



Estella "B.B." Tatum

November 24, 1948 - November 2, 2021

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Estella "B.B." Davis Tatum, our wonderful and devoted mother, loving grandmother, and friend to all whose lives she touched. Estella unexpectedly, but peacefully, left us on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. She was 72 years old Born in Jenkins, Kentucky, Estella was the second youngest of seven children born to Catherine and Lonnie Davis. She was proud to be a coal miner's daughter and of her small-town upbringing. Lovingly nicknamed "Babydoll" by her family, Estella took the lessons instilled in her by her parents and paid it forward in all aspects of her life. Before her retirement from Lexmark in 2020, you would find B.B. in the office early, working and networking with her team. Outside of work, B.B. was a busy bee! She turned her interests and talent for connecting with people into opportunities to enhance their lives, including building a wedding coordinator business with her best friends and baking desserts for restaurants, church and private events, friends, and family. In addition, she also found time to bring comfort and joy to others by volunteering for numerous causes and charities, including: feeding the homeless at the Salvation Army, helping shape young minds with the YMCA Black Achievers, helping to coordinate the Martin Luther King Jr. Day breakfast banquets for thousands of people for Lexmark, dancing and singing with seniors at local nursing homes, and being active in her church, Bethsaida Baptist Church. Estella Davis Tatum was curious, thoughtful, outgoing, and enjoyed traveling, music, learning, meeting new people, and spending time with friends and loved ones Beloved mother to daughters, Tiffany Tatum, Tomena Tatum, and Tamaro Hanna (David). Cherished grandmother of Kyetia, Nikita, Khalil, Taryn, Tariq, and Lewis. Great-grandmother to Kyla, Kamry, Nova and Na'Layah Rose. Dear sister to Archie Davis, LaVerta Matthews (Vernon), Lonnie Jean Hunter (Voight), Dorothy Barnes (John), Doris Davis, and the late Robert Davis. Remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held Friday, November 12th at 10am until Funeral Services, beginning at 12 pm Unity Worship Center, 1975 Haggard Court, Lexington KY 40505.

Cemetery Details

Bluegrass Memorial Gardens

4915 Harrodsburg Road
Nicholasville, KY 40356

Previous Events

Service

NOV 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

Unity Worship Center
1975 Haggard Court
Lexington, KY 40505

Tribute Wall

DF

“ *BB was a dear friend for many years. Wish I could talk to her again. Look forward to seeing her in heaven one day.* ”

Diane Fields - December 10, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ *Estella "B.B." Tatum* ”

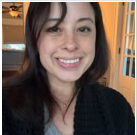
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MN

“ *BB was a much loved Colleague, a friend and a life mentor for me and my family. She always knew what to say and brighten the day when life got tough and most importantly was always there for us. Rest in peace my friend.. We really miss you..* ”



Mete and Susie Nadir - November 12, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ *Tamaro's "Mommy" was always welcoming. I remember being at the house on Forest Green with a bunch of other high school dorks devouring her yummy Fettuccine. You know she was special and good with people when Tamaro offered her mom's service to chat when we were all freshman in college dealing with crazy, emotional, life issues. Much love to those closest.* ”

Marlena Hwang - November 12, 2021 at 10:18 AM

BS

“ *BB was a ray of sunshine and every time I would see her she would have the biggest smile on her face and she would give me the warmest hug. She always made my day better as we would talk about our children and especially the grand children. She was so proud of all of them! I could always count on BB to tell me like it really was, keeping it real which I definitely appreciated.* ”

I miss our exchanges but know she is in a great place looking after everyone like she did in her time on this earth.

Brock Saladin - November 12, 2021 at 08:28 AM

PA

“ Estella "B.B." worked in our Facilities group when I first started around 1983. She was always so friendly and loving and will never forget the warm hugs she always had to share. Estella was a very hard worker. The joy and love that Estella shared with all was such a precious gift. At Thanksgiving, Estella would cook the best turkey for the department, and continued that for many years even after she had left the Facilities group to work in other areas. Estella is greatly missed, but will never be forgotten.

Paul Ackerman - November 12, 2021 at 08:18 AM

BC

“ "B.B" was my helpful engaging neighbor
Who could always be depended on to
Do and help... recently to the point of bringing me an ice pack for my head when I
fell in the street walking my dog!
She also had walked the dog at times and he loved her too❤️😊. She will be
missed by her neighborhood and at times was referred to ad " the mayor" :)
BUT

Betty Craig - November 11, 2021 at 04:38 PM

GM

“ Gwen, Thomas, Kirsten and Mia purchased the Peaceful White
Lilies Basket for the family of Estella "B.B." Tatum.



Gwen, Thomas, Kirsten and Mia - November 11, 2021 at 01:03 PM

KT

“ I had the privilege to work with B.B. for quite a few years. She never met a
stranger, and always had a smile on her face. She was a great lady, who was
always there to jump into anything that needed to be done. I am very blessed to
have been able to know and work with her. She will be missed. Prayers for the
family.

Kelly Tingle - November 11, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Estella "B.B." Tatum.*



November 11, 2021 at 09:15 AM

JG

“ *I worked with BB and she had the biggest heart and beautiful smile. She had a wonderful sense of humor and I enjoyed all the years we shared. She will be missed and was loved by all.*

Janet Grzynkowicz - November 11, 2021 at 08:56 AM

DW

“ *B.B. was the work mom I never knew I needed. From the first moment of meeting her, she always made sure I was taken care of. She would always check in with me, make sure I was okay and pray with and for me. She always knew what to say and when to say it. Her joy radiated wherever she was. I'm grateful and honored that I was able to be part of just a small portion of her outstanding life. I will miss you B.B.!*

Dominique Wright - November 11, 2021 at 08:35 AM

KG

“ *I remember when Lexmark began to move away from inkjet, BB's team took over our lab space which was right next to my desk. I always looked forward to seeing her smiling face everyday in an otherwise low moral time. Although a short period, I really enjoyed getting to know her. Rest In Peace my friend.*

Kim Glindmeyer - November 11, 2021 at 08:25 AM

HE

“ It's so hard to believe B.B.'s gone from this world, but I am so happy to think of her in the arms of her Savior! B.B. is missed greatly! She's left a big void in a lot of lives, but we're all better for having known and loved her. I'm grateful for all she did for me over the years, from taking care of me at work to helping with my wedding a few years ago. Her big, warm, inviting smile was already missed since her retirement from Lexmark, but it was nice getting together for lunch whenever she could fit it in to her busy life, where she was always giving so much of herself.



Hannah Emerson - November 11, 2021 at 07:50 AM

TR

“ B.B. was always so kind to her "Lexmark family" - sharing a friendly smile, some encouragement, and laughter. It was a wonderful surprise to bump into her at a yard sale in our neighborhood over the summer and catch up. B.B. was a dear friend and is already missed! Praying for God's peace for the family.

Tim Reed - November 10, 2021 at 09:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Estella "B.B." Tatum.



November 10, 2021 at 06:47 PM

TP

“ RIP BB. Didn't know you well, yet remember your positive attitude at Lexmark.

Terry Parker - November 10, 2021 at 06:12 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Estella "B.B." Tatum.



November 10, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Estella "B.B." Tatum.*



November 10, 2021 at 04:18 PM

CH

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Catherine Huffines - November 10, 2021 at 03:47 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Estella "B.B." Tatum.*



November 10, 2021 at 05:54 AM

FF

“ *fondly, Susan Coleman & your PHN friends purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Estella "B.B." Tatum.*



fondly, Susan Coleman & your PHN friends - November 09, 2021 at 07:09 PM