

Mary K. White Bates

OBITUARY

BATES, MARY K. WHITE, age 52, of LaGrange, GA closed another page in the book of life on January 2, 2004.

Mary was a practicing professional nurse for 30 years. She received her Master's Degree in nursing from Georgia State University in Atlanta while on staff as Associate Professor at La Grange College. In addition, she practiced as a Critical Care Nurse and Clinical Nurse Specialist at West Georgia Health Systems for the past 20 years. During her career, she also cared for her patients at the Orlando Regional Medical Center in Orlando, FL.

Her memory will always be cherished by her husband, Jim Bates; daughter, son-in Law, and granddaughter Sheilah, Chris and Camryn Willett of Oviedo, FL; mother, Kathryn White of Portsmouth, OH; brothers, Kenneth White of Otway, OH, Roger White of Otway, OH, and Jerry White of Portsmouth, OH; sister, Joyce Bellamy of Waverly, OH; and numerous other extended loving family members and friends. Mary was recently preceded in death by a sister, Lois Nichols, formerly of Peebles, OH. We all have joyful memories of Mary to cherish that will warm our hearts forever.

A memorial service will be held in her honor at 11AM, Saturday, January 10, 2004 at the Striffler-Hamby Mortuary's LaGrange Chapel with Rev. Sid Shelnuttt officiating. Mary's love and passion was for nursing and caring for others. To continue her passion, the family requests that flowers please be omitted and that contributions be made to the Mary Bates Memorial Nursing Education Fund, c/o West Georgia Health Systems at 1514 Vernon Rd., La Grange, GA 30240.

Arrangements are by Striffler-Hamby Mortuary, 1010 Mooty Bridge Road, LaGrange, GA 30240. 706-884-8636.