



Olivia Ann Yates

August 12, 1941 - December 14, 2024

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In the early hours of December 14, Olivia Ann Yates passed away peacefully after many days surrounded and cared for by those closest to her.

Born on August 12, 1941, to H. H. and Ruth Morris Tidwell, Olivia Ann Yates brought warmth, love, and wisdom into every life she touched. She was a born leader with quiet words and expression, who proudly wore and exceeded the mantle of ‘teacher.’

Olivia was preceded in death by her beloved parents and adored brother, Franklin “Sonny” Tidwell.

Mrs. Yates is survived by her husband of 62 years, Wayne “Rowdy” Yates; her son, Frank (Angie) Yates, her sister, Claudette Tidwell Dobbins; her grandchildren, Orey (Brittany), Tristan (Maleiha), Stone (Lauren), and Cruz Yates; her great-grandchildren, Owen and Annabeth Yates; her nephews Kenneth and Stanley Hill, her nieces Cynthia Wells, and Stephanie Tidwell; her beloved and wonderful nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews, many beloved special Morris cousins; and the countless students whose lives she shaped as a passionate and proud educator.

A memorial service officiated by cherished Cousin David Long will be held for Mrs. Yates at Ryan Funeral Home in Trenton (11415 S Main St, Trenton) on Monday, December 16th at 1:00 PM EST with visitation beginning at 11:00 AM EST.

In lieu of flowers, send donations to North Sand Mountain Library and Media Center; P.O. Box 129 Higdon, AL 35979

No words written here would do justice to the canyon-sized legacy left by such a loved and influential woman. Books could be written for and about a woman so well-cherished. Instead, we shall with a few words from the woman herself, in reflection and expectation of this very day;

“(Life) has been wonderful to me in most instances. My family and career have made it so. Teaching was my passion; my family, my treasure. My students were my gems in the diadem of life. I love my family and friends deeply enough that it approaches perfection.”

Thank you, Granny. You meant the world to each and every one of us.

-Orey Yates

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I'm seeing this obituary for the first time. I didn't know she had passed away. I am so sad. She was my first grade teacher and gave me piano lessons at a young age. I was a library aid during school. She was a beautiful, kind, and loving person. We have all lost a piece of our life.

Cecilia Higdon Scott - February 18, 2025 at 05:56 PM

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“ Orey, I'm very sorry to see that your grandmother passed. It looks like she was an amazing lady. I knew her brother Frank who worked with my mother. --Linda Wilson, your English teacher

Linda Wilson - December 16, 2024 at 02:17 PM



“ 55 files added to the album LifeTributes



Ryan Funeral Home - December 16, 2024 at 09:35 AM

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“ Tammy Dobbins lit a candle in memory of Olivia Yates



Tammy Dobbins - December 16, 2024 at 09:34 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Olivia Ann Yates.



December 15, 2024 at 02:17 PM

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“ Libby and Wayne marsh purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Olivia Ann Yates.



Libby and Wayne marsh - December 15, 2024 at 11:03 AM