



## Thelma Louise Yates

December 4, 1939 - January 10, 2025

Thelma Louise (Moats) Yates, 85, of Fayette City, went to be with the Lord on Friday, January 10, 2025 in Jefferson Regional Medical Center. A daughter of the late Sevester and Mary Hutchinson Moats, she was born in Fayette City on December 4, 1939.

Residing most of her life in Fayette City, she attended the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Fayette City and worked in the sewing factory in Perryopolis and the Belle Vernon school-Rostraver cafeteria. Thelma was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and liked to take care of others. She loved her neighbors and friends, enjoyed cooking and gardening, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Benjamin Eugene Yates, a daughter, Holly Buchanan of N. Wilkesboro, NC, a son and daughter-in-law, Benjamin and JoAnn Yates of Star Junction, three grandchildren, Joshua (Amber) Yates, Summer (Daniel) Epps, and Gurney (fiance Hannah) Buchanan, two sisters, Mary Karcesky and Virginia Matty, both of Perryopolis, and a sister in-law, Donna Moats of Belle Vernon. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister in-law, Melvin Moats, Paul and Virginia Moats, and James Moats, and two brothers in-law, Philip Karcesky and Thomas Matty.

Friends will be received on Tuesday from 4 PM to 7 PM in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. 724-929-5300. [www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com](http://www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com). A funeral will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 12:30 PM in the funeral home with Pastor Dan Waite officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Following the interment, friends and family are invited to a luncheon at the Fayette City Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Connellsville Street, Fayette City.

# Cemetery Details

## Belle Vernon Cemetery

1000 Broad Avenue  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.  
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(724) 929-5300

## Funeral Service

JAN 15. 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Debbie Greene lit a candle in memory of Thelma Yates* ”



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**Debbie Greene** - January 14, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thelma Louise Yates.* ”



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January 13, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ *ConnectWise purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Thelma Louise Yates.* ”



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**ConnectWise** - January 13, 2025 at 09:34 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thelma Louise Yates.* ”

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January 13, 2025 at 06:30 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thelma Louise Yates.*



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January 13, 2025 at 06:30 AM



“ *Deanna Hanlin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Thelma Louise Yates.*



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**Deanna Hanlin** - January 11, 2025 at 01:13 PM



“ *From David and Bernadette Sobek purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Thelma Louise Yates.*



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**From David and Bernadette Sobek** - January 11, 2025 at 09:24 AM