



Miss Lea Marie Bates

January 30, 1996 - December 10, 2025

Miss Lea Marie Bates, 29, of Newnan, and formerly of Worth County, died on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at her residence.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday December 20, 2025, at the Banks Funeral Home Chapel with interment following in the Paulk's Chapel Cemetery. The Reverend Tim Mathews and Reverend Gordon Poole will officiate.

Ms. Bates was born on January 30, 1996 in Albany. She had lived in Worth County for most of her life. Ms. Bates worked in retail sales while pursuing a career in modeling. She enjoyed fishing and shopping along with doing makeup and nails. Ms. Bates loved all animals. She loved her family dearly and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include her father, Steve Bates (Julia); her mother, Tina Mathews Hallmark; sister, Kaci Bates, brothers, David Mathews (Christen), Sean Davis, and James Shippey; grandmother, Carolyn Bates; niece, Maybre Grace Mathews; special friend, David Alvarado; along with a host of extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the Service Hour at Banks Funeral Home.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home
PO Box 550
210 N. Main Street
Sylvester, GA 31791
(229) 776-2055
banksfh@yahoo.com
<http://banks.funeralplan2.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home
210 N Main St
Sylvester, GA 31791

Burial

DEC **20** (ET)

Paulk's Chapel Cemetery
500 Paulk's Chapel Road
Sumner, GA 31789

Tribute Wall



“ *Banks Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Miss Lea Marie Bates*



Banks Funeral Home - December 17, 2025 at 09:49 AM

AS

Awee My Girl 😊 im going to miss you soooo much !

Ayesha Sabir - December 31, 2025 at 07:46 AM

EJ

That's going ever be my sister I going miss you like crazy

Easia Jones - December 31, 2025 at 09:47 AM

SW

Get your rest, beautiful

Shannon Williams - December 31, 2025 at 12:01 PM

KY

I will always cherish the memories I shared with Lea. She was truly a wonderful person, inside and out. I'll forever miss going over to David's house and watching Lea and Tina get into their wild antics that could make anyone laugh. Rest easy in heaven, Lea—you truly deserve it. I wish I had more time to talk with you. Much love.

Kyle - December 31, 2025 at 06:11 PM

MB

“ Sending my condolences! All the love, and healing prayers too US all! Lea you made an impact on several peoples lives and may that carry on. REST EASY IN PARADISE QUEEN! LOVE YOU!



Melissa Angela Bacy - December 30, 2025 at 03:54 PM

MH

“ I'm so sorry for you loss! Prayers, love, and hugs.
Marilyn Herring



Marilyn Herring - December 19, 2025 at 09:09 PM

TM

“ Tosha McDonald lit a candle in memory of Miss Lea Marie Bates



Tosha McDonald - December 19, 2025 at 04:36 PM

KW

“ Kristi H Whittington lit a candle in memory of Miss Lea Marie Bates



Kristi H Whittington - December 17, 2025 at 10:31 AM

DA

“ I would like to share something I wrote to Lea a while ago

*Once I heard that if
you kiss a wound
It will magically heal
But I can't kiss your heart
So I will kiss your lips
Your eyes, your cheeks
Your forehead and hands
And I can only hope you
Continue walking this road
This yellow brick road called life
Because when you see yourself
Not reaching the finish line
I see you holding Your hands
Up to the sky In triumph
I always be your biggest supporter
Every day even if one day
My name becomes
An item from the pass
because what I do, I do it for you
And if I was able to show you something
That something is That you are
God's work of art
That your life is just beginning
That are many roads to walk by
That happiness is there for you to grasp*

Love you and miss you girl

David Alvarado - December 16, 2025 at 10:46 PM

KP

“ *Katie Patterson sent a virtual gift in memory of Miss Lea Marie Bates*



katie patterson - December 16, 2025 at 08:40 PM

AD

“ *Aunt Debbie sent a virtual gift in memory of Miss Lea Marie Bates*



Aunt Debbie - December 16, 2025 at 12:09 AM

KH

“ *Steve, I'm so terribly sorry for your loss! I remember all the girls being so close and loved each other so much. She will truly be missed by all.*

Kimberly Hubbard - December 15, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ *Tina I'm just now seeing this (Monday). I had no idea. Girl, my heart hurts for you and the family. Hugs.*

Missi Cyree - December 15, 2025 at 04:37 PM

SY

“ I’m going to truly miss you Sis. I can’t find to words to express how much this hurt. We love you and rest in peace. Sending my love and condolences to Ms. Tina



Sade Yarbrough - December 15, 2025 at 10:07 AM

PR

“ Pam Raby sent a virtual gift in memory of Miss Lea Marie Bates



Pam raby - December 13, 2025 at 09:37 PM

LA

Tina I'm so sorry about lea,,may God be with you,,i love you very much
❤️💕 aunt lynn

Lynn Anglin - December 16, 2025 at 09:15 AM

BH

“ Belinda Hatcher lit a candle in memory of Miss Lea Marie Bates



Belinda Hatcher - December 13, 2025 at 12:51 PM

BH

So sorry to hear about Lea my heart breaks for you all. Prayers and hugs!

Belinda Hatcher - December 13, 2025 at 12:53 PM