

Joan "Jo" Bates

April 3, 1957 - November 3, 2023

Joan "Jo" Annette Traynum Bates, 66, passed away November 3, 2023.

A native of Piedmont, South Carolina, daughter of the late Francis and Sybil Fletcher Traynum, she was an employee of Whaley Foodservice of Greenville, and a member of Piedmont Presbyterian Church, where she was the former organist. Jo found great enjoyment in reading.

Surviving are her husband, George Ronnie Bates of the home; two daughters, Renee Bates (Jimmie) of Seneca and Brandi Zook (Brent) of Easley; one son, David Pruitt (Courtney) of Pelzer; and six grandchildren.

She was also predeceased by two brothers, Leonard and Jimmy Traynum.

Graveside services will be held 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at Graceland East Memorial Park, conducted by Rev. Charlie Blakely.

Visitation will be held 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 6, 2023, at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at their respective homes.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net


Graveside Service

NOV 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Graceland East Memorial Park
2206 Woodruff Road
Simpsonville, SC 29681

Tribute Wall



“ Oh my goodness, I just found out, I'm so sad.
All our memories at PYA will never be forgotten, we had so much fun, our road trips and everything. Rest in peace my amazing sweet friend , I'll see you again one day.

Laura Dorn - August 18, 2024 at 08:29 PM

MB

“ Just heard of Jo's passing. I'm so shocked to hear this. We sang together at Piedmont Presbyterian Church for lots of years. A sweet, kind and very talented person. My prayers are with Ronnie and the children and grandchildren. I'm so terribly sorry to hear this news. May Gods peace and understanding be with all who mourn the loss of Jo.



Mary Earle Bkackstone - November 07, 2023 at 04:18 PM

KE

“ We are thinking and praying for you and your family during this sad time. May care and love of those around you & for each other provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. We feel deep sorrow for the passing of your loved one. We are sure she is greatly missed. Please take care! We know you all cherish precious memories of Jo.
Love,
Tony and Kerry Smith Bonnaville



Kerry - November 06, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan "Jo" Bates.*



November 05, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ *There's probably no other person I owe more gratitude to than Aunt Jo. I'm so grateful the last time we spoke was to share happy news. The world will certainly be less bright without her beautifully loving and generous spirit. Sending all my love to David and family.*

Ashley Reese - November 05, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ *Ronnie & David, we loved Jo very much. We miss her dearly. You and your family are in our prayers. We cherish all of the wonderful memories we made through the years. Our years at PPC singing in the choir. We enjoyed her lovely organ and piano playing. We have missed hearing her play. Hugs and prayers. We will rejoice knowing we will see her again in glory. Love y'all.*
Thursie & Hallie Broome



Thursie Broome - November 05, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Ronnie, we are so sorry to hear of Jo's passing. I know she will be greatly missed. May your memories and love see you through. You are in our prayers.*
John and Kathy (Smith) McGee

Kathy McGee - November 04, 2023 at 05:34 PM

KM

“ *Kathy McGee lit a candle in memory of Joan "Jo" Bates*



Kathy McGee - November 04, 2023 at 05:32 PM

JJ

“ *So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.*” - John 16:22



Jimmie - November 04, 2023 at 02:06 PM