



Wanda Bates Austin

March 1, 1919 - April 15, 2013

Wanda Bates Austin, 94, of Decatur, Arkansas, died April 15, 2013, at her home. Born March 1, 1919, in Hiwasse, Arkansas, she was the daughter of Jack Bates and Goldie Holloway Bates. Wanda married Emmett Austin on October 26, 1938. She worked for Care and Share in Gravette, Arkansas, from 1985 to 2009. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church, and taught Sunday school for 50 years.

She loved crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles, reading, and gardening as well as making jelly and canning.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; four brothers, and four sisters.

Survivors include daughters, Phyllis Jo Phillips and husband Byron of Bella Vista, Arkansas, Sharon Y. Boothe of Bentonville, Arkansas, Lynda Clevenger and husband Jeff of Flippin, Arkansas, and Janice Roberts and husband Greg of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; sons, Fred Austin and wife Janis of Fulton, Missouri, and Robert Austin and wife Beverly of Decatur; 21 grandchildren; 40 great grandchildren; 12 great great grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Iris Bates and Nadine Londagin of Decatur.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 18, 2013, at Assembly of God Church, Decatur, Arkansas, with Brother Dan Fagala and Brother Kirk Anderson officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Hiwasse. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs. To sign the online guest book, visit www.wass

onfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Pleasant Cemetery

15651 W. Hwy 72
Gravette, AR 72736

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Service

APR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Decatur Assembly of God
675 N. Main St.
Decatur, AR 72722

Tribute Wall

VW

“ I loved G-ma Austin. Her granddaughter Charalene and I were best friends and wow did we have some time with her on our way walking to Decatur. We would stop by her house and then by Oscar Stacey's house and talk to them. We also had fun on our trip to New York. Fred was like my second dad growing up. Love yall and am praying for you.

Vanessa Van Dyke Wendt - April 18, 2013 at 11:26 AM

GC

Thank you for the kind words about Grandma. She was truly a remarkable woman, and will be missed so much. Thank you also for the prayers for the family.

Gayle Clark - April 19, 2013 at 09:54 AM

GW

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with the family. What a wonderful legacy she has left.
Gary & Krystal Wheat
Pastors ~ First AG Siloam Springs.

Gary & Krsytal Wheat - April 18, 2013 at 09:02 AM

GC

Thank you so much for the thoughts and prayers for our family. She was an amazing woman and left high standards for the rest of us to live up to. I will truly miss her and the wonderful smile she always had on her face.

Gayle Clark - April 22, 2013 at 12:54 PM

EW

“ so sorry to hear of Wanda's passing, she will be missed by all her family and friends, she had a good long life. Larry and Evelyn Wilmoth

Evelyn Wilmoth - April 17, 2013 at 10:45 PM

EV

“ So sorry to hear of Wanda's passing, she was a tough lady and worked at care and share until her health wouldn't let her, I am sure she will be missed tremendously by all her family and friends, she had a good long life. Larry and Evelyn Wilmoth

evelynwilmoth@live.com - April 17, 2013 at 10:38 PM

GC

Thank you for posting the kind words about Grandma. She was a tough lady and she so enjoyed working at Care and Share. She enjoyed going to have coffee with all her friends there in Gravette. I am so extremely lucky to have had her in my life for as long as I did. She set quite an example for all of us to live by. I will miss her like crazy. The family really appreciates all the kindness we received from so many who knew her.

Gayle Clark - April 19, 2013 at 01:31 PM

PP

thank u for your kind words. she was a driving force in our family and I am going to miss her more than anything in the days to come. I loved her very much

Phyllis Phillips - April 21, 2013 at 07:26 PM

EB

“ *My condolences to all Wanda's children, my cousins. I remember many happy times on the farm when you lived near Gravette. Wanda was an inspiration with her vitality and friendly laughter. Quite a woman!!! My prayers for peace are with you.*
Earline (Wilmoth) Baker



Earline Baker - April 17, 2013 at 07:46 PM

PP

Dear Bill, So gald to hear from you. Mom was so special to all of us. She thought a lot of you and always spoke highly of both you and Alice.

Phyllis Phillips - April 21, 2013 at 07:32 PM

DT

“ *My prayers are with the family I love this woman as if she was my own mother she also had a kind word and was love by all. She will be well miss by all that knew her. James and Deanne Tucker.*

Deanne Tucker - April 17, 2013 at 06:56 PM

BB

“ *WHEN I WAS PREGNANT WITH MY SON,I WAS SO PAST DUE SHE WOULD SEE ME COMEING IN THE STORE AND SHE WOULD SAY GO HOME BARB,I DONT WANT TO BE A MID WIFE,THEN WHEN HE WAS BORN I TOOK HIM IN THE STORE AND SHE PUT HIM IN A BOX AND PUT HIM IN THE WINDOW WITH A SIGN THAT READ"FREE"OF COURSE SHE WASNT GONNA LET NO ONE TAKE HIM,BUT MY SON GRADUATES MAY 12,HES 18,SO I HAVE LOTS OF STORIES,GOOD ONE,GOD BLESS THE FAMILY,BARB,JAY AND JOSH WITT*

BARBARA BRADURY - April 17, 2013 at 03:30 PM

PP

What a wonderful story about my mom. She loved working at share and care and loved helping everone that acame into the store.

Phyllis Phillips - April 21, 2013 at 07:34 PM

KB

“ My cousin Wanda was a wonderful woman and will be missed by many. We used to have cousin lunches and she always had a story to tell. One time the cousins went on a trip to see P.M. in MO- Wanda and my cousins all looked at painting of heaven with all the people that had passed away and went to heaven, she and cousin Norma each thought they saw their name under a person. Norma and Wanda thought they would be the one to get to Heaven first- Norma won. Wanda, you will be missed, but always in our memories.



Karen Horton Burns - April 17, 2013 at 10:59 AM

JH

“ JB Hunt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wanda Bates Austin.



JB Hunt - April 17, 2013 at 08:35 AM

DS

“ Aunt Wanda was a great lady and helped so many people. She is now in Heaven with Uncle Pete and her brothers and sisters. Praying for comfort for the family and the hundreds of friends

darla(evans) stanley - April 16, 2013 at 09:30 PM

RB

“ *I have Known Wanda all my Life,we were neighbors when I was growing up, her daughter and I were the best of freinds and still am,, she will be dearly missed, Prayers to the familey,,Roxanna Wayt Ballenger*

Roxanna Ballenger - April 16, 2013 at 07:08 PM

PP

Hi Roxie, We did have a lot of fun when you lived just up the road from us. My mom would ask if I had heard from you. She thought a lot of your family.

Phyllis Phillips - April 21, 2013 at 07:38 PM