



Virginia N. Bates

March 19, 2026

Virginia N. Bates, 62, passed away on March 19, 2026. She was born in Northbridge, Massachusetts, and was the beloved daughter of the late Henry Lillie and Eva (Demrest) Lillie. Virginia was the devoted wife of the late Lawrence Bates.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Deanna Bates of Bradford, Rhode Island. Virginia is lovingly survived by her children: Natalie Lillie of Clearwater, FL; Jason Lillie and his wife, Stephanie, of Westerly, Rhode Island; and Russell Bates of Westerly, Rhode Island.

She was a cherished grandmother to Elizabeth, Hannah, Joseph, Marjorie, and Samantha, and a proud great-grandmother to Mayla and Maison.

Virginia is also survived by her siblings, along with many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

She found joy in spending time with her family, playing bingo, reading, and listening to music. Virginia will be remembered for her strength, wisdom, kindness, sense of humor, and her big heart. Her presence brought comfort and joy to all who knew and loved her.

Forever loved, forever missed, forever in our hearts.

Services:

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Bradford Citizens Club, 124 Woody Hill Rd, Bradford, RI 02808

Tribute Wall

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“ It’s been over 35 years maybe even 40 ❤️ since we became friends and then sisters. There are so many memories good bad and in between but the family love was always there 🤗 and we didn’t live easily but made it through every day knowing we had to you and I were a week apart in our moon cycles and seen it all. I will never forget our nights we snuck out and had a few along with lots of laughs or the days we spent drinking coffee and building smoke clouds while doing moms laundry 😊 Unfortunately as people grow older they also grow apart 😞 I wish we spent more time together lately but as we all think.. there’s always tomorrow ☐ I’m going to miss you Ging but I know we will meet again and you and the whole family will be waiting with open arms RIP 🙏❤️😞. Sue💕💕

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