



## Nancy Lee Bates James

June 20, 1926 - May 2, 2021

Nancy Lee Bates James, 94 of Huntington, WV, died, Sunday, May 2, 2021. She was born June 20, 1926 in Cabell County, WV the daughter of the late Ezra Barr Bates and Hazel Coberly Bates. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, John Barr Bates and her daughter, Barbara James Lee. Nancy was a 1944 graduate of Barboursville High School and a 1947 graduate of St. Mary's School of Nursing where she became a Registered Nurse. She married Frank Edward James on March 6, 1947 and was married 67 years up to his passing in 2016. Nancy worked in various fields of nursing throughout her life. Her last nursing employment was with the Cabell County Board of Education as a school nurse and later as Director of Health Services. In 1976 she retired from nursing employment and opened Vita Foods, one of the first health food stores in the Huntington area. She also worked with her husband in developing real estate. She was also a long time member of Bates Presbyterian Church having served in various church positions as Circle Chairman, Leader of Presbyterian Women and Elder. She is survived by her sons, Frank James, II. of Huntington, WV and William B. James (Joy) of Memphis, TN; grandchildren, Brooke James Roberson (Rod) of Dallas, TX, Kylie Koerner (Jim) of Durham, NC, Nikki Lee Shannon of Jonesboro, AK, Ben James (Lauren) of Germantown, TN, Frankie James III. (Cara) of Barboursville, WV, Brandon Lee of Lubbock, TX and Josh James of Huntington, WV; great-grandchildren, Jack and Lily Roberson, Sam and Elizabeth Koerner, Cole and Ruby Shannon, Owen, Benjamin and Mary

Carver James and Ryleigh and Kellan James. A Memorial Service will be conducted at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at Bates Memorial Presbyterian Church with Pastor Scott Hoppe officiating. A private interment will be held in Oaklawn Memorial Park, Huntington, WV. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Huntington or Bates Memorial Presbyterian Church. Henson and Kitchen Mortuary, 6357 E. Pea Ridge Rd. Huntington, WV near Barboursville is caring for the family. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting [www.hensonandkitchen.com](http://www.hensonandkitchen.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Cemetery

E. Pea Ridge Road  
Huntington, WV 25705

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bates Memorial Presbyterian Church  
103 Jefferson Park Drive  
Huntington, WV 25705

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Lee Bates James*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about Nancy's passing. She is such a part of our memories, and her goodness and character made her a blessing to know. It is with sadness that we laid to rest a loved one the same day Nancy was laid to rest. We are sorry to have missed her family. Please accept our prayers and gratitude for her walk in life. I'm sure she has had a glorious reunion in Heaven! Many prayers for her children and their families.*



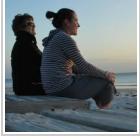
Anna & Doug Pitkin - May 10, 2021 at 08:48 AM



“ *Remembering your mother and dad with fondness!*

*Sincerely,  
Joan Simmons*

joan simmons - May 08, 2021 at 03:08 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Photo Memories from the Anderson's (Bates)*



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**Ramona Anderson** - May 04, 2021 at 04:12 PM

TK

“ As I learned of Nancy's passing memories came flooding back to me of my childhood years growing up with the James family. I first met Nancy and Frank Jr. in 1956 when I was 5 years old. My mother took me to their produce market on Route 60 where she met and bought eggs and produce from Nancy while Frank and I played hide and seek in the isles. Frank and I would become best friends while Nancy and Frank Sr would treat me like a son and I would feel like a brother to Frank, Bill, and Barbie on my many visits to their homes on route 60, Pee Ridge, and Bates Dr.

Their was always laughter and joy at their house and I could never turn down a meal that Nancy insisted I stay for. she was also a skilled taskmaster as she made endless deals with me to shovel out the barn, clean the driveway, and any other chore that was more productive than watching tv. I remember her mother Mrs. Bates fondly and her Studebaker that Frank named the "Hurtin' Buckaroo" which he hijacked on occasion for our road trips. Nancy and my Mom bonded over the years both watching over Frank and me as we grew thru our early 20's.

Nancy James was a true family matriarch who maintained the joy and character of the entire family. She will certainly be missed by all but will reunite with her family and friends in God's eternity.

*My endearing love and sympathy to the family,*

*Teddy Kirk .*

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Theodore J Kirk - May 04, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy Lee Bates James.*



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May 04, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Lee Bates James.*



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May 04, 2021 at 08:51 AM



“ *Nancy was a fine, first class lady. I was a teacher at Hite Saunders Elementary when Nancy was a school nurse. Nancy had a great personality and a wonderful smile that just warmed your heart, I have not seen Nancy in many years but she was the type of person that you just never forget. I had the pleasure of knowing Frank and Bill and I want to offer Diane and I deepest sympathy to them and the rest of the James family. RIP Nancy, you had such a positive effect on so many during your lifespan and you will be missed by so many including me. Nancy, thank you for always being so nice to me when I was learning how to be a good teacher, I am a better person today for knowing you.*

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**Ron Oliver** - May 04, 2021 at 01:42 AM

RG

“ I remember Nancy growing up since my family were members of Bates Memorial Presbyterian Church, Such a nice lady! My mother was also very close and thought the world of her mother, Hazel. What a wonderful family .....I know she'll be missed so much but her memory will be embedded in so many lives she reached out to all her life. Praying for comfort for your family. Love, Rebecca Genter Golumbeski

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**Rebecca Golumbeski** - May 03, 2021 at 08:31 PM

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“ Just wanted to say Nancy meant the world to I loved her with all my heart and her family i will always remember the good times and all her stories she told she will always be my heart forever love and prayers to all the family God Bless love always Ruthie.

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**Ruthie** - May 03, 2021 at 07:53 PM

DM

It was such a pleasure knowing and helping Nancy with her flowers and sending her flowers which she loved. Frank and her were always are favorites and such a joy to talk too. All my employees enjoyed them the same. I know she will be so missed by her family she so loved. God bless you all at this time so sorrow.  
Donna Mayo

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**DONNA MAYO** - May 04, 2021 at 08:11 AM