



Betty Irene Bates

December 14, 1927 - April 23, 2016

Betty Irene Murray, first born of four daughters to J. Ralph and Lilus Murray, was born in The Dalles, Oregon December 14, 1927 and died peacefully at her daughter Janie Bates' home Saturday April 23, 2016 after a long illness. Betty graduated from The Dalles High School in 1945 and attended Linfield College for two years, where she met her future husband (also a graduate of The Dalles High School). She married Glenn Lewis Bates (deceased) on September 5, 1947, and is survived by her three daughters, Evelyn Anne Neasham, Karen Suzanne Bates-Smith, and Barbara Jane Bates. Also surviving are three sisters, Maxine Turner of The Dalles, Doris Brenner of Prineville, and Shirley Etcher of Petersburg, Alaska. She also leaves behind five grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren (one of whom predeceased her), and three great, great grandchildren.

A Memorial Service is planned for Saturday April 30, 2016 at Timberline Baptist Church in Sherwood, Oregon. Betty will be buried next to her husband at Parklawn Cemetery on Three Mile Road in The Dalles on Friday April 29, 2016.

Cemetery Details

Three Mile Cemetery (Parklawn)

2565 Three Mile Rd
The Dalles, OR 97058

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **29**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

Three Mile Cemetery (Parklawn)
2565 Three Mile Rd
The Dalles, OR 97058

Memorial Service

APR **30**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Timberline Baptist Church
24645 SW Old Hwy 99W
Sherwood, OR 97140

Tribute Wall

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“ To the family members of Betty Bates,
I just learned from cousin Betty Layton that our cousin Betty Bates passed away. Although our relationship was distant and by marriage to her late husband, Betty and I shared an interest in family history. She was so kind to reach out to me and share much of her research on the Doughty line. We got together almost every year since I met her about 10 years ago and we visited with other distant cousins. I was looking forward to seeing her again this summer when I returned from Arizona. I am so sad about her passing and she will be fondly remembered for her friendship.

A distant cousin,
Juliana Sandahl, Hood River

P.S. I also want to thank Janie for assisting her mother to make it to the cousin reunions several times.

Juliana Sandahl - August 10, 2016 at 06:29 PM

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“ Mom died with a huge heart.

*She was a warrior. I think she became more loving as the years passed. She was always happy and thoughtful. I found a full box of new greeting cards, something she had her church friends sign and send out as needed. Mom loved to cook, and was especially fond of preparing desserts. She loved to garden in her younger years, and she passed that love on to Janie and me. She liked to listen to a Christian radio station while sitting at the window in her wicker chair. Lately, Mom spent many hours of the day watching *The Lone Ranger*, *Bonanza*, *Matlock*, *Perry Mason* and other popular TV shows from my childhood. I don't think she ever tired of these reruns.*

Mom wanted to come home to my sister Janie's house after her last, brief hospitalization. I am glad for this decision, as is my older sister Evelyn. She declined precipitously over her last seven days, sleeping almost all day Wednesday and Thursday, and being mostly unresponsive Friday. Mom passed away peacefully early Saturday morning. My daughter-in-law Jennie was a great help to Janie, who said that she was always kind and respectful to Mom. I can't thank the two of them enough for their care.

I called Mom's friends to tell them the news. I count at least three circles of friends with whom she got together on occasion. To a person, all of them described her as a close and wonderful friend.

Dr. Mitchell in ER said that Mom's (physical) heart was huge due to congestive heart failure. It was huge in other ways, too. We will miss her.

Karen Bates-Smith - April 28, 2016 at 09:46 AM