



Mary Ruth Yates

January 29, 1956 - January 27, 2026

February 29, 1956 – January 24, 2026

Mary Ruth Yates, born February 29, 1956, a leap year baby with a spirit all her own, passed away on January 24, 2026. A lifelong resident of Dickenson County, Virginia, Mary was known for her compassion, strength, and devotion to others.

Mary worked for many years as a Licensed Practical Nurse, caring for people with patience and heart. She also served her community as a member of the volunteer rescue squad.

Above all, Mary's greatest joy and purpose was caring for and raising her two granddaughters, Samantha and Chancis, whom she loved unconditionally.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Yates; her daughter, Alicia Yvonne Yates; her sisters, Brenda Owens, Velvet Taylor, and Sue Rose; her brothers, Casey and Arthur Dooley; and her parents, Cassie B. Dooley and Edith Flora Collins.

Mary is survived by her granddaughters, Marilynn Chancis Yates (Matthew Perrigan) of Columbia, Missouri, and Samantha Yates (Blake Fleming) of Haysi, Virginia; her great-grandchildren, Knox, Enzo, and Ezra; her sisters,

Joyce Baldwin of Clintwood, Virginia, and Janice Dingus of Haysi, Virginia; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Mary will be remembered for her kindness, resilience, and the deep love she gave to her family and community.

Family will receive friends Wednesday February 4th, 2026, from 12:00 pm til 1:00 pm, with the funeral service to begin at 1:00 pm, with clergyman Greg Edwards officiating. Burial to follow in the Temple Hill Memorial Park Cemetery in Castlewood, VA.

Mullins Funeral Home and Staff are serving the Yates family. Online condolences may be made at www.mullinsfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

Temple Hill Memorial Park Cemetery

Castlewood, VA

Previous Events

Family will receive friends

FEB 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mullins Funeral Home Chapel
210 Main St.
Clintwood, VA 24228

Burial

FEB 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Temple Hill Memorial Park
2529 Memorial Drive
Castlewood, VA 24224

Tribute Wall

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“ *Joyce, My deepest sympathy to you, Janice, and families for the loss of your sister Mary.*

Sally Mullins - February 04 at 11:30 AM

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“ *Sandy Moore lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Yates*



Sandy moore - February 03 at 04:45 PM

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“ *Vickie Barton lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Yates*



Vickie Barton - February 03 at 02:00 PM



“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Marilynn Chancis - January 28 at 08:37 PM



“ Roma Mullins lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Yates



Roma Mullins - January 28 at 01:20 PM