



Vivian Yates

September 13, 1946 - January 13, 2025

Vivian Yates , Terrell resident, passed away January 13, 2025 in Dallas. She was born September 13, 1946 in Clarksville, Texas to her parents, Herman Lee and Thelma Novell Phelps, both of whom preceded her in death along with her husband, Jerry Yates, and brothers: Lawrence, Lloyd, Leonard, Lonnie and Lewis Joe.

Vivian was a 1965 graduate of Annona High School, a historic milestone as the '65 class was the last class to graduate from that campus. On August 25, 1967, Vivian married Jerry Yates at Lakeside Baptist Church in Dallas. Jerry was career military personnel, and she loved being an "Army wife". They were mostly stationed in Europe, especially Germany, and she truly enjoyed the fast-paced relocations and transfers to different bases, camps and outposts. During her life, Vivian discovered a love for antique furniture. After Jerry's retirement, they settled in the Terrell area and she began a business in Canton at First Monday Trade Days for many years, selling exclusive antiques and coordinating estate sales. She loved gardening but the preliminary part of cultivating wasn't as thrilling to her as seeing the final result of spectacular flowers! A loving caring wife, mom and friend who had a keen knack for organization, Vivian will be greatly missed and never forgotten.

She is survived by her son, Lance Yates; grandchildren: Kara, Braydon and Alexander; brother, Leon Phelps; sister, Dorthey Crawford as well as several nieces, nephews, other relatives along with a host of friends.

In lieu of flowers memorials, her family requests that donations may be made

to Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

401 W Broad St.
Forney, TX 75126

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Graveside Service

JAN **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Vivian Yates*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - January 27, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ *Vivian was a wonderful, thoughtful neighbor & friend. I will miss her smile, laugh and talking with her across the fence.*

Linda Dudley - January 24, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vivian Yates.*



January 23, 2025 at 01:02 PM



“ 55 files added to the album Memories Album



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - January 23, 2025 at 12:42 PM

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“ *Even though I only had the brief opportunity to work with Vivian, I found out what a sweet lady she was. My deepest condolences to the family.*

Yvonne Nail - January 23, 2025 at 10:38 AM

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“ Dearest, Aunt Bib, even though you were ready, you are gone too soon for the rest of us. We will miss you terribly. We will forever have our memories that we hold near and dear to our hearts. My boys have nostalgic childhood moments they cherish from spending the night with their Aunt Bib and Uncle Jerry. My daughter spending precious time with you in your last days. You and I sharing a love of finding treasures from history and being able to see the potential in something flawed.

I remember you telling me how you picked up a book to learn how to work on a car engine. I believe you learned how to do anything you wanted to in life. The elegance you have always displayed in anything you did is something I have admired. Along with the courage and strength you have always exuded, that will be the legacy of you that we will all remember.

Aunt B, you are forever loved.

Denise Crawford - January 15, 2025 at 06:56 PM

JF

“ Vivian was a great lady and I love all the memories we have shared over the years .I miss her now and forever . Love you Vivian and my life will never be the same without you in it so rest in peace my sweet friend !!!

Janie Fletchet - January 15, 2025 at 06:48 PM

DC

“ *My Beautiful Sister was an inspiration and loved by all who knew her! Memories of our childhood and recent adventures will never be forgotten. Her passion of finding that hidden treasure in a pile of stuff someone else left behind will remind me of her every time I see a garage/estate sale. I will miss you deeply Bib! I love you very much! You are the best Sister anyone could ever ask for. May God be with you and keep you safe with Jerry by your side!*

Dorthey Crawford - January 15, 2025 at 04:04 PM