



## Roberta L. Yates

October 25, 1939 - July 14, 2020

Roberta Lee (Armentrout) Yates, died peacefully at home surrounded by her family on July 14, 2020 at the age of 80 after a courageous battle with cancer. She always had the ability to view things with a positive attitude and kept her sense of humor to the very end.

She was born October 25, 1939. She graduated from West High School in Columbus and took pride in her job of over forty years as a school bus driver for Worthington City and Olentangy Local School Districts.

She was a member of Lewis Center United Methodist Church and Telephone Pioneers of Columbus. Her greatest gift was her willingness to volunteer her time and efforts towards helping others. She also enjoyed playing cards at the American Legion with friends on Friday nights.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elden, of 60 years; her parents, Robert and Edna Armentrout; brothers, Joe and Rob Armentrout, and granddaughter, Julia. Surviving are her six children: daughters, Terri (Stephen) Shaw and Kelly (Paul) Bargnesi; sons, James, Trent (Robyn), Scott (Kari), and Timothy Yates; grandchildren, Tyler, Megan, Scott, Wayne, Kayla, Bethany, Cori, Nate, Jacob, Kenzee and Kelsee; and eight great-grandchildren. Also survived by sister, Sandy (Russ) Wineka and sister-in-laws, Lorraine Werner and Sue Yates and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Telephone Pioneers of Columbus, 111 N. Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or Pilot Dogs, Inc., 625 West Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Family will receive friends on Sunday, July 19, 2020 from 1 to 5 p.m. at THE RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 W. Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio 43065. The funeral service will also be held on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 10 a.m. at THE RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME. Interment will follow in Cheshire Cemetery. It was a special request of Roberta's that attendees wear colorful clothing, as she preferred this to

be a celebration of her life. To send an online condolence, please visit  
[www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery

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**Cheshire Cemetery**  
3271 Cheshire Road  
Delaware, OH, 43015

# Events

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**JUL 19** **Calling Hours** 01:00PM - 05:00PM  
Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, OH, US, 43065

**JUL 20** **Funeral Service** 10:00AM  
Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, OH, US, 43065

# Comments

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“ Roberta was my best friend from the day she entered this world until the day she left, she was my cousin but it felt more like we were sisters. No matter how long we had been apart we picked up where we had left off, sometimes finishing each other's sentences. I will miss her so very much. Until we meet again, remember I love you "Bertie".

Jo Ann (Armentrout) Kaser

Jo Ann Kaser - July 20 at 09:21 PM

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“ We became young friends over sixty years ago at West Junior High School. We kept in touch through the years. I have many pleasant memories of those times and I am deeply saddened with her passing. She was a wonderful friend, wife and mother. I will miss our sharing of special stories and events.

Sandy Roach

Sandra Roach - July 19 at 05:55 PM

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“ Was sorry to hear that Roberta has passed. She was a great Lady! Always had a smile and a story. I first met her at the Source Point in a Water Aerobics class a few years back. We would meet in the exercise room and then have coffee before our class. I enjoyed our conversations usually about our children and grandchildren. God bless all of you.

Donna LeCrone

Donna LeCrone - July 19 at 11:45 AM

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“ I am saddened by the passing of Roberta. As a teacher at Olentangy Elementary, I had the good fortune of getting to know Roberta as one of our beloved bus drivers. I also had a few of her delightful children in my classroom! Roberta was quite a character and always had a smile and a story. What a good heart— Bless all of you. Roberta will be missed.

Jo Anne Lane - July 18 at 06:36 PM

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“ I had so many wonderful conversations with Roberta, during our time working together. She was a lady that wasn't afraid of hard work and I certainly enjoyed her stories and thoughts on many things. Everytime I saw her she would wave at me in the bus. I am so sorry for you all, losing a mother, grandmother and friend is hard. Sending hugs. Teresa Evans

**Teresa Evans** - July 18 at 05:16 PM

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“ Roberta and I worked together as bus drivers for Olentangy Local Schools. She was a very funny and sweet lady. I always called her my Scorpio Sister since we shared the same birthday. Prayers to your family Terri and Steve. May she rest in the peaceful arms of our lord. Maryann McGhee

**Maryann McGhee** - July 17 at 11:30 AM

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“ Roberta was always a shining star at our church. She always had a smile and a story to share. She will be missed! Prayers and comfort in the days ahead for her family. Lisa and Tim Patton

**Lisa & Tim Patton** - July 17 at 11:12 AM

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“ I worked with Roberta for several years at Olentangy Local Schools, so sorry to learn of her passing. May she rest in the arms of her creator. Terri and Steve, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

**Linda Nunley** - July 17 at 07:01 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about Roberta's passing. Her and Elden were salt of the earth people. My wife and I got to know them through Little League baseball many years ago, and more recently through Church. Prayers for the entire Yates family.

**Jerry Cline** - July 16 at 11:10 PM

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“ On behalf of the Ohio School Boards Association, our officers, trustees, members and staff, please accept our heartfelt condolences. We pray for your solace and peace during this difficult time.

Rick Lewis - July 16 at 06:42 PM