



## Etta G. Bates Obituary

October 22, 1911 - November 9, 2010

Mrs. Bates received her bachelor's degree from Valdosta State College, Master's degree from Oglethorpe University and Specialist Degree in Reading from the University of Georgia. She taught in school systems in Guam, Germany, and several systems in Georgia including Dougherty County where she was also the County Reading Supervisor. She was a charter member and past president of the Albany Area Council of the International Reading Association, and a member of the Phi Kappa Honor Society at the University of Georgia. She received a Certificate of Honor from Delta Kappa Gamma Society and was a member of the Kappa Delta Phi Education Society. Mrs. Bates was recognized in the Personalities of the South publication for her contributions to education. She was also recognized in the Cambridge England publication of International Who's Who of Intellectuals. She served as President of the Dougherty County Teacher's Association and President of Delta Kappa Gamma XI Chapter. She was recently honored by the Georgia Retired Education Association as one of nine Emeritus Members from Dougherty County. After retiring from the Dougherty County School System, she and her grandson owned and operated Antiques Plus for over ten years. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Albany. Born in Arlington, GA, to Mr. and Mrs. James M. Giddens, she was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Lt. Col William H. Bates, Sr. (1998) of Covington, GA and her sister, Catheryn Giddens (1957). Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. William H. Bates, Jr. of Albany, her grandson, William H.

Bates, III of Charleston, South Carolina, and her granddaughter, Bronwyn G. Bates of New York City.

# Tribute Wall



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“ *I was so sorry to hear about Etta's passing. I will always remember her patience and encouragement to a young principal who was green as grass. Her committment to education and her family was evident in everything that she did. I know that she will be missed and I know that we all have been blessed by her life. I am praying for peace and comfort for you all.*

**Darlene Adams** - November 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM



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**Jimmy and Kathryn Bates** - November 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM



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**Jimmy and Kathryn Bates** - November 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our paryers are with you. Ette was an educater who cared about the student she taught. She made sure that all students got a quality education. I only wish that her dedication to sudents would be pased on to others. God bless you both.

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**Joanne Carney** - November 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your lost she was my 5th grade teacher and i loved her dearly of all the teachers she was one of the best.may God be with you all at this hard time. Sue Christmas

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**Sue Corbett Christmas** - November 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ William,I am sorry to learn of your grandmother's death. For years after I moved to the business office of The Herald she would still call me to handle her ads for her shop and I was happy to do that for her. I am also glad to learn that you're in Charleston. My sympathy to you and your family.

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**Milt Robinson** - November 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ I think every child has that special teacher that was an inspiration them. Mrs. Bates was mine. A very special memory; she invited all of us, her 6th students to her home to meet her husband and have Coca Cola's. She was a teacher who truly enjoyed teaching.. and it showed. Sincere sympathy to those she left behind.

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**Susan Dowdell Smith** - November 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM