



Claretha M. Bates

August 17, 1935 - October 15, 2013

CLARETHA McKLEMURRY BATES, AGE 78

and a resident of Franklinton died at 9:30 am Tuesday October 15, 2013 at Riverside Medical Center. She was a former longtime nurse's assistant at Southeast Louisiana Hospital and attended Mount Zion United Pentecostal Church. Claretha was an animal lover who used to enjoy making jewelry. She often spent time helping to distribute food and supplies to those in need. She never met a stranger and was always a very kind, talkative and generous person.

Survived by:

Husband: Richard Bates of Franklinton

Daughter: Vickie Deere of Clinton, MS

2 Sons: Ronnie Moak, Walter Moak both of Pascagoula, MS

Granddaughter: Julie Deere

3 Step-children: Bryan Patrick Bates, Richard Dwayne Bates, Melissa Bates

2 Sisters: Thelma Kehoe of Franklinton, Ruth Nardella of Oak Harbor, FL

Brother and Sister in law: Jerome and Doris McKlemurry of Columbia, MS

Also numerous nieces and nephews

She was preceded in death by her parents Clarence McKlemurry and Ruth McKenzie McKlemurry, her first husband Britt Moak, a sister Elaine Boyd and brother Arthur McKlemurry.

Visitation will be Saturday October 19, 2013 at Mount Zion United Pentecostal Church from 10 am until the funeral service at 2 pm with Rev. Leon Hickman

and Rev. Bryan Bates officiating. Burial will follow in the McNeese Cemetery.
Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Tribute Wall

BC

“ So sorry for your loss. God Bless.

Bill and Susan Crews - October 18, 2013 at 08:54 PM

NR

“ Vickie, Andy and Ronnie, I am so sorry to hear about Aunt Clara.
She has her beautiful wings and is soaring now.

Nora Rollinson - October 18, 2013 at 06:14 PM

JG

“ So sorry for the loss is sweet "Miss" Clara.

Juhn Marie Green - October 17, 2013 at 04:46 PM