



## Mary Karen Bates-Schulz

November 17, 1955 - February 1, 2010

Mary Karen Bates-Schulz, age 54, of Toledo, was united with Christ Monday, February the 1st, 2010, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Perrysburg, due to small cell lung cancer. Mary was born in Toledo on November 17, 1955, to James R. and Lenore M. (Wernert) Bates. The youngest of three children, Mary graduated from Start High School in 1973, and continued her education at the Northwest Ohio Practical Nursing School. She received her LPN in 1975, and began her career working the night shift at St. Vincent's Hospital in the Pediatric Unit. She transferred to the Burn Unit in 1976, where she worked for the next 34 years. During this time, Mary went back to school to obtain her RN degree at the Mercy School of Nursing. After taking a hiatus to have her third child, she returned to finish Valedictorian of her class and graduate in 1986. Over the next 34 years she was involved in mentoring, precepting, and educating nursing students, EMS students, and fellow RNs. She also received her Burn Certificate (Advanced Burn Life Support); was active in the Aluminum Cans for Burn Children and Burn Support Group; attended numerous seminars, such as the World Burn Conference put on by the American Burn Association; and was recently working with St. Vincent's in obtaining Burn Unit verification. She enjoyed spending time at her lake cottage in Indiana, gardening, as well as playing cards with family and friends, and traveling. An amazing wife, mother, grandmother, and nurse, she was known as an "angel" to many. Mary will be greatly missed by her loving husband of 32 years, Gary A. Schulz; sons, Todd Schulz (Dynah), Troy

Schulz, and daughter, Jena Schulz. She is also survived by her mother, Lenore M. Bates; sister, Sister Joyce Marie, SND, and brother, James B. Bates (Marcia), four grandchildren, Tyler, Olivia, Morgan, and Layton Schulz, as well as the loving and supportive friends of the family Allison White, Joshua Stuckey, "mentor" Dr. Michael Yanik, Diana Krantz, Becky Ingram, and the rest of the Burn Unit family. She was preceded in death by her father, James R. Bates. Visitation will be at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Avenue, from 2-8 p.m., Thursday, with sharing of memories and Rosary prayer service at 7 p.m. On Friday, prayers will begin at 10:30 a.m. , from the funeral home followed by the celebration of the Mass of the Resurrection at 11 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 4255 Bellevue Road. Those who wish to donate memorial contributions, in Mary's memory, may do so to the Mary Bates-Schulz Scholarship Fund (envelopes will be available at the funeral home). The family extends their deepest gratitude for the exceptional care given to Mary by the nurses and doctors at St. Anne's Mercy Hospital and Hospice of Northwest Ohio (Perrysburg).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family always.*

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**Tina Erd and Larry Witt-General Mills** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ *Dear Jim, Marcia, and family, We are so sorry for the loss of your wonderful and accomplished sister! Though we have lost touch, we have fondly remembered you all. Please extend our heartfelt sympathy to your mother and your sister's family. You are in our prayers. Bud and Pam*

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**Frank & Pam Beavers, III - pjb1155@aol.com pjb1155@aol.com** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Warm summer sun shine kindly here; Warm southern wind blow softly here; Green sod above, lie light, lie light Good night dear heart, good night, good night. -Mark Twain In memory of Mary Bates-Schultz, R.N.*

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**Catherine Booher, R.N.** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *I worked with Mary at the Burn Unit from 1979 until 1985. Mary always kept the patients first and was a great nurse. Since my wife and I had twins in 1984, Mary was always there to lend advise. God bless you all in your loss.*

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**Kip Miller** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Mary. We got to know her when my husband was in the burn unit for 8 months. She was one of the best care-givers Mike could of had. I always felt secure when she was Mike's nurse. We will truly miss her. Mike & Sharon Grodi

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**Mike and Sharon Grodi** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Dear Gary, Jenna, Tod, Troy and others, We are extremely sorry for your loss and pray that you will be somewhat comforted by the memories you hold close in your heart. We will continue to pray for you all during this very difficult time and if there is anything we can do to help, please don't hesitate to call.

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**Kathy, Jim Beckham& family** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *The Burn Unit will never be the same without you. I know you will be watching over us, I will make sure calorie counts and and I and Os are perfect. I will work hard to make sure I do my part on keeping the supply room stocked and organized. I am pretty sure that everyday I take care of burn patients that I will use at least one piece of knowledge that I learned from the fifteen years of working with you. What are the things I will miss. I will miss the Mary notes about missing supplies. I will miss the blue ink on the kardex where only pencil should be. I will miss the long written out instructions on the Kardex that the whole unit knew who wrote. I will miss spending hour in a dressing change with you while you made sure it was done perfect. I will miss watching you get frustrated when the sheets did not line up perfectly. { will never forget the day I was dizzy at work and we checked my blood sugar and it was low and you said your pregnant. It was true and you gave me great advice on raising kids ever since. I know I am leaving a ton of things out but all these things are small compared to what your family will miss. Gary, Todd, Troy and Jena my thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. Please know that Mary was very special and will be missed by many. I am so grateful that I had the chance to work with Mary(on most days) and call her a friend.*

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**Micheale Cutcher** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Jim and the entire Bates- Schultz family: My sincere condolences on the loss of Karen. God bless, Dan*

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**Daniel Cole** - [danielcoleco@aol.com](mailto:danielcoleco@aol.com) [danielcoleco@aol.com](mailto:danielcoleco@aol.com) - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ I can hardly put into words what you have ment to Morgan and I. I will alway keep your memory alive for Morgan and she will know just how much you love her. She told me just the other day how she new that you were and angel now and how you would keep watch over her. To GG, Gary, Todd, Troy, and Jena I am truly sorry for your loss Mary will be greatly missed by many. Nicole Beiswenger

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**Nicole Beiswenger - NBeiswenger@yahoo.com NBeiswenger@yahoo.com -**  
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM