



Martha E Yates

September 10, 1925 - July 31, 2015

Martha Emiline Yates, 89, passed away on July 31, 2015, in Roswell, NM. She was born September 10, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hardcastle, of Roswell, in Slaton, Texas.

Preceding Martha in death were her parents, baby daughter, Dona Ann Conboy, of Oklahoma City and sister, Ferne Louise (Green) Adair, of Roswell. Martha married Thomas S. Yates, of Clintwood, VA, on December 12, 1957, he also precedes her in death.

A resident of Roswell since 1934, she graduated from Roswell High School with the class of 1944. Martha went to work with the Mountain Bell Telephone Co, in 1943 and retired in 1979, with 32 years of service, after 1 week of retirement she went to work at the Security National Bank as their switchboard operator and then retired with 16 years of service. Named #1 switchboard operator in 1985, chosen out of 20 switchboard operators employed by Sunwest Bank.

Martha is a Christian and a member of the First Baptist Church. She enjoyed her family, dancing, fishing, traveling and her Organizations.

Joining the Roswell Fraternal Order of Eagles #3187 in 1975 and since then has held the office of Madam President, Jr. Past Madam President, Past 13 year Secretary of her local Auxiliary, Madam State President, Jr Past Madam State President, Past 13 year State Secretary and was State Membership Chairman for 7 years.

Martha was a Four Corners Regional President and a past Grand Madam

Chaplin; she was inducted into the Fraternal Order of Eagles Grand Auxiliary Hall of Fame in 1997. Martha also joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary #2575 in 1975 and held the office of Auxiliary President, and Auxiliary Treasurer for 10 years, she also served as District 7 President for 3 years, as well as several other offices in the District 7 Auxiliary.

A member of the Women of the Moose Lodge #1035, she held the office of Past Senior Regent, and holds the Academy of Friendship Award, the College of Regents Degree and has earned her Red Stole.

Martha was a past President of the Telephone Pioneers, Jingle Bob Club and was still very active in all of her Organizations.

To carry on Martha's legacy are her daughter, Angela R. Jenner, of CA; son, Larry L. Yates and wife Carolyn, of Wellsville, PA; brother, John S. Hardcastle and wife Dian, of Roswell; sister, Rose K. Baggett, of Corsicana, TX; two grandsons, Michael Geurin and wife Lisa and Mark Geurin, all of Roswell; four adopted grandsons: Brandon and girlfriend Ketsie, David, Shane and Nathen Yates, of Wellsville, PA; six great-grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Roman, Brittney Geurin, of Roswell; Nyla Yates and Konnor Yates, both of PA; great-great-grandchildren, Jude Meyers and Kaitlyn Marie Geurin, of Roswell. Also surviving Martha are eight nephews: John Baggett and wife Karen, of Allen, TX; Mark Baggett and wife Shari, of Corsicana, TX; Ricky Green, of Ruidoso, NM; Darrell Green, of Roswell, Jan Green and wife Susan, of Las Cruces, NM; Kenneth Green, Granada, CA; four nieces: Lynn Hickman and husband Phil, of Mesa, AZ; Pam Teel and husband Kyle, of Caliente, NV; Jennifer Rogers and husband Ron, of Oxnard, CA and Katheryn Ann Green Loyd, of Las Lunas, NM.

Martha loved life and all of her friends, she will truly be missed.

To Those I Love

And Those Who Love Me

While I am gone release me, let me go.

You have many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be thankful for our beautiful years.
I gave to you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
Thank you for the love you each have shown.
But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve a while for me, be comforted by trust.
It is only for a time we must part,
So bless the memories in your heart.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart,
You'll hear all my love around you soft and clear

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015, 7:00 PM, at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 3201 S. Sunset.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories of Martha with her family in the online register at andersonbethany.com.

