



## Ivan M. Bates

May 21, 1920 - November 25, 2016

Ivan M. Bates,

96, of New Palestine, passed away November 25, 2016. He was born May 21, 1920 in Richland, Indiana to the late Jolly and Etta Dunn Bates. Ivan married Josephine M. Brown, June 29, 1939, and she preceded him in death May 30, 2000.

Ivan graduated from Richland High School in 1938. He worked for National Can Corporation for over 35 years, retiring in 1982. Ivan was a member of Franklin Road Baptist Church for the past 20 years and was member of Evansville Oak Hill Evangelical Church for 41 years. He was a 10 year volunteer at Community East Hospital and also loved to fish.

Visitation will be Monday, November 28, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with services Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St.

Ivan is survived by his devoted son, Billy J. Bates (Judy); granddaughters, Lisa D. Benson (John), Sheila F. Moeller (Dave), grandson, Kevin W. Bates (Gretchen); great-grandchildren, Jennifer L. Allen (Adam), Andrew M. Kelley (Shelby), Laura L. Becker (Aaron), Emily N. Stoffel (Connor), Matthew D. Moeller, Rachel A. Bates and Raven I. J. Bates; great-great grandsons, Kyle and Tyler; and a brother, Myron E. Bates. He was preceded in death by a brother, Wyman Bates.

Memorial contributions may be made to Franklin Road Baptist Church, 51 N. Franklin Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46229



# Cemetery Details

## New Palestine Cemetery

19 E. Main St.  
New Palestine, IN 46163

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
9606 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229  
(317) 897-9606  
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

## Service

NOV 29. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ivan M. Bates.*



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November 28, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ *Not only did Ivan dress up for Billie Jo and Duane, he also dressed up and visited other cousins as well 😊. I remember running out the door after him when we lived on Dexter and telling my dad, "hey, that looks like Uncle Ivan's car down the street."*

*Another time I remember sitting under the shade tree with Granpa Brown. He was telling me that Billie Jo was talking to Ivan about a horse, Grandpa said "I don't think he will have to talk very much." Shortly thereafter they got a couple of horses, one named Lady. A short time after Lady gave birth in the middle of a thunderstorm and Ivan named the foal Stormy. Ivan worked and worked that colt. Next year Lady had a second foal and named it Ginger. As Ginger grew I went over every few days to brush her. One day I went over to brush Ginger and Uncle Ivan met me in the driveway. He told me he had sold Ginger and was afraid I would be upset. I told him not to worry about it, I was getting tired of brushing her anyway. I was so blessed to be raised in a family with so many wonderful aunts and uncles . Uncle Ivan was one of the best! Gary Wayne*

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**Sheila Brown** - November 26, 2016 at 05:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ivan M. Bates.*



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November 26, 2016 at 04:50 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Ivan's passing but rejoice knowing he is in the midst of one happy reunion, we will not be able to come since we are in the midst of vaccinating, but know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Gary and Sheila*

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**Sheila Brown** - November 26, 2016 at 04:09 PM



“ *Bill and Judy - - what devoted care givers you have been for MANY years. I understand the love and patience that is shown thru that kind of care - - - and you will be forever blessed because of your tenderness toward him. I didn't know him well, but Mom liked to think she did. I do know that he was truly a "gentle man", and I know you will miss his presence with you, but that you are rejoicing that he is finally home in Heaven!*

*Loving thoughts - -*

*"Shush" and Alvan & Clark*

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**Sharon Clark** - November 26, 2016 at 11:45 AM

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“ Uncle Ivan was the most gentle, kind person anyone could imagine. I don't ever remember him saying anything unkind about anything or anyone. I remember him coming over to Grandma's in the sleet, snow, or rain to stoke the furnace and make sure everything was OK. He will be remembered with sweet thoughts about all of his caring and kindness. Much sympathy to Bill and family, we are thinking about all of you at this time.

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**Debbie Riley** - November 26, 2016 at 10:21 AM

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“ Ivan has to be the most kind person who ever lived. Yes, I am prejudice, for he is my uncle. However, I have memories of the things he did for me and others. He dressed up like Santa Claus when Bill and I were kids to make our Christmas moments. Ivan was always helping others. He gave me memories of special trips that I would never have had. I remember especially when he would get up early in the morning and he would come over to our house (Grandmothers) and stoke the coal furnace Yes, there are many memories of his thoughtfulness and kindness. He was very special, will miss him, but never forget him.

*Duane Travers*

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**Duane Travers** - November 26, 2016 at 07:48 AM