

Biography of Don E. Coates

Don Coates has been an active member of the Town of Mount Desert for many years. In his career, he served as a teacher, principal, superintendent of schools, professor, and dean - excelling in all of these capacities.

He served as a Trustee of the Thuya Gardens, Director of the Mount Desert Island Land & Garden Preserve, Trustee – and now a lifetime Honorary Trustee - of the Northeast Harbor Library, and Chairman of its Scholarship Committee, Trustee and Deacon at his church, and was a long time Kiwanian. Don's involvement and dedication in support of