



George N Bates M.D.

June 24, 1916 - July 30, 2010

George N. Bates M.D., 94, died July 30, 2010, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Toledo. He was born on June 24, 1916, in Morrisville, Vermont, to Dr. George L. and Mary E. (Walsh) Bates.

George spent his early youth in Morrisville before his parents and sister, Marian, move to Daytona, Florida. Following the stock market crash of 1929, George and his family returned to Morrisville where his father returned to the practice of medicine in rural Vermont. George frequently recounted stories of his father's medical practice and vividly remembered accompanying his father in the family horse and buggy on his father's house calls.

George graduated from Peoples Academy High School in Morrisville in 1933, the University of Notre Dame in 1937, and McGill University (Montreal, Quebec) in 1942. He did his internship at Royal Victoria and St. Mary's Hospitals in Montreal and his general surgery residency at St. Mary's. It was in Montreal where he met and married his first wife, Louise (LeSage) Bates. Following their wedding in 1943, George and Louise moved to Toledo, where George became chief surgical resident at the then St. Vincent's Hospital.

He began his private practice of general surgery in Toledo in 1947 with noted Toledo surgeons Drs. E.J. McCormick, Warren Baird, John Czarnecki, and Frank Foss. He was a Fellow of both the American College of Surgeons and

the International College of Surgeons. He served as secretary of the Academy of Medicine of Toledo and Lucas County, and was President of the former Ohio State Surgical Association as well as the Toledo Surgical Society. He was for a period the Chief of the Medical Staff of St. Vincent Medical Center and was later an active member of St. Vincent's Advisory Board. He served as a Delegate to the American Medical Association and served as secretary, vice-president and president of the Ohio State Medical Association. During his active role with the Ohio State Medical Association, he recommended the formation of the Physicians' Insurance Company of Ohio and became the first Chairman of its Board of Directors.

After leaving the active practice of surgery George became the corporate Medical Director of Owens-Illinois, Inc., during which time he developed a number of plans and protocols for avoidance of exposure to toxic elements in the workplace, several of which are still in place today. During his entire career as a physician, George believed it to be a privilege to serve his patients. He strived to be a consummate professional in all facets of his lengthy career. Often out at public events or at restaurants in Toledo he would be greeted and thanked by his patients from years ago.

George was a parishioner at The Historic Church of St. Patrick in downtown Toledo, and was formerly a parishioner at Gesu Church where he served a number of years as a lector and Eucharistic Minister. He was also a longtime member of the Toledo Club, the Lion's Club, the Elks Club and the Lobster Club, as well as the Notre Dame Club of Toledo.

He remained a Vermonter at heart and would make pilgrimages back to that state for the change of the foliage each October. Most of the rest of the fall season would be spent watching the exploits of the Notre Dame Football team, where he was a season ticket holder for more than 50 years.

George was a considerate, generous and loving husband, father, step-father, brother, uncle and son. His greatest joy was his large family and he especially enjoyed family gatherings.

George is survived by his wife, Florence Riley Bates, who despite multiple serious injuries and disabling illnesses of her own devoted twenty four hour loving attention to him. He is also survived by his sons Christopher (Karen) Bates M.D., (Toledo), Brian (Sherry) Bates (Denver, CO), and daughter Andrea Bates (Toledo), by daughters-in-law Anne Bates Smith (El Paso, TX) and Melanie Bates (Cincinnati, OH), step-sons Ron (Celeste) Riley (St. Paul, MN) and Robert (Deborah) Riley (Lake Forest, IL), as well as by grandchildren Judd Bates, Lisa (Kiernan) Mattson, Stephen Bates, Emma (Paul) Kitzmiller, Sarah (Dan) Gray, Jonathan Bates, Marie Bates, Griffin Bates, Erin Bates, Nora Bates, and Mary Bates, great grandchildren Hannah Mattson, and Zachary Mattson, and step-grandchildren Kate Riley, James Riley, John Riley, Connor Riley, David Riley and Justin Riley. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Marian Hart and Frances "Tattie" Bates, his first wife, Louise, and his sons George L. Bates and Philip Bates and daughters Seana Bates and Mary Bates, and step-grandchild Daniel Riley.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home; 1770 S Reynolds Rd. on Monday August 2, 2010 from 2-8 p.m. where the Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. Funeral services will begin in the mortuary on Tuesday August 3rd at 9:15. a.m. followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at The Historic Church of St. Patrick, 130 Avondale Ave., Toledo, OH 43604, at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials may take the form of a contribution to The Historic Church of St. Patrick, St. Francis de Sales High School, or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

The family would also like to extend its thanks to George's dedicated caregivers over the last few years, Sandy Klein, Chris Stanley and especially Lou Johnson, who became part of the family; their care was superb. The family would also like to thank the staffs at the University of Toledo Medical Center and the Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Toledo, for their wonderful care, which made certain that George lived out his last days in comfort.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Chris, my sympathy in the loss of your father.No wonder that you are such a good Doctor.I will not be able to make the services.However, I will send a donation to St. Francis in his honor. God's blessings to your family and you. Nancy Schlageter###imported-begin###Nancy Schlageter###imported-end##

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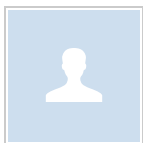
“ Dr. Chris & Karen,

I Didn't know your dad but we do want to express our sympathy. If as the say, "like father, like son", he must have been one great man. We won't be able to make the services because we are in DC until the 8th for the K of C Supreme Convention.

