



## Minnie Marie Tarpy Bates

August 25, 1927 - December 23, 2020

Minnie Marie Tarpy Bates, 93, of Charles City, VA passed away on December 23, 2020 after a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-four years Fred L. “Teddy” Bates, Jr. and her brother Matthew Russell Tarpy of Winchester, VA. Minnie is survived by her four sons Frederick L., III and his wife Bobbie of Morattico, VA, Douglas E. and his wife Georgia of Rockville, VA, R. Franklin and his wife Susan and their daughter Maria Clair of Providence Forge, VA and John E. of Richmond. She is also survived by a sister-in-law Betty W. Tarpy of Winchester, a sister Joan Tarpy Best of Washington, D.C. and a niece Christie Neumann of Bethesda, MD.

Minnie was born August 25, 1927 in Memphis, TN to Minnie S. Tarpy and Matthew J. Tarpy. She graduated from Disputanta High School and from the Johnston-Willis Hospital School of Nursing in 1947. While attending nursing school she was a member of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps program during World War II and also served as a Red Cross nurse. Her professional career as a Registered Nurse spanned some forty-five years until retirement in 1992 as the Supervisor of Central Supply at the new Johnston-Willis Hospital. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers charitable contributions in celebration of Minnie may be made to Red Cross.

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ Ms Minnie was a true lady, graceful, beautiful, stylish and generous. She was a joy to be around. I had the privilege of helping Ms Minnie around the house and escorting her to various appointments. Her quick wit kept me laughing and on my toes.

The stories she shared of her childhood, marriage and life were filled with faith, love, laughter and family. I loved her strength and strong will and will miss her dearly. She was an inspiration to me. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May you find peace in your memories.

Much love,  
Sheila Roach

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**Sheila Roach** - January 16, 2021 at 12:57 PM

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“ Minnie was always kind to my big sister Lisa. As a child, Lisa needed to go to a special school in Richmond. It happened that the school was close to Johnston-Willis Hospital in the Museum District neighborhood. Minnie drove Lisa every day from Charles City County for the time that she was at that school. Even though this was "on the way to work", it had to have been a huge imposition, I'm sure she thought it was a good thing for Lisa and was willing to help. She was always kind and gracious like this to me and both my sisters.

Anne Black Crom

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**Anne Crom** - January 04, 2021 at 08:19 PM

BS

“ This is not a memory, as we did not ever have the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Bates. But we know well one of her sons, Doug, and his wife Georgia. Doug always spoke so highly and lovingly of his mother - it was obvious that he was both proud of her well-lived life and that he cherished his time with her. Doug is a very kind man, a great neighbor, and always has a smile and good story to share. We are sure that part of those attributes were due to the way he was raised by Mrs. Bates and the rest of his family. Doug and Georgia, please know you have our deepest sympathies and we hope that good family memories will comfort you in this loss. Julia, Mitchell, Kate, Beverly and Roger

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**Beverly StJohn** - January 04, 2021 at 12:16 PM

RC

*I worked with Mrs. Bates at the DOC health services. She was and is an angel.*

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**Renee Crow** - July 07, 2021 at 03:37 PM

SH

“ Douglas and Frank, so sorry to hear of your moms passing. Sheree Edmonds Hilton

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**sheree edmonds hilton** - December 30, 2020 at 04:46 PM

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“ *Miss Minnie was one of the sweetest women I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. She was always kind, full of great advise, and had one of the best senses of humor as well. I've had the honor of working as her hairdresser for the last several years, making house calls to her home, where the kitchen would be full of laughter during my visits in the company of Frank and Doug. She taught me a lot about life and personal strength in those visits that I will carry with me forever. I loved her dearly. My heart goes out to the family. I am here if there is anything I can do to help you.*

*Love,  
Debbie Fuhrman*



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**Debbie Fuhrman** - December 30, 2020 at 10:53 AM