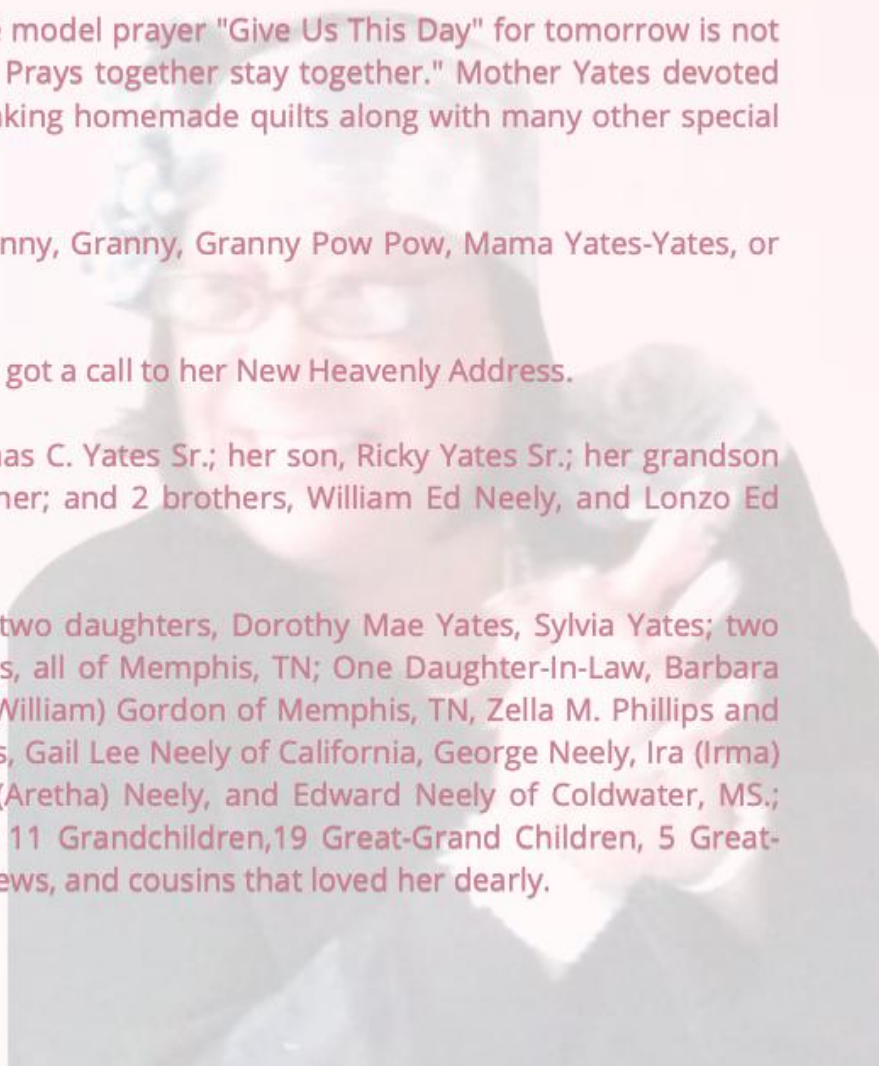
Mother Yates was always saying the verse in the model prayer "Give Us This Day" for tomorrow is not promised. She also believed that "A family that Prays together stay together." Mother Yates devoted her life in cooking for her family and others, making homemade quilts along with many other special talents.

Family and Friends called her: Mama Yates, Granny, Granny, Granny Pow Pow, Mama Yates-Yates, or just "YATES".

On December 23, 2021 at 1:27p.m, Mother Yates got a call to her New Heavenly Address.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Thomas C. Yates Sr.; her son, Ricky Yates Sr.; her grandson Thomas (Trey) C. Yates III; her sister, Mary Turner; and 2 brothers, William Ed Neely, and Lonzo Ed Neely Jr.

Mother Yates leaves to cherish her memories; two daughters, Dorothy Mae Yates, Sylvia Yates; two sons, Thomas (Debra) Yates Jr and Stanley Yates, all of Memphis, TN; One Daughter-In-Law, Barbara Yates, of Memphis, TN; three sisters, Kathleen (William) Gordon of Memphis, TN, Zella M. Phillips and Beulah Leflore, both of Chicago, IL.; five brothers, Gail Lee Neely of California, George Neely, Ira (Irma) Neely, Forrest Neely all of Memphis, TN., Roger (Aretha) Neely, and Edward Neely of Coldwater, MS.; One Sister-In-Law, Vera Yates of Memphis, TN; 11 Grandchildren, 19 Great-Grand Children, 5 Great-Great Grand Children and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins that loved her dearly.



