



Roberta Spillman Yates

August 27, 1932 - January 20, 2024

On Saturday morning, January 20, 2024, the Lord extended His hand to our beloved and took her home to rest.

Roberta Spillman Yates, daughter of the late Ida Glass Rogers and Robert Spillman, was born in Jessamine County, Kentucky, August 27, 1932. She was preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth Spillman Smith and brothers Leslie Spillman, Lonnie Spillman, and Marshall Walker.

On November 21, 1951 she was united in holy matrimony to Percy Lee Yates. To this union was born one daughter, Shelia, and one son Percy Jr., who preceded her in death. Her beloved husband, Percy, also preceded her in death, leaving an indelible mark on their eternal love story.

At a young age she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior and united with First Baptist Church in Nicholasville. She and her husband served many years at Cedar Top Baptist Church.

She was a Sunday School teacher, VBS Superintendent, member of the Progressive Club and

Missionary Society, and always and active member of the kitchen crew. As a concerned citizen and graduate of Rosenwald Dunbar High School, she was a founding member of the Rosenwald Dunbar Alumni Association Inc. Steering committee. She also served on the United States Department of Agriculture Committee, Jessamine County office, for nearly twenty years. She was active at both the Fayette and Jessamine County Senior Citizens Center. She loved to be in her garden, canning, and cooking. She embodied the timeless qualities of a Proverbs 31 woman.

Relocating in Lexington, she united with the Main Street Baptist Church under the services of Elder D. J. Ward in 2002. Here she was a member of the Talitha Lynem Mission Circle, attended Sunday School, worship services, and weekly Bible study. She was later appointed to the position as a Church Mother—a labor she sweetly embraced.

Other survivors include her one and only grandson--Matthew (Kristy) Piersawl; two great-grandchildren--Iris and Yates Piersawl; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and a wide circle of extended family, each carrying forward her legacy. Visitation Tuesday January 30, 2024 from 5 - 7 pm at Smith & Smith Funeral Home Lexington, KY and 10am to 12pm Wednesday January 31, 2024 at Cedar Top Baptist Church Wilmore, Ky

Cemetery Details

Locust Grove Cemetery

Nicholasville, KY

Previous Events

Service

JAN 31. 12:00 PM (ET)

Ceder Top Baptist Church
108 Scott St
Wilmore, KY 40390
(859) 858-0082

VISTATION CHURCH 10 12

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Roberta will always be my favorite memory working at Kohls. A very special person.*

Maryfrances - January 31, 2024 at 08:34 PM

BA

“ *I will always remember Roberta's beautiful smile and gentle voice. Blessing to this family. Betty Dixson Alexander and Family, Evansville Indiana*

BETTY J ALEXANDER - January 31, 2024 at 02:56 PM

RW

“ *Roger and Tish Wilburn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Roberta Spillman Yates.*



Roger and Tish Wilburn - January 30, 2024 at 01:07 PM

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“ *Roger and Tish Wilburn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roberta Spillman Yates.*

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