



Mrs. Norma Claire (Hedges) Coates

February 23, 1926 - March 2, 2013

Norma Claire (Hedges) Coates, 87, of Bluffton passed away at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 02, 2013 at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Norma was born on February 23, 1926 in Bluffton, Indiana to LeRoy & Vera (Kain) Hedges. She attended the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing as a Military Nurse Cadet. She worked as a surgery nurse at the Bluffton Clinic and the Daytona Beach Community Hospital. She also worked as an Industrial Nurse at Franklin Electric in Bluffton and for International Harvester Plant in Fort Wayne.

Norma & Don spent 18 years living in Daytona Beach, Fl. returning to Bluffton in 2003. Norma Claire enjoyed golf and swimming at the beach in Daytona.

Norma is survived by her husband of 66 ½ years, Donald E. Coates of Bluffton along with a son Kenneth D. (wife Mary) of Indianapolis, four grandsons, one granddaughter and five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a daughter-in-law Patricia Coates of Newnan, Georgia and sisters; Marcille Mahnensmith and Alice Ann Baller, both of Bluffton.

She is preceded in death by a son David Alan Coates and a brother Kenneth Hedges.

A Memorial Service will be held to celebrate her life at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2013. at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Memorials may be made in Norma's memory to Wounded Warrior Project through the funeral home. Friends can send online condolences to the Coates family at www.thomarich.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Norma Claire (Hedges) Coates*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Norma Claire (Hedges) Coates*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



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Patricia Coates - March 07, 2013 at 04:06 PM



“ *Donald, and family, sincere sympathy on the loss of your dear Norma Claire. She was a dear lady. May a lifetime of memories sustain you.*

Dr Wiebe

Bernie Wiebe - March 05, 2013 at 07:20 PM

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“ Hello Don- Sorry to hear about Norma's passing. We will remember you in our thoughts and prayers.

Dean and Jean Lemler

Dean Lemler - March 05, 2013 at 02:57 PM