



Jean Bates

January 11, 1923 - December 3, 2019

NORFOLK — Memorial services for Jean Bates, 96, Norfolk, formerly of Washington, will be at a later date in Washington. She died Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019, at her residence in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Jean Bates was born Jan. 11, 1923, in Olympia, Wash., the daughter of Claude McAlister and Della May (Triplett) Wray. Jean graduated from Edmonds High School in Washington. She then attended business college in Seattle, Wash.

She married Roy Bates on May 11, 1942, in Edmonds, Wash. Roy died in 1999.

Jean worked in ministry as a missionary for over 50 years. She typeset and printed scripture portions in 27 languages. Her children's ministry was very important to her, especially after the 1976 Guatemala earthquake in which she sheltered many kids. This led to the founding of the "Caring Partners" for kids organization.

Jean enjoyed photography and family genealogy.

Survivors include a daughter, Claudia (Paul) Heckart of Norfolk; her grandchildren, Sandra (Ralph) Johnson of Norfolk and Brian (Stephanie) Heckart of Mississippi; four great-grandchildren, Seth, Savannah, Sarah Grace and Olivia; two sisters, Bonnie Mott of Edmonds, Wash., and Marlene Arnot of Everett, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Della; her spouse,

Roy; a son, Terry; her granddaughter, Pamela Heckart; a great-granddaughter, Janelle Ellis; three brothers, Rollie, Vernon and Curtis; and two sisters, Wanda and Donna Belle.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Bates*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Jean Bates adopted me as one of her children. She was keen to mentor me in life and was one of my only friends as a child. She poured herself into me and taught me so much in life. I would usually be at her house at 5am in the mornings. If I memorized scripture I would get an M&M. She would periodically take me out to breakfast somewhere and we would have deep discussions about life and God. She will be greatly missed*

beth - December 11, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ *Ahhh, the stories this lovely lady could tell!!! I loved listening to her talk of her adventures, travels, and mission work. Her love for Jesus shone through so brightly!!! I also loved going out to eat Mexican food with her....and watching the amazement on the face of an unsuspecting waiter when she placed her order in perfect Spanish!!! I am so blessed to have had Auntie Jean in my life. ❤️❤️*

julie wray wootton - December 06, 2019 at 05:19 AM



“ *My sweet aunt who never failed to encourage and love me. How I looked forward to her letters from Bolivia and Guatemala and even more to her visits! What an amazing and self sacrificing woman she was. So glad I got to see her once more last September. And so glad I'll see her again! The best is yet to come!*

Marvin Wray - December 06, 2019 at 01:08 AM

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Claudia Heckart - December 06, 2019 at 12:11 AM

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“ Jean was a wonderful friend to my mother as she arrived in Cochabamba in 1965 to begin her language studies. Mother had no plans about where to stay and Jean graciously opened her home to her. That began a friendship that lasted for years, until my mother, Helen Hines Jones Schmidt, went to be with the Lord in 2013. Now, they are rejoicing with each other in heaven. How wonderful it will be for the rest of us to meet them both, as well as others who have gone before, someday soon.

I am so happy that we were able to visit with Jean, Claudia, and Paul, in their home last year. It was such a nice visit with a woman we loved.

Patricia E Willems - December 05, 2019 at 11:49 PM