



## Ila Marie Bates

August 3, 1934 - January 16, 2022

Ila Marie Bates, 87, of Bluffton, South Carolina, passed away on January 16, 2022. She was born on August 3, 1934 in Indianapolis, IN to the late Hesper Elaine Rhodes Roberts and Taylor Roberts.

Ila was a graduate of the class of 1953, East Mecklenburg High School. She loved going to the beach, golfing, playing bridge and playing cards with her grandsons. She was a wonderful cook who enjoyed entertaining friends and family. Ila was funny and sharp witted. She had a lot of friends who loved her and benefitted from her cookie making skills frequently. She loved cats, especially her cat, Edward. She was loved by her family and will be greatly missed.

In addition to her parents, Ila is preceded in death by her loving husband, Malcolm Edward Bates, who passed on January 4, 2022.

She is survived by her son, Samuel Crabtree (Donna); grandchildren, Benjamin Jordan Crabtree, Christopher Charles Crabtree; great-grandchildren, Charlie and Tucker Crabtree; sister, Norma Gillette (Bill); numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 12:00pm at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory with the funeral service following at 1:00pm

in the chapel with Pastor Eddie Karriker officiating. Burial will follow at Sharon Memorial Park, 5716 Monroe Road, Charlotte, NC 28212 at 3:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601, or American Diabetes Association, PO Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Bates family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Sharon Memorial Park

5716 Monroe Road  
Charlotte, NC 28212

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

JAN 25. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

## Funeral Service

JAN 25. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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494 E. Plaza Drive  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Michael Roberts** - February 02, 2022 at 02:46 PM

GW

“ Have known Ila since high school. a beautiful lady in every way. She attended our high school reunions to everyone's delight. She will be missed by all who knew her.

*Graham Wilson*

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**Graham Wilson** - January 20, 2022 at 11:38 AM

GA

“ What a wonderful, sweet lady to know and have the pleasure of working with at Southern Bell Telephone Company for many years. She was always cheerful, kind and dependable; many, many times going beyond the call of duty when help was needed to meet deadlines. I am saddened to learn of her and Malcolm's passing and extend my sympathy to the family members.

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**Gail Austin** - January 19, 2022 at 09:30 PM

PH

“ Sam and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You have had a rough year or so. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. They were a sweet couple when I met them at the resort. I use to have a hard time keeping Ben’s grandparents a part until I met them. You have been on our prayer list for some time. May God give you all, the strength and grace you need. In our prayers, Phyllis Harmon

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**phyllis harmon** - January 19, 2022 at 06:37 PM