



Helen D. Bates

October 10, 1928 - September 5, 2022

Helen D. Bates, age 93, formerly of Holly, died Mon. Sept. 5, 2022. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Sat. Sept. 10, 2022 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Burial will be in Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak. Visitation will be from 2-9 PM Friday. Mrs. Bates was born in Detroit on Oct. 1, 1928 to Arnold and Ida (Bertrand) Dale. She was a longtime resident of Holly, and she wintered in Florida in recent years. She was a longtime school teacher in the Holly School System and was also a longtime member of the Holly Presbyterian Church. Surviving are her son Curtis (Jane) Bates; daughter Laura (Richard) Spens; 9 grandchildren, Matt Bates, Rachel Loutsios, Steven Spens, Cody Bates, Elijah Spens, Sierra Bates, Savannah Bates, Kimberly Spens, and Paul Spens; 5 great-grandchildren; and brother Gary (Joan) Dale. She was preceded in death by her husband Gordon Bates, sons Stuart (Loretta) Bates and Warren Bates, brother Blair Dale, and sister Gloria Crawford. Memorial donations may be made to the Holly Presbyterian Church. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Cemetery Details

Oakview

1032 N. Main St.
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **9**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St
Holly, MI 48442
(248) 634-8291

Funeral Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen D. Bates*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - September 09, 2022 at 02:20 PM

CS

“ *My deepest sympathy to Laura and Curtis. Your mom was an outstanding leader in all facets of. education. A great sense of humor, and was ahead of her time in many ways. I enjoyed teaching two of her children; Laura and Warren.*

Carol Spencer - October 26, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral service Helen Bates*



Bruce Dryer - September 12, 2022 at 11:03 AM

MA

“ Laura, Stuart and Curtis and your family, I am very sorry for the loss of your dear Mother. Sending you all strength and courage during this most difficult time. Peace 🤍🕊️🤍



Marti Addis - September 11, 2022 at 07:14 PM

DB

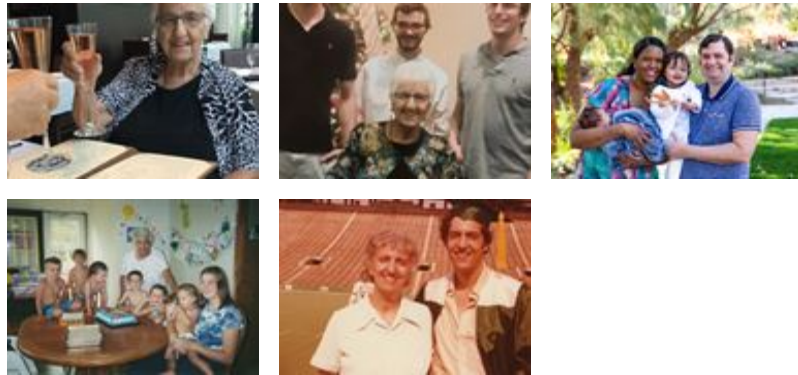
“ My sincere condolences to Helen’s family. I have so many memories of her at Holly Elementary School. She was a rock and great advocate for kids and staff. We depended on her for union leadership as well as friendship. May she Rest In Peace.



Dottie Bradsher - September 09, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ 25 files added to the album LifeTributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - September 09, 2022 at 11:07 AM

WK

“ So many memories beginning when the family moved to Holly to times of visiting in Naples. Prayers are with you. Nick and Wilma Klak

Wilma Klak - September 08, 2022 at 07:58 AM

LH

“ I was sad to learn of Helen's passing. We taught together at Holly Elementary from 1971 until her retirement. I was honored to have had two of her children, Stuart and Laura, as my students. Helen was a unique person who will be missed by all who knew her. My condolences to the Bates family.
Larry Hathcock

Larry Hathcock - September 07, 2022 at 11:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen D. Bates.



September 07, 2022 at 12:14 PM