



Eleanor Schwab Kates

March 27, 1931 - November 10, 2013

Mrs. Eleanor S. Kates, 82, died in Tallahassee on November 10, 2013 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Kates was born in Johnstown, Pa. to the late Joseph L. and Eleanor C. Schwab. She grew up on a farm in Kentucky and earned a Ph.D. in special education from the University of Georgia. She served as principal of the Education and Work Activities Center at Central State Hospital in Milledgeville, Ga. for 22 years. Mrs. Kates had an enduring appreciation of education and enjoyed reading history, traveling, sewing, cooking, and playing bridge.

Mrs. Kates was preceded in death by her beloved husband, U.S. Army Colonel Robert Clark Kates, and her eldest brother, Dr. John J. Schwab (Ruby, deceased) of Louisville, Ky. She is survived by her four children, John J. Kates (Terri) of Cumming, Ga., Sarah K. Rice (Stephen deceased) of Greenville, SC, Eleanor K. Cofer (Walter) of Tallahassee, and Matthew S. Sikking of Macon, Ga. She is also survived by two brothers, Dr. J. Matthew Schwab (Marie) of Louisville, Joseph L. Schwab (Mariette deceased) of Nacogdoches, Tex., and her sister, Mrs. Mary Maitland DeLand (Dr. Frank H. DeLand) of Louisville, as well as five grandsons and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Kates, affectionately known as "Dottie Belle" by her siblings, extended family, and long-time friends, will be greatly missed by many nieces and nephews who mourn her passing.

Mrs. Kates donated her body to the Florida Anatomical Board for medical science. The family will conduct a private memorial service, and interment will

take place at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family gratefully prefers that those who wish may consider making memorial donations to Catholic Social Services, Big Bend Hospice, or other charities of their choice.

The family wishes to thank the staff of HarborChase, Big Bend Hospice, and Capital Regional Medical Group for their kind and compassionate care.

Mama, rest in peace. We love you and will miss you. Bevis Funeral Home, (850) 893-2193, www.bevisfh.com, is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Prayers to the Family!*

Laura Rutledge - November 19, 2013 at 07:43 AM

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Eleanor Cofer - November 15, 2013 at 05:57 AM

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Eleanor Cofer - November 13, 2013 at 06:26 PM

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“ *May angels guide her to paradise and wrap her family in wings of God's loving comfort*



Linda Hudson - November 13, 2013 at 09:40 AM