



## Mrs. Eric L Bates

March 21, 1940 - February 25, 2025

On March 21, 1940 in Normangee, Texas, a precious gift was given to Boyd Norris and Bernice Huntsman Norris as they welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Eric Lawrence Norris.

The family later relocated to Brazoria County where she was educated in the public schools of Freeport, Texas and graduated from Lanier High School. During her high school years, she was a member of the band skillfully playing the clarinet.

“Eerie” as she was lovingly known by her family and friends, united in marriage to the love of her life Tim Bates on December 24, 1960 at Greater Barbour’s Chapel Baptist Church in Texas City and to this blessed union, four beautiful daughters were born.

Eerie was a homemaker, devoted wife, proud mother to her girls, a caring grandmother, loving sister and dear friend inspiring countless lives with her love and kindness. She was a former member of Greater Barbour’s Chapel Baptist Church in Texas City and in her leisure time, she enjoyed sewing, crocheting, working crossword puzzles and cherishing quality time with her family.

On the morning of February 25, 2025, she began a new journey to eternal

peace, where she is now reunited with those who have passed on before her, Boyd and Bernice Norris (parents); Jacqueline Walker, (daughter), Joyce Cockfield (sister) and Linda Simmons (sister).

Those who remain to honor the incredible legacy of her life are: her devoted husband, Tim Bates; daughters, Cynthia Collins, Sherry Mikle (Edwin) and La Tonya Bates-Meyers (Franklin); granddaughter, Chelsee Meyers; brothers, Charles Norris (Rosalind), Willie B Norris, Jeremiah Norris (Dorland), Donald Norris (Teresa) and Kevin Norris (Diane); sisters, Shirley Barton and Carol Norris; a special nephew, Ronald Bates (Tina); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family members and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 9:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Fellowship Church  
322 Laurel  
La Marque, TX 77568

## Celebration of Life

MAR 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Fellowship Church  
322 Laurel  
La Marque, TX 77568

## Burial

MAR 8. 1:00 PM.

Paradise Cemetery  
West Columbia, TX

# Tribute Wall

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“ Condolences, To you and your family, God is a good God. Tho your mother will be missed, but you will know where she is resting in the loving arms of God who never makes mistakes. Trust me it's only been almost 2 years since I lost my mother, I know the hurt, and when the hurt hurts to bad, I call on Jesus and he helps me through it. So when it's all over just call on him and he will be right there for you all.  
Louise.

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**Louie A** - March 04, 2025 at 03:05 PM

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“ I send my condolences to the family. I remember the family when I was growing up You'll lived right behind us on the next street Though I haven't seen the family in years, memories last. May the Lord strengthen and comfort the family through this time  
Charlotte

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**Charlotte** - February 27, 2025 at 04:55 PM