May he rest in peace!

Ray & Donna Darr###imported-begin###Ray & Donna Darr radar1618@aol.com###imported-end##

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“ Dr Bates legacy as a skilled surgeon,prominent leader.teacher and most of all a kind human being will live forever in the mind of people who knew him . I know that as a student,and later as friend. May God bless him for all the good deeds he did to others.###imported-begin###Abdullatif Nimr.MD latif@buckeye-express.com###imported-end##

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“ Chris & Karen, Now we know why you are such a fine doctor. Your dad had a rich and full life, and a wonderful family. Now he is even in a better place. Our prayers are with you and we thank God for doctors like you.

Chuck & Linda McGranahan###imported-begin##Chuck & Linda McGranahan###imported-end##

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“ Dear Florence and family,
Keeping you in my heart and prayers. I had the honor and privilege of working for Dr. Bates at Owens-Illinois. He was a true gentleman and the kindest man I have known.
May God grant you peace.###imported-begin##Sandra Stachowiak n annyanddzia@att.net###imported-end##

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“ Chris, Karen, and Family
We were sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Bates. We are currently out of the country, but our thoughts and prayers are with you. I remember having a couple of great hockey discussions with him over the years.
With our deepest sympathy
Paul and Jackie###imported-begin##Paul and Jackie Link###imported-end##

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“ *To the Bates Family-*

We know your father was a remarkable man as we witness his love and kindness as we see the way you treat each other and the people around you. Our hearts go out to you at this time of sadness and we pray for your peace and for moments of joy and tears of laughter as you reflect back on your father's life.

With much love, Mark and D'Lea##imported-begin##Mark and D'Lea Martens##imported-end##

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“ *Dr. Chris and Karen, We are sorry to hear of your father's passing; he certainly was a kind and compassionate man -- that is a legacy that has been passed on to you. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##John and Marion Jordan##imported-end##*

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“ *i am so sorry about the passing your your father--i have many found memories of the Bates family living across from us on shenandoah-- you are in my thoughts and prayers--*
Maureen##imported-begin##Maureen Devany##imported-end##

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“ Chris, We were so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. I know it has been many years since mother saw him but she always had such fond memories of your parents and the good times they spent together. Please know that you and your family is in our prayers. With warm regards,
Cecelia Pugh, Nancy Kroeger, JoAnn Pugh-Gannon, John Pugh
PS: Mother is still with us at 101!###imported-begin##Cecelia Pugh and family pugh-gannon2@comcast.net###imported-end##

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“ Dr. Chris, Karen, Marie and family... my deepest sympathies to you and your family during this difficult time. I will miss seeing George at Historic St. Patrick. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. God bless.###imported-begin##Brian Nowicki###imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family in this time of loss.###imported-begin##Mike and Linda Wohl swimwohl@aol.com###imported-end##

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“ Chris,
We are so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. He was a good man and a great physician. You have all the good qualities your Dad had and more. Our heartfelt condolences to you and Karen and all the family.
Lachman & Nancie Chablani###imported-begin##Lachman & Nancie Chablani lachmanchablani@sbcglobal.net###imported-end##

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“ Dear Aunt Florence and family,
With heartfelt condolences at the loss of this extraordinary man. I will always remember his kindness, wit, and keen interest in every subject under the sun. Our prayers are with you. ~ Love,
Shelly##imported-begin##Shelly Micka Winters mwinters@okcphilharmonic.org##imported-end##

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“ Brian,

Sorry to hear about your father passing. I saw this while viewing another obituary at this site. You Dad was always so nice to us when we were playing B-Ball in your drive way, always a friendly hello even though I know we were constantly in his way. I also admired him for his readings at Gesu Church. Condolences from my family.##imported-begin##Joseph Busse jdbusse@fujitecamerica.com##imported-end##

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“ Brian and family:

I was saddened to hear of the passing of your father. I have many fond memories from my youth that includes your family's hospitality that was extended to me so many years ago. Your father lived a great life, raised a fine family and was a good neighbor to everyone on Shenandoah. My family was fortunate to have known him. I wish you and your family the best.##imported-begin##William Hrabak whrabak@gsrnh.com##imported-end##

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“ *Brian and family,*

Sorry to learn about your father's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Bert, Mary, and the girls.##imported-begin##The Sugayans##imported-end##

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“ *I worked for Dr Bates and Dr Foss and Bonnie Tiller, R.. who was their nurse and I have remained friends all these years. What a wonderful doctor and surgeon. I cherish the time spent at 420 N Michigan, ahd send my sincere condolences to Dr Bates' family. What a long and distinguished career he had.##imported-begin##Rose Schings##imported-end##*

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