Celebration of Life

WE ASK THAT YOU REMAIN MASKED THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THIS CELEBRATION

Processional.....Musical Gospel Instrumental

Old Testament..... Elder Jamison Gray

New Testament..... Rev. Carlos Franklin

Prayer.....Deacon Sam Franklin Jr.

Solo.....Bro. Craylon Davis

Words Of Comfort.....Rev. Fredrick Hoyle

Words of Inspiration.....Nora Brown Clifton

Solo..... Mrs. Helen Smith

Declaration of Love (2 Minutes please)

Morris Smith

Rev. Albert (Bubba) Smith

Bro. Jerrell Rucker

Rev. Roosevelt Jackson Jr.

Acknowledgements.....Mrs. Ptosha Jackson

Silent Reading of the Obituary

Selection....."He's My Friend Until the End".....Branch of Christ M.B Church

Selection....."He'll Work It Out".....Mother Yates Reunion Choir

Selection....."I Know I've Been Changed" Rev. Gerald Rayborn

**Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. Van Ford Jr.
King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church**

Recessional.....The Family

The remains will not be viewed after the eulogy

**THERE WILL BE NO VIDEOGRAPHY OR PHOTOGRAPHY
OF ANY SORTS PERMITTED IN THIS CHURCH**



Precious



Memories





"I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU"
YATES, MY MAMA, THREE THINGS YOU
TOLD ME TO ALWAYS REMEMBER TO
DO:

1. GET CLARIFICATION
2. GOD SAY GIVE US THIS DAY
3. IF BY ANY CHANCE I
(NAOMI) GO TO THE HOSPITAL AND
NO FAMILY MEMBERS CAN BE BY MY
SIDE, YOU (NAOMI) WAS GOING TO
PRAY TO GOD AND ASK HIM TO COME
TAKE YOU HOME SOON, AND HE
HEARD YOUR PLEA.

Your Daughter, Dorothy

Tribute from your Daughters

"MY MOTHER"

I THOUGHT OF YOU TODAY,BUT THAT
IS NOTHING NEW, I THOUGHT OF YOU
YESTERDAY AND DAYS BEFORE THAT
TOO. I THINK OF YOU IN SILENCE, I
OFTEN SPEAK YOU NAME. ALL HAVE
YOUR MEMORIES AND YOUR PICTURES
IN A FRAME. YOUR MEMORY IS MY
KEEPSAKE WITH WHICH I'LL NEVER
PART. GOD HAS YOU IN HIS KEEPING
AND YOU IN MY HEART,
WITH LOVE,

Your Daughter, Sylvia



Precious Memories



"Until We Meet Again"

We think about you always, we talk
about you still, You have never been
forgotten and you never will.
We hold you close within our hearts,
and there you will remain to walk and
guide us through our daily lives

Until We Meet Again

"Give Us This Day"

*Love,
Your Grandchildren*

"Our Dear Mama Yates"

Your kindness and love were so special, and
your heart so pure and true.

Words cannot describe the loss we feel.
Having to say this last good-bye. You'll never
be forgotten, within our hearts
Until we meet again, Grandma we will keep
your memory alive

"Give Us This Day"

*Love,
Your Great-Grandchildren & Great
Great-Grandchildren*

"Mama Yates"

Thank you for your wisdom and
guidence you have shown upon me
I miss you each and everyday

"Give Us This Day"

*Love,
5th Generation
Khaila Elise Malone*



Special Loved Ones

Special Sons & Daughters

Syloan & Rita Price

Morris & Helen Smith

Dorthy Harper

Marvin Williams

Rev. Carlos Franklin

Sam & Verlinda Franklin

Katie Craft

Jerrell & Angela Rucker

Vernon & Patricia Hilliard Jr.

Greg & Judy Mathis

Henry & Martha Wilson

Mother Dorthy Mathis

Rev. Roosevelt & Ptosha Jackson Jr.

Lee & Joyce Milligan

Joseph Townsend

UL Tolbert

David & Veronica Ford Sr.

Mother Angel Nelson

Mother Dorothy Williamson

Lavera Pickett

Raymond Avant

Ruby Barnett (*Special Sister*)

Special Relatives

Dianah Hubbard

Elder Jamison & Cassandra Gray

Ken Cleveland

Sonia Pope

Elaine Knox

Kim Layton

Gary Dowry

Betty Cook

Johnny & Fred Dotson

Barbara Burks

Aaron McNeal

Marion Cooper aka "Chubby"

Freiederums Abraham

Oscar Wooten Jr.

Nora Brown Clifton

Molly Wilkens

BabyLee Wilkens

Judy Hawkins

Mary White

Rev. Oscar & Naomi Irby

Esther Weiner