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall

“ For Martha's dear family,

When I first became a telephone operator in Roswell, NM in 1968, I met Martha Yates. She was always smiling and so very sweet. She had a smile that made you wonder what she was up to. Martha always treated everyone kindly, and I never knew anyone who didn't love her. And she never knew a stranger. She was so outgoing and loving.

Martha was best friends for at least 50 years with Doris Walker Hartley. I believe they went to high school together in Roswell. They were both telephone operators and worked for 'Spuds' Reames, when I first began my career there. Martha and Doris loved to socialize and went dancing at local clubs frequently. Martha was the sane one of the two and kept Doris out of trouble as much as possible. (I have stories!)

Martha and Doris came to Albuquerque frequently to visit friends and family. Sometimes she would stay with my husband and me. Martha was always so much fun and outgoing. I'll never forget her smile and her famous red hair.

One day Martha saw some birdhouses I had custom painted, and she told me how beautiful they were. So, I told her to pick out one of them to take home. I knew she would enjoy it, because she loved the simple things in life. Martha knew the value of hard work and friendships. She often spoke about going to California and riding ATVs with her family.

Martha always just wanted to make others happy. She was one of the most lovely people I've known. I was so sad to hear she had passed, but I know we will be together in heaven one day. She was a sincere Christian. I'll miss her until then.

*Linda Guthrie
Albuquerque, NM*

Linda Guthrie - November 02, 2015 at 04:20 PM

JE

“ Sweet lady, smart aleck, friend, loved her tequila rose, Eagle convention... (OMG), thought she would live forever. In my heart she will. Grrrrrrrrrr! The family is in my prayers. Judy Evans

Judy Evans - September 03, 2015 at 03:04 PM

SP

“ Growing up in Roswell we were neighborhoodso and Angie and I run around together through the years with Larry plying with my brother Larry. Martha helped us with homework, becoming friends while working at telephone company, and yes her and Doris are having fun again. Loved her smile and laughter.
Sharon Curtis Perry
Tularosa, NM

Sharon Curtis Perry - August 07, 2015 at 11:50 AM

BH

“ Martha and my mom(Doris Hartley), Martha called her Dorsey, lit up any where they went. They were unseperable from 1969 on. Like my sister Linda stated, Heaven will never be the same with both of them there. The Lord will have his hands full!

Bob(Butch) Hartley

Bob Hartley - August 06, 2015 at 11:24 AM

LL

“ She was a long and true friend to my Mother. Doris Hartley. I can picture them together in heaven as we speak. Look out Heaven.... Here they come.

Linda Larsen - August 05, 2015 at 12:29 PM



“ *Our prayers are with the family. Martha went with us to the casino several times, and brought a ray of sunshine to every trip.*

Michael Peacock - August 04, 2015 at 01:38 PM

TR

“ *Martha was always full of fun and laughter. She could light up a room with her smile. She lived life to the fullest. We need more people like her.*

Teri Romero - August 04, 2015 at 10:05 AM

NB

“ *Martha was a wonderful lady, a faithful member of the American Legion Auxiliary, and a hard worker who would do anything for anyone! I will miss her and her smile! Love, Nancy Britton, Legionnaire*

Nancy P. Britton - August 01, 2015 at 04:43 PM

BP

“ *BEVERLY & JIMMY POPE lit a candle in memory of Martha E Yates*



BEVERLY & JIMMY POPE - August 01, 2015 at 02:13 PM

BP

Martha was a wonderfull person,she will be deeply missed.

BEVERLY & JIMMY POPE - August 01, 2015 at 02:17 PM

SE

Didn't get to talk much with her, but that one day in Capitan with her and the rest of the Eagle Riders I will not forget. She was very sweet and I enjoyed her company.

Stephen Eaton - August 03, 2015 at 02:01 PM

DP

Martha was a very special person. It was always a joy to be around her at Eagle Functions. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Dana Pergeson, Clovis Eagle Auxiliary #3245

Dana Pergeson - August 03, 2015 at 09:46 PM