

MEMORIAL SERVICES
FOR

Ms. Debra Ann Gates

SUNRISE
JUNE 1, 1952

SUNSET
FEBRUARY 19, 2019



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019
2:00 PM

New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
500 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE
LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND DR. ELAINE ESKEW, PASTOR

Order of Service



Prelude.....Mr. Tony Jenkins

Processional

Hymn of Comfort....."Blessed Assurance"

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....

New Testament.....

Solo.....Mrs. Debbie G. Hayes

Remarks [Limit to 3 minutes]

Seven Oaks Senior Citizen

Wayne Rawls – Church

Venev Gates & Derrick Gates – Family

Acknowledgements,

Cards & Condolences.....Mrs. Shirley W. Harris

Obituary Reading [Read Silently]

Solo.....Mr. Venev Gates

Mr. Wayne Rawls

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Elaine Eskew

Benediction

Recessional.....Family

Obituary



With a whisper, **Debra Ann** heard the Lord call her name; she answered the call after sixty-sixty good years of her life on this earth to go home and be with the Lord and all of her loved ones that has gone before her. She departed on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Debra Ann was born June 1, 1952 to the late Joseph C. and Annie M. Wise Gates of Lexington, South Carolina.

Debra Ann received her education at Rosenwald High and C. A. Johnson High School. She worked at Anacoda of Lexington, South Carolina for a number of years, Carolina Gravure, and Dekatron all of Lexington, South Carolina.

Debra Ann joined New Bethel at an early age where she served on the Senior Usher Board, Gospel Choir, and Steward Board Women Ministry. She also was a delegate for the 2018 Annual Conference for the Columbia Conference.

Debra Ann is preceded in death by her father and mother, Joseph C. and Annie Mae Wise Gates, and sister, Joyce Elaine Gates.

Debra Ann leaves to cherish her fond memories: three brothers, Marvin (Carolyn) Gates, Ezzard Gates, and Venev Gates all of Lexington, South Carolina; two sisters, Evangelist Claudietta Davis and Leticia Gates both of Lexington, South Carolina; one uncle, Andrew (Lillian) Gates; three aunts, Serena Jones of Maryland, Betty Wise of San Diego, California, and Vernell Gates Hopson of Batesburg-Leesville, South Carolina; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family members and friends.

Debra Ann had no children, but she affectionately had **CAT** named **IZZYB B** that she loved so dear; to her that was her child.

Loving Submitted by the Gates Family

*Only God Knows Why
We grieve for your silence
And try, so not to show
But what it meant
Gone before we knew it to lose you
No one will ever know*

*You wished no one a farewell
Or ever said good-bye
You were gone before we knew it
And only god knows why*

*A golden heart stopped beating
A gentle person at rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best*



Honorary Pallbearers Classmates and Nephews

Pallbearers

Clevelyn Gates
Donald Black
Charlie Cook
Jerry Strother
Frederick Gates
Marlon Davis
Keturah Gates
Rodman Davis
Doug Jones

Honorary Floral Bearers Classmates

Floral Bearers

Revious Amaker
Connie Fleming
Bonita Green Gathers
Elosie Gleaton
Janice Mealing
Diane Young
Arlene Gates

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of **Debra Ann Gates** appreciate your acts of kindness, your prayers and your words of consolation during these difficult hours. We ask for your continued prayers and support that the Lord will be with us and by our side. May God Bless each of You.

The Gates Family



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