



## Martha Mildred Hite

October 30, 1917 - November 23, 2008

Martha Mildred Davison Hite was born in Halfway, Missouri on October 30, 1917 and passed away at the age of 91 on Sunday, November 23, 2008. Her last weeks were spent at her daughter Dana's home under her loving care. The daughter of John and Molly Davison, Martha grew up and graduated from high school in Halfway, Missouri. After a short period of teaching in a one-room schoolhouse, she married her sweetheart of 7 years, Berkley Hite on June 30, 1940. For fourteen years Berkley and Martha traveled between California and Missouri while Berkley served in World War II and had several businesses, including the used car and real estate businesses. They then settled in Bolivar where they bought the MFA Oil Agency, which eventually grew into Hite Oil and Quality Oil Companies, and started a family of two daughters--Dana Joy and Myrna Loy.

Martha was the bookkeeper for Hite and Quality Oil Companies, and also an avid homemaker. She loved sewing, quilting, crocheting, gardening, and growing many kinds of flowers. In fact, her girls said she was happy as long as she was playing in the dirt in some way. She loved traveling, and enjoyed trips to Europe, the Holy Land, Australia, Mexico, Honduras, and Alaska, as well as trips to Cabo San Lucas and Jamaica with her girls the last two years of her life.

She was an active member of the First Assembly Of God Church in Bolivar,

where she played the piano and organ for 40 years, taught Sunday school for over 60 years, and went on missions trips until she was 80 and could no longer physically make the trips. She worked hard on these mission trips, including painting schoolrooms on her last trip and encouraging the other, younger travelers to get busy and help!

Service was a way of life for her. She enjoyed sewing for missions with the Women's Ministries of her church, as well as cooking and serving thousands of dinners for families in need. She "adopted" two young women who lived with her during their college years. Martha also visited, played the piano, and sang for the residents of the CMHCF Nursing Home every Friday for at least 10 years of her life.

Preceding her in death were her husband of 46 years-Berkley; a beloved granddaughter-Chelsea Walker; her parents; and 9 of 11 siblings-Glen, Fred, Bessie, Opal, Paul, Silas, Clifford, Mary, and John. She is survived by her daughters and their husbands-Dana and Dan Rocha, and Myrna and Greg Walker, all of Bolivar; her grandchildren-Phil Rocha of Chicago; and Julie Rocha, Autumn and Dustin Walker, all of Bolivar; a great-grandchild-Ella Marie Rocha; one sister and her husband-Dorothy and Lois Hayter of Eudora; several nieces and nephews; and many, many friends. She will be sadly missed as a mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, mentor, prayer warrior, role model, teacher, and beloved friend.

A celebration of her life will be held Wednesday, November 26 at 10:00am at the First Assembly of God Church under the direction of the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar with the Rev. Gary Ankrom, Rev. Ken Robinson, and Rev. Dan Rocha officiating. Special music will be "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus" by Jackie Hitchcock and Malinda Batten with Greg Ankrom playing the piano, "Beulahland" by Dan Hitchcock, "Mama's Teaching Angels How To Sing", "Serenaded By Angels" by Randy Matheny, and "Marvelous Light" by

Justen McCarter. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar. Pallbearers will be David Cribbs, James Batten, Greg Ankrom, Theo Condren, Ralph Buckner and Dean Griggs. Visitation will be from 5-7pm, Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at the First Assembly of God Church in Bolivar.

In lieu of flowers, and to honor her dedication to Christian Education, the family respectfully suggests contributions be made to Polk County Christian School, P.O. Box 303, Bolivar, Missouri 65613

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Mildred Hite*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Martha Mildred Hite*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *My heart ache so much today. I just found out few minutes ago that you passed away. I wish I had the opportunity to say goodbye. You are a true Angel sister Martha, you opened your home to a Honduran girl more than 10 years ago and offered me your unconditional motherly love. Thank you, for teaching me about God's love, kindness and respect to others. I will never forget all the fun times we had together, me trying to learn English and you Spanish. Thank you for your kindness and love I will never forget you. I know that God must have an special place for you in haven. Te amo mucho hermana (I love you very much sis.Martha)... Patty Canaca-Bonnaz*

**Patty Bonnaz** - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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**Patty Bonnaz** - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ My deepest sympathies to Dana and Myrna, and their families. Martha was such a warm person, and will be dearly missed.

*Kind regards.*

*Jennifer Dyal*

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**Jennifer Dyal** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Martha will be greatly missed.

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**Michael & Joann Condren** - November 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Martha was such a blessing!! She will be greatly missed by many. But what an asset Heaven has received. She is where she has always wanted to be. May God comfort you in your loss. We love you all!! Brandon and Ronda LePage

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**Ronda LePage** - November 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Your mother was a living example of love in action. I know you count your blessings for having been in the closest circle of that love.*

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**Twila Smith** - November 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *Dana and family,*

*A saint has truly gone home to heaven. Your mother was a wonderful example to all who knew her. May you be comforted by her love and memories until you meet again. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sharon Whitman Easter*

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**Sharon Whitman Easter** - November 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *Our prayers are with your family. What a wonderful role model she was for all of us!*

*Kristy Libotte Keener*

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**Kristy Libotte Keener** - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ *Most Beloved Martha,*

*Words cannot express the sorrow I feel that you are no longer here with us. On the other hand, there are no words to express the joy I feel that you are finally home. You lived an incredible life, one that most people would envy. You were a true blessing to so many people, especially to me and Angel.*

*We will miss your sweet, smiling face we loved to see when we came back to Bolivar to visit. Coming to visit you always felt like coming home. You always loved to feed and pamper us.... custard pies, baked beans, fried cabbage, potatoes and the list goes on. You took such good care of us and wanted to make sure we were alright. I knew the first time I met you 20 years ago that you were truly special. Bolivar was home to us because you always welcomed us back with open arms and a kiss. You truly became our family. Angel has called you "grandma Martha" ever since she was a toddler because you were her very own adopted grandma.*

*But as they say, all good things must come to an end. Even though life here on earth has come to an end (and what a blessed life it was), the party is just beginning in heaven. So I must say goodbye, Martha.....for now. We shall meet again on that beautiful shore one of these glorious days.*

*Your adopted daughter and granddaughter,  
Timmy and Angel.*

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**Elizabeth (Timmy) Adedokun** - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *Martha's brother, John Davison, was my father-in-law. I was married to Bob Davison. Bob and I loved spending time with Aunt Martha. She had lots of spunk. We loved her smile and the stories she told. Heaven will be a little brighter now. I can just hear John, Bob, and Aunt Martha having a laugh together and doing some rejoicing in each other's company. My prayers are with you.*

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**Teresa Davison** - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM