



Betty Anna Bates

March 31, 1942 - December 4, 2012

Betty Anna Bates, 70 of Athens, Alabama died on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at Athens-Limestone Hospital in Athens, Alabama. Born Tuesday, March 31, 1942 in Pulaski, Tennessee, she was the daughter of the late Lawson Newman and the late Elizabeth Newman. She was the wife of the late Carlos Bates and was also preceded by a son: James Carlos Bates and a brother: Thomas Newman. She loved cooking, sewing and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church of Athens, AL. Surviving are son: Christopher Thomas Bates of Athens, AL; daughter, Tanya Blas of Athens, AL; foster daughters: Cindy Martinez and Erica Mendoza, both of Athens, AL; special friend: Antonio Lopez; sister, Violet West of Pulaski, TN; grandchildren: Tieza Morris, Tashanna Morris, Christopher Lee 'Buba' Bates, Eliana Bates, and James Carlos Bates, Jr; four foster grandchildren; and one great-grandson: Jackson Bates. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at Gatlin Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

“ *My First Christmas in Heaven*

*I see the countless
Christmas trees
around the world below
With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars,
reflecting on the snow*

*The sight is so spectacular,
please wipe away the tear
For I am spending Christmas with
Jesus Christ this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs
that people hold so dear
But the sounds of music can't compare
with the Christmas choir up here.*

*I have no words to tell you,
the joy their voices bring,
For it is beyond description,
to hear the angels sing.*

*I know how much you miss me,
I see the pain inside your heart.
But I am not so far away,
We really aren't apart.*

*So be happy for me, dear ones,
You know I hold you dear.
And be glad I'm spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I sent you each a special gift,
from my heavenly home above.
I sent you each a memory
of my undying love.*

*After all, love is a gift more precious
than pure gold.
was always most important
the stories Jesus told.*

*Please love and keep each other,
my Father said to do.
I can't count the blessing or love
has for each of you.*

*So have a Merry Christmas and
Wipe away that tear
Remember, I am spending Christmas with
Jesus Christ this year*

Janice Tomerlin Finley - December 13, 2012 at 10:21 PM

JS

“ Tanya I am so sorry for your loss...

Joyce Bates Spangler - December 09, 2012 at 06:09 PM

TC

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you Tanya and your family.....but
always remember she is forever with you and watching over you
and yours {{{{ hugzzz }}}}

tracii christiansen - December 07, 2012 at 11:40 AM