



## Harry Bates

October 10, 1918 - March 23, 2012

Myrtle Beach

Harry L. Bates

Harry L. Bates, age 93, died on Friday, March 23, 2012 at his residence. Born in Big Flats, NY, Harry was the last surviving child of the late Harry and Susan Bates. Mr. Bates was a WW II Air Force veteran, serving in Europe; he had a Bachelor of Science degree from Elmira College and credits toward a Masters Degree. Harry was an inventor, holder of three patents, a composer of organ music and volunteered at Brookgreen Gardens.

Survivors include his wife Mary Lou Bates of Myrtle Beach; brother-in-law Tom McDermott and wife Ann and numerous nephews and nieces.

A Memorial Service will be held at 4:30 pm Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at Socastee United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Elmira, NY.

Memorial donations may be made to Socastee United Methodist Church, 5575 Dick Pond Rd, Myrtle Beach, SC or to Amedisys Hospice Care, 137 Professional Lane, Unit B, Pawley's Island, SC.

Sign a guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 27. 4:30 PM (ET)

Socastee United Methodist Church Cemetery  
5575 Dick Pond Road  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary Lou*  
*Both you and Harry are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Ruth Stack*

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**Ruth Stack** - March 27, 2012 at 09:08 AM

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“ *Mary Lou*  
*I was so sorry to read of Harry's passing, I considered him one of my Brookgreen's friends. Both of you are in my prayers and thoughts.*  
*Dorothy Mac Donnell*

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**Dorothy J Mac Donnell** - March 25, 2012 at 04:55 PM

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“ *Our memory of Harry will always be sitting in the Welcome Center at Brookgreen discussing many subjects before heading off for our volunteer duties.*  
*Mary Ellen & Jim Sharman*

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**Jim Sharman** - March 25, 2012 at 12:41 PM

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*Mary Lou*  
*I so enjoyed Harry at Brookgreen. We shared our interest in aircraft. Few people know that feeling except the wives that have to put up with us. I shall miss him. May his spirit " touch the face of God".*

*Don Brooks*

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**Donald P Brooks** - March 25, 2012 at 09:06 PM