



Joan Bates

July 10, 1927 - January 19, 2010

ADRIAN – Joan L. Bates, age 82 of Adrian, passed away Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at Lenawee Medical Care Facility.

Joan was born July 10, 1927 in Detroit, the daughter of Harold and Estelle (Newcomb) Bodkin. On June 25, 1949, Joan married Donald Bates in Detroit. Don, her devoted husband of over 60 years, survives.

Joan was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoyed flower gardening and was a member of the Adrian Garden Club. She was also a member of Tau Delta, the Lucille Wolcott Chapter of DAR, and the Bixby Medical Center Auxiliary for 36 years. Joan was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

In addition to her husband, Joan is survived by two sons, David and his wife Denise Bates of Fairbanks, Alaska; and Christopher Bates of Adrian; a granddaughter, Julie Ann Bates of Anchorage, Alaska; two sisters, Elizabeth Warner of Philadelphia, PA and Judith Potter of Brevard, NC.

A memorial service for Joan will be held at 3:00 pm. at Wagley Funeral Home on Saturday, January 23, 2010 with Rev. Christopher Brundage officiating. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until the service at 3:00 p.m. You may also send condolences at www.wagleyf

wagleyfuneralhome.com. Contributions in memory of Joan may be made to the First United Methodist Church or the Salvation Army. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Bates*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Dear Don, David and Christopher, as I heard about Joan's passing, many memories came to me and I can honestly say they were all wonderful. I don't believe that I have ever encountered a more thoughtful, sweet and lovely person in my life. As a child she was always there to lend a hand and when I came back to Adrian to visit as an adult, it was like I hadn't aged a day, she was so warm, caring and generous.*

"Mrs. Bates", had such a distinctive and lovely voice and to this day I can still hear her voice just talking, sharing but mostly listening. If you were in the room with her, you became the most important person in her world for that moment, and it was just so special.

She touched many lives and I am privileged to have been one of them.

With nice thoughts,

Eric Haft

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January 22, 2010 at 01:25 PM



“ *Don, know that my heart is there with you and that I'm always here for you. She was the finest mother-in-law anyone could ever have.###imported-begin###Denise Bates###imported-end##*

January 22, 2010 at 12:28 PM



“ Dear Don, Chris and David,

You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I have always thought of the Bates family as the best of friends and neighbors.

Sincerely,

David Stewart

January 22, 2010 at 09:10 AM



“ Dear Don, Chris and David,

We will remember Joan and the Bates family as our GOOD neighbors.

January 22, 2010 at 09:02 AM



“ Don,

*My heart is full of sadness for you and your family.
Memories Last A Lifetime!*

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