



Sheila Irene Bates

January 8, 2009

Sheila Irene Bates, age 57, died Thursday, January 8, 2009 at her home in Pleasant Plains, Arkansas. She was born January 25, 1951 in Gainesville, Texas to the late Melvin and Rebecca June Wilson.

She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Randall Bates; a daughter, Melissa J. Cross and husband Rodney of Batesville; step-daughters Rhonda Miller of Augusta and Tonia Peten and husband Gerry of Beebe; step-son Randall D. Bates and wife Roni of Muskogee, Oklahoma; a sister, Ann Wilkins and husband Tom of Chouteau, Oklahoma; step sisters, Pat Harland and Yvonne Tramel; 3 grandchildren, Courtney, Bethany and Hunter Cross; 10 step-grandchildren; and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 9th at Powell Funeral Home in Bald Knob. A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 10, 2009 at the Fakes Cemetery in McCrory. Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob / Judsonia.