



PALLBEARERS  
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## *Just a Memory Away*

*I'm no longer by your side,  
But there's no need to weep.  
I've left sweet recollections  
I'm hoping you will keep.*

*Eternal joy and memories  
Stay in our hearts forever,  
Strengthening our special bond  
That parting cannot sever.*

*Now it's time to journey on  
So let your faith be strong,  
For I am in a better place...  
I'm home where I belong.*

*And if times of loneliness  
Bring sorrow and dismay,  
Don't despair, for I am there,*

*Just a memory away!*

### THE FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*The family of the late **Sandra Brooks** wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and the many expressions of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. Our loss is great, but we are comforted in knowing that so many care. May God forever bless and keep you in HIS care.*

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*A Celebration of Her Life*



# *Sandra Bates Brooks*

MARCH 6, 1957 ~ JUNE 24, 2020

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020 | 1:00 PM  
BOSTICK TOMPKINS FUNERAL HOME  
2930 COLONIAL DRIVE, COLUMBIA, SC

# REFLECTIONS OF HER LIFE

Sandra Veretta Bates Brooks transitioned from her earthly home to her eternal home on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at 4:36 pm. Sandra was the daughter of Evelyn Toliver Caldwell and the late Uzell Bates. She was born March 6, 1957, in Columbia, South Carolina, and departed this life at Prisma Richland Hospital.

Sandra was the second born of five children. She was educated in the public schools of Richland County and a graduate of Dreher High School class of 1975. She was employed by Palmetto Health Baptist for 20 plus years.

Sandra was preceded in death by her father, Uzell Bates and Elliott Caldwell, and three siblings, Uzell Jr. Bates, Veronica Allen, and Daron Caldwell.

She leaves us with the sorrow of her passing and we will cherish her memories, left behind is her three children; Tueri Bates, Terrence Bates, and Ashleigh Wells. One sister; Sheila (Nathaniel) Heatley; 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other loving relatives and other dear friends.

*There was magic in my Mother's touch,  
And sunshine in her smile.  
There was love in everything she did  
That made my life worthwhile.*

*I found both hope and courage  
Just by looking into her eyes.  
Her laughter was a source of joy,  
Her works were warm and wise.*

*There was kindness and compassion  
To be found in her embrace.  
And I saw the light of heaven  
Shining from my Mother's face.*

*I know you'll watch over me  
Be my guiding light,  
Giving me the strength I need  
To face days ahead without you in sight.*

*You'll always be with me...  
Whatever I do, wherever I go.  
No one needs to tell me,  
You are my loving mother, so I just know.*

*I could close my eyes and my mind,  
Looking back, filled with sadness that you are gone.  
Or I can do what you'd want:  
Remember the love, smile, open my eyes and go on.*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude .....

Processional.....Family

Song ..... When They Ring Those Golden Bells

Scripture Reading..... Ecclesiastes 3  
Revelation 1:8

Prayer.....

Song .....I Am Free

Poem..... Natalie Heatley

Final Farewell to Our Beloved.....BTFH Staff

Postlude.....I Look to You

Recessional .....

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