



Mary Bates

September 14, 1929 - November 12, 2016

Mary Magdeline Sweezy Bates, 87, awoke in the arms of her Lord and Savior on November 12, 2016. She always loved a beautiful sunrise. Mary always said that no work of art could compare to the handiwork of God. Although she loved her family and friends, she longed to go to her Heavenly Home and was reunited with her beloved, husband, John, in addition to other family members.

Born in Greenwood, Mary was the daughter of the late James Edward Sweezy and Sallie Hoxit Sweezy. She was a beloved mother, Mimi, sister, aunt, and friend. She had a wonderful sense of humor and loved of her family dearly. Mary was a charter member of Praise Cathedral.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Bates Hill; her son-in-law, James Hill, whom she loved as a son; her grandchildren, Claire Bates Hill, Jason Dietrich (Bates), Margaret Lippard (Bates) Shawn Bates, Will Bates, Anthony Bates, Alicia Bates, Anthony Bates; and her three beloved sisters, Regena Short, Katherine Lundstrom, and Erin Mauldin; and nieces and nephews.

Mary was predeceased by her son, Kenny Bates.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 p.m. Monday, November 14, 2016 at The Wood Mortuary, conducted by Rev. Bob McCuen. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memory Gardens.

Honorary escort will be the Senior Adults at Praise Cathedral.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 until 1:45 p.m. Monday at the mortuary prior to the service.

The family is at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Susan and James Hill.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful caregivers and staff at Home Helpers, Greer, SC.

Memorials may be made to Greer Community Ministries, PO Box 1373, Greer, SC 29652.

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

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memory Gardens

14050 East Wade Hampton Boulevard
Greer, SC 29651

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 14. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
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Service

NOV 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Bates*



The Wood Mortuary - November 13, 2016 at 11:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Bates.*



November 14, 2016 at 08:43 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss. May you find comfort in the resurrection promise at John 6:40 that reads; "This is the will of my Father, that everyone who recognizes the Son and exercise faith in him should have everlasting life and I will resurrect him on the last day." The Bible gives us hope that one day our dead loved ones will be brought back to life.*

R Brown - November 14, 2016 at 08:41 AM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Wood Mortuary - November 13, 2016 at 10:50 AM

AH

“ We have many fond memories of worshipping with Mary and the family through the years as Praise Cathedral continues to grow by the grace of God. Al & Nadine Hunt

Al Hunt - November 13, 2016 at 07:16 AM



“ Mary always had a smile on her face. She never met a stranger. She was such a loving, kind woman who will be missed greatly. To her family, I am so sorry for your loss. Mary is with our Lord and Jesus now. She had a new body and she is with her loved ones whom had gone on before her. Mary showed light for all to see. She was a true Christian. I loved her so much!



Gloria Lee - November 12, 2016 at 08:51 PM

GL

“ *Gloria Lee lit a candle in memory of Mary Bates*



Gloria Lee - November 12, 2016 at 08:41 PM

LC

“ *Lois Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mary Bates*



Lois Cooper - November 12, 2016 at 08:22 PM

NB

“ *Nora Brown lit a candle in memory of Mary Bates*



Nora Brown - November 12, 2016 at 07:24 PM

DL

“ *So sorry for your loss. Mary;s smile and warm greetings will be missed. Love and prayers..*



Dolly Lynn - November 12, 2016 at 06:39 PM

JK

“ I have wonderful memories of this precious lady during the 17 years I attended Praise Cathedral before I moved. When I heard of this, my mind went instantly to imagining B.H. Short as the usher who greeted her at the door of heaven. What a wonderful family and what a Christian testimony!! Love from Jane (Green) Krueger

Jane Krueger - November 12, 2016 at 05:53 PM