



Anne Bates

June 11, 1926 - July 27, 2012

Anne B. Bates, 86 and a lifelong resident of Delaware County, passed away peacefully on July 27, 2012. She was the wife of the late William H. Bates and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Blakeley, Jr. Anne grew up in Chester. She graduated from The Agnes Irwin School. During the Summer of 1944, Anne worked on a farm near Kimberton, PA where she drove a team of horses bringing hay wagons to the barn, and there her love of farming and animals began. She received a BA in Animal Husbandry and a MA in Agricultural Journalism from the University of Wisconsin in 1950. Her first job was with the Farm Journal in Phila. In 1952, Anne married Bill Bates and moved to Arasapha Farm, in Edgmont Township. With her love of open space and farms, she helped form legislation to preserve open space throughout Delaware County. For this, she was awarded the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Award by President Bush in 1991. During the '80s Anne worked as a guide at the Brandywine Battlefield Historical site and could be seen in colonial garb working her spinning wheel. Anne's interests included spinning yarn, weaving, knitting caps and sweaters and taking care of the animals on the farm. Anne served on the board of directors for Sleighton Farms School for many years and was also Chairman of the Board of directors for the Delaware County Conservation District until her retirement in 2005. She was a lifelong member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames, the Rose Tree Gardners, the Junior League of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Weavers Guild. She was an active member of the Christian

Community Church located in Devon, PA. Anne was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who will always be remembered for the homemade cocoa she would serve on cold, winter days. Mrs. Bates is survived by her daughters Marie B., wife of Peter C. Boisvert of West Chester, Martha B., wife of Tony Striedieck of Phoenixville; one son Randy B., husband of Anne M. Bates of Gradyville; grandchildren Angela Bates Majewski, William A. Bates, Kathryn Minacci, Veronica Brown, Benjamin Bates, Diana Bates and Sarah Striedieck, and eight great-grandchildren. Relatives and friends are invited to attend her Christian service at Camp Hill Village Kimberton Hills, 1601 Pughtown Road, Kimberton, PA 19442 on Sunday, July 29th at 3:00 PM. Officiating will be Rev. Marcus C. Knausenberger . A memorial service will take place on Saturday, August 4, 2012 at the Minshall Shropshire-Bleyler Funeral Home, 608 S. Old Middletown Road, Media, PA 19063 at 11:00 AM. Visitation will be held from 9:00-11:00 AM at the funeral home. Burial will follow in the West Laurel Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville. Condolences may be offered online by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

ET

“ *The Tickner Family is saddened to learn of your loss. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Bates Family members. Eleanor Tickner*

Eleanor & Bill Tickner - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

WW

“ *Anne, Randy, and Family,*

We were so very sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. We all loved visiting the farm with 4-h. We enjoyed her talks about the sheep, the wool, etc.

We wish all of you well. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Wendy and Ben Johnson and Emilie - Wendymj@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

MG

“ *What a beautiful tribute to Anne's life... so fitting for such a wonderful lady! She has a warm place in our hearts and leaves us with many fond memories. Be one of God's angels now, Anne.*

Michele and David Gifford - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

KK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I'm so sorry that I can't be there, but I'll be thinking of you. I have such wonderful memories of your mother and the time that I spent on the farm as a child. She was a remarkable woman, and I am lucky to have known her. Love, Kitty*

Kitty Keith - kitkeith1@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

BB

“ Dear Marie, Randy and Martha; Our hearts go out to you all in this difficult time. We will greatly miss Anne. I have very fond memories of the farm, learning about eggs and wool - and the ever "fun" atmosphere. Bret

Bret, Jeanne and Weedie Sharretts - bret.sharretts@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

CT

“ Dear Randy and family- As you know I have had tremendous respect and affection for your mother since I met her 20 years ago. She was warm and kind and incredibly supportive on every level especially in relation to our common desire to preserve Open Space and agriculture in Delaware County. You have been blessed to have such a wonderful vibrant mother my heart goes out to your entire family for your loss. Cheryl

Cheryl Graff Tumola - tumola@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

DN

“ My deepest and heartfelt sympathies in the loss of your dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother! I am sure that you are so thankful to have had her in your life for such a long time. We all want our loved ones to live forever for that is the way we were made...to live forever. –Ecclesiastes 3:11. It is especially hard to cope with the loss of one who always shows you unconditional love. May you find comfort and solace in the One whose love we imitate because He first loved us. Jehovah God has promised us that if we turn to Him in prayer, He will strengthen and sustain us-Psalm 55:22. The Bible also says; "The righteous themselves will possess the earth, and they will reside forever upon it."-Psalm 37:29 proving that we will indeed be with our loved ones again right here on a restored paradise earth! I have found the scripture at John 5:28 & 29 to be most comforting to me. I hope you will find that to be true for you as well. Sorrowfully and respectfully submitted, Denise Brown Neiceybrown-mail@yahoo.com

Denise Brown - NeiceyBrown-mail@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

HH

“ Zofia and I offer our sympathies on the loss of your Mother.

Herb & Zofia Rambo - herbertrambo@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

SN

“ Anne was a wonderful resident of Sunrise. We will miss spending time and having fun with Anne. We enjoyed her stories of the farm and with her grandparnets in Rittenhouse Square. We also enjoyed her knitting. Our condolences to her family. We will miss Anne alot! Love, Sunrise of Newtown Square

Sunrise of Newtown Square - newtownsquare.avc@sunriseseniorliving.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM