



Jane Marie Bates

December 1, 1930 - October 19, 2015

Jane Marie Bates aged 84 of Branch passed away on Monday, October 19, 2015. Jane was born on December 1, 1930 in Twin Lakes, Lake County, Michigan, the daughter of Harold and Mabel (Anderson) Myers. After graduating from Luther High School, she worked in Grand Rapids before marrying the love of her life Donald Ralph Bates on September 19, 1950 in Indiana at a ceremony attended by the Groom's sister and brother-in-law Marion and Floyd Teachout. They began their lives together in Lansing where Don worked for Centrifugal Fusing (division of Goodyear Tire & Rubber) for 38 years, eventually retiring back to Lake County. During their time in Lansing they raised 3 children, son Donald Richard "Rick", and twin girls Annette Marie "Ann", and Elizabeth Jane "Beth". Jane was extremely involved with the kids and all their activities, carting them all over town for their sporting events. Jane did take time to showcase some of her own athletic ability by becoming one of the premier woman bowlers in the Lansing area.

She and Don enjoyed the outdoors and spent a lot of their free time fishing and hunting in the Lake County area. Upon relocating back to Lake County and building a new home, they spent countless hours watching the wildlife and birds that would visit them including the bear that came and tore down the bird feeders on Don's birthday. Friends and family remember seeing "Missy", the tame deer that Jane could call in from the woods. During the time after Jane lost her mobility, she would spend hours watching her woodland friends

during the day. Spending time with family and friends was one of her joys in life. She kept track of everyone's birthdays, marriages, etc. and was the family resource for any date or connection.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents and her grandson Nathaniel Marshall. She will be greatly missed by her husband of 65 years Donald, her children Rick & Wanda Bates of Perrysburg, OH, Ann & Dave Layton of Grand Ledge, and Beth & Chuck Marshall also of Grand Ledge, her grandchildren Jason (Megan), Kyle (Rachael), Andrew (Natalie), Jennie (Kraig), Kristin (Rodney), and Sarah, her great-grandchildren Marianna, Nathan Jr., Beckett, Landon, Avaleigh, Tory, Lindsay, Kaitlyn, Sadie, and Jake, 3 great, great-grandchildren, and her brother Harold "Dick" & Wanda Myers.

Funeral services will be held for Jane at 1:00 pm on Friday, October 23 at Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services – Stephens Funeral Home in Scottville. Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Irons. Friends may meet with her family for a time of visitation on Thursday evening from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the funeral home. Those who wish to remember Jane with a memorial contribution are asked to consider the Parkinson's Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Lakeview Cemetery

8400 W. 6 Mile Road
Irons, MI 49644

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Jane Marie Bates*



Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - October 21, 2015 at 06:09 PM

DS

“ *Ann and Beth,*

I wanted to send my condolences on the passing of your mother,,,I always enjoyed her, and coming to your home while we were in high school and after. I hope your memories will be of comfort.

*Take care,
Debbie Stanley-Smith*

Debbie Stanley-Smith - November 09, 2015 at 10:50 PM

GR

“ *You will be missed.*

Ginger, Ruger, Randy, Angel, Kaley, Alyssa and Arianna Bates

Ginger Ranguette - October 23, 2015 at 09:24 AM

JK

“ Although time has gotten the best of us and we haven't seen Jane & Don as much in our adult years,.. Jane & Don have had a remarkable influence in our lives. We were fortunate enough to have them as our next door neighbors during our childhood. They were our second grandparents. Their door was always open, yummy treats were always available, Jane always had some type of animal we could help feed or help with her garden, Don always had some type of cool project we could help with,...they were always present, patient and loving. My brother and I absolutely LOVED visiting Jane & Don. As we continued to grow into the adult world, we began to realize how truly special this couple was. We learned from them by the things they taught us, but more importantly, we learned some of life's most valuable lessons just by being with them, by their example. We have carried their unspoken lessons about kindness, generosity and love into our adult life. Their footprints on our lives are everlasting, and we feel truly blessed to know and love them! Jane will be dearly missed and Don will be in our thoughts and prayers. We will be sure to stay in touch as time continues on!

Lots of Love, Jennifer & George

Jennifer Kramer - October 22, 2015 at 09:23 PM

PC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you right now. Sorry for your loss. Wish we could be there with you, love Patti Curtice.



patti curtice - October 22, 2015 at 08:49 PM

JK

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jennifer Kramer - October 22, 2015 at 08:29 PM

DE

“ *To the family: No words can tell you so I will just tell you my thoughts.*

Jane will always be remembered by me in my heart. She was a true friend. So strong in her beliefs. She cared for so many. There are few people in this world that will leave that impression on you. Jane was one of those remarkable people.

God has another beautiful angel in heaven. I am sure she will be watching us all and trying to guide us with her wisdom. I know I will not be the only friend who will miss her. They say that God only takes the best, and Jane is with her family , her Mom(Mabel), her dad, her Aunt(Evelyn) and all those animals she loved too.

Just know that I will always treasure that special friendship and hold it in my heart forever.

May God find some way to give you the Peace now, knowing she is not in any more pain and has All those muscles to do what she hasn't been able to do for such a long time.

Also take care of her Beloved husband (without his care she wouldn't have been here this long). He has done a Wonderful job.

My Wishes to All the Family is to just remember the Good and the Bad cause that is how we all will remember those that we Love.

Grieve but not for too long. Just see that Star and know she is here with us.

God Bless

Diana

Diana Engfer - October 22, 2015 at 01:11 PM

DG

Diane pretty much said exactly what I am feeling today.. Jane and Don were our next door neighbors when we lived on Creston street in lansing in the early 80's...They were my favorite and still are even though I have moved many times. Our family was so fortunate to be a part of Thier life..Don made wooden turtles for our kids and Jane always shared her timeless wisdom and love. ..she helped to tutor a young boy named Taro who came from Thailand to go to school here..She was so special to him! She and I shared countless late night phone calls about everything under the sun..She was a lover of all God's creatures and especially her family. I to will miss her but am thankful that her painful journey is over...I can only imagine the happiness in Heaven since Jane arrived! God bless her amazing family who stood by her side through it all!!! She loved all of you!

del guerra - October 22, 2015 at 09:24 PM



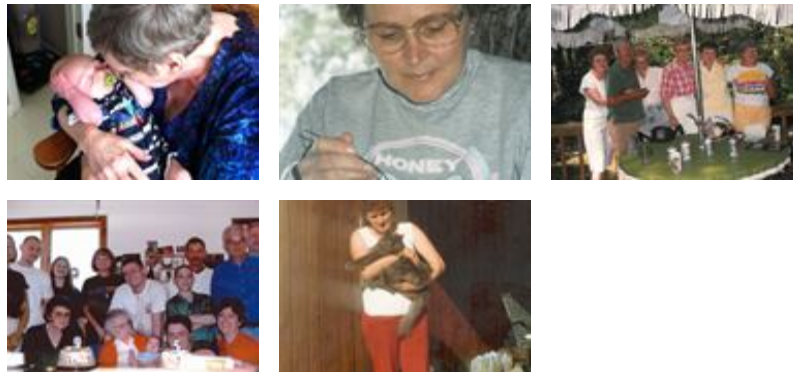
“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jane Marie Bates.



October 22, 2015 at 08:26 AM



“ 27 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - October 21, 2015 at 06:00 PM

LC

“ My sympathy to you Don. I want you to know that Jane will always be in my heart right next to Mom.

Lisa Collar

Lisa Collar - October 21, 2015 at 08:27 AM

MN

“ Difficult to find the words to express our deepest sympathy to Don and the entire Bates family. Truly the dearest and kindest couple and an inspiration to all couples. The care that Don gave to Jane, as her mobility decreased ~ gentleness and kindness is what we will remember most about them. We will forever be grateful to them for their patronage to the Nichols family and staff. May God wrap his gentle hands around you and hold you in his loving arms.
Mary and Jim Nichols

Mary Nichols - October 20, 2015 at 10:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jane Marie Bates.



October 20, 2015 at 11:11 AM