



## Rose Marie Bates

April 14, 1936 - March 4, 2015

Rose Marie "Ree" Bates, of Bluffton passed away at 9:25 a.m. Wednesday, March 04, 2015, at Ossian Health and Rehabilitation. She was born in Bluffton on April 14, 1936 to Augustus Leimgruber & Pansy (Nuding) Leimgruber.

Rose Marie married Robert Gene Bates on January 25, 1958 in Bluffton. She graduated from Bluffton High School in 1954 and from St. Joseph School of Nursing in Fort Wayne. She worked as a RN at Caylor-Nickel Hospital for nearly 40 years retiring in 2002. After retirement Ree volunteered at the Bargain Hut in Bluffton and was active in a variety of charitable organizations. She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church where she was active in the woman's group.

Rose Marie is survived by three sons, Michael (Beth) Bates of Indianapolis, David (Nancy) Bates of Bluffton, Steven Bates of Bluffton, two daughters, Kathy (Duane) Scott of Bluffton, Karen (Michael) Holsinger of Kirklin, thirteen grandchildren, Andrew, Abby, Susannah, Lydia, Phoebe, Jackson, Madeline, Trent, Jennifer, Carly, Morgan, Allie, Kay Marie and twelve great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by a sister, Mary Ann Flowers of Bluffton.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband Robert in 2012.

Calling hours are 12 Noon to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 2015 at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home and one hour prior to service Monday at the church. Rosary will follow the calling hours on Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 9, 2015 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church or the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be made at [www.thomarih.com](http://www.thomarih.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-2832  
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Visitation

MAR 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church  
1300 N Main St  
Bluffton, IN

## Service

MAR 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church  
1300 N Main St  
Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rose Marie Bates*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - March 08, 2015 at 12:47 PM



“ *Rose Marie Bates*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Kathy, Was sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. You and your family our in our prayers.*

*Sincerely Paula Hunnicutt*

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**Paula Hunnicutt** - March 21, 2015 at 04:18 PM



“ *Dear Kathy, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. You have my deepest sympathy. Sincerely, Nancy Flowers*



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**Nancy Flowers** - March 11, 2015 at 08:46 AM

SP

“ We are so sorry to lose our friend and class member Ree. She was a friend to all and lots of fun. She helped with our class reunions until she became sick.

*Class Members sending deepest sympathy include: Tony & Mary Markley Marshall, Jerry & Linda Higgins, Karen & Rex Athan, Jerry & Thea Messick, Carolyne & Ken Isch, Jim & Suzanne Hovde Mourey, Dick & Yolee Hyde and Harriet Sprague.*

*Sincerely, Sue Poulson.*

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**Sue Poulson** - March 09, 2015 at 08:24 AM

TS

“ *TOM AND MARYANN SARFATY purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Rose Marie Bates.*



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**TOM AND MARYANN SARFATY** - March 08, 2015 at 03:35 PM

BA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in the loss of Ree. May good memories surround you. Bud and Jan Abrams*

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**Bud and Jan Abrams** - March 07, 2015 at 05:07 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Rose Marie Bates.*



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March 07, 2015 at 08:57 AM



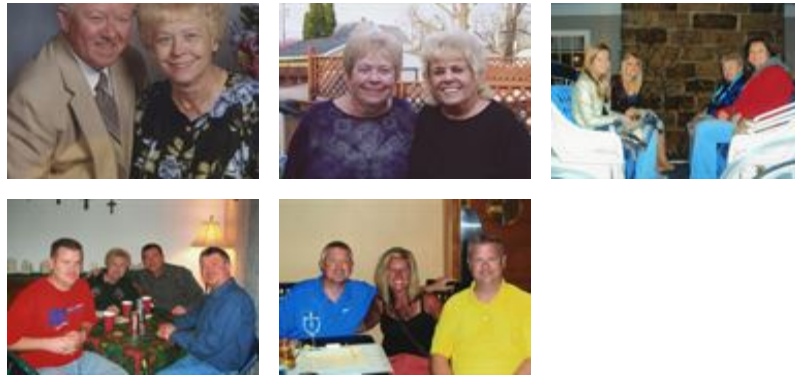
“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Rose Marie Bates.



March 06, 2015 at 07:35 PM



“ 61 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - March 06, 2015 at 03:12 PM



“ DC Bates: My condolences for your loss. May God bless you and your family during this time. Cmdr Karen Arnett, IMPD



Cmdr. Karen Arnett - March 06, 2015 at 03:09 PM

KC

“ We are thinking and praying for you. We are so sorry for your loss. I remember Ree as a woman who loved her children and grandchildren very much. During this time of Lent I hope it brings you peace and comfort knowing Ree is alive in Heaven with our Savior (and Bob) and will celebrate Christ's resurrection with Him at Easter this year! God bless.  
The Charlier Family

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**Kelly Charlier** - March 06, 2015 at 12:16 PM

BW

“ My sincere condolences for you loss, and my thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
God Bless.

*Lt. Bruce Wishart*  
*IMPD*

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**Bruce Wishart** - March 06, 2015 at 11:36 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Rose Marie Bates.



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March 06, 2015 at 09:19 AM

CR

“ *Kathy, so sorry for the loss of your mother. I remember working with her at Bluffton Regional in years past. She was one of the most kind and caring nurses, I have ever worked with. She set a great example for everyone who worked with her. So sorry I wont be able to attend for viewing or service. May God Be with you and your family.*  
*Carol (Towne) Rodriguez*  
*Ft.Worth, Texas*



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**Carol Rodriguez** - March 05, 2015 at 07:10 PM

SM

“ *Mary Ann, thinking of you during this time. I know how it feels to lose a sister. Sending hugs.*  
*Suzanne*



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**Suzanne Markley** - March 05, 2015 at 02:20 PM

DW

“ *DeLeine Bricker Winchester lit a candle in memory of Rose Marie Bates*



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**DeLeine Bricker Winchester** - March 05, 2015 at 02:01 PM

JG

“ *Jane Pond Gehron lit a candle in memory of Rose Marie Bates*



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**Jane Pond Gehron** - March 05, 2015 at 11:56 AM

DH

“ *My sympathy to the family, I have fond memories of Ree, may she rest in peace*

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**Deb Huffman** - March 05, 2015 at 09:38 AM

JF

“ *Jeannie Flowers lit a candle in memory of Rose Marie Bates*



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**Jeannie Flowers** - March 05, 2015 at 06:47 AM

DS

“ *Our deepest and most sincere sympathies to the entire Bates family. May all of the good memories of Ree,... bring you peace and comfort. Blessed be.  
Del and Sylvia Scott*

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**Del and Sylvia Scott** - March 05, 2015 at 05:41 AM

DB

“ *Dwight & Nancy Baker lit a candle in memory of Rose Marie Bates*



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**Dwight & Nancy Baker** - March 04, 2015 at 05:57 PM