



Myrtle Farmer Cates Phillips

October 26, 1926 - March 23, 2012

Myrtle Farmer Cates Phillips, 85, passed away Friday, March 23, 2012, at Citizens Memorial Healthcare Facility in Bolivar. The daughter of Gentry and Cora Montgomery Farmer, Myrtle was born in Halfway and lived for over 50 years in Bolivar. Myrtle was an active member of the Berean Baptist Church in Bolivar and was very giving and dedicated to her church family whom she loved dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ralph Cates, children James M. Cates and Beverly Sue Cates, grandson Bryce Lentz, granddaughter Crystal Cates, brothers Roy Farmer and Lendell Farmer, and her sister Lillie Graves. Myrtle is survived by sons, Johnny Cates and wife, Denise, of Leesburg, Georgia; Eric Phillips of Bolivar; Norman Phillips of Osceola, Missouri; daughters, Delsia Smothers and husband, David, of Effingham, Illinois; Teresa Lentz and Monnie Ostrom, of Kearney, Missouri; Debbie Hadley and husband, David, of Morrisville, Missouri; brother, Lovell Farmer and wife, Dorothy, of Oxnard, California; brother, Floyd Farmer of Goodson, Missouri; sister, Shirley Arthur of Louisburg, Missouri; sister, Rosie Bays of Halfway, Missouri; daughter-in-law Wilma Cates, widow of the late James M. Cates; sister-in-law Faye Cates, widow of the late Clyde Cates; brother-in-law Pete Williams, widower of the late Helen Cates Williams; 22 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Monday, March 26, 2012, at Murray Funeral Home in Bolivar officiated by Rev. David Lingo with music provided by Rhonda Cates. Burial will follow in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. A

visitation will be held 6:30 - 8:30 Sunday evening at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Alzheimers Association in memory of Myrtle Farmer Cates Phillips.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Myrtle Farmer Cates Phillips*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Myrtle Farmer Cates Phillips*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *R.I.P. grandma we all know you will be watching over us and you are joining more of your loved ones in heaven...And to the rest of the family including my daddy John, i wish i could have came to the services and am very sorry i wasnt there but i love her and love and miss you all!! sincerely with all my heart, ANGEL CATES*

Angelisa Cates - March 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Myrtle's pics always made me smile I am broken hearted that she has left us. I didn't know her personally but through you Teresa I feel like I did. Anything I can do please let me know nothing anyone can say will help the pain just remember we care and you are in our prayers... Love, Debbie Stacy and Brittney Clark {daughter}*

Debbie Stacy - March 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please know that you and your family, friends and loved one's are in my prayers at this time of loss. Hold firm to your happiest of memories and know that my heart cries out for your shattered heart. God Bless & keep you at this time! Love, Terrie*

Terrie Lynn (blondie) - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Grandma Myrtle was a wonderful lady who not only gave a lot of love, but when listened to taught alot of lessons about life, love, and letting go and letting God!The world is a better place, and we are better people because of her. With Deepest Sympathy, Todd & Stacey Hart*

Todd & Stacey Hart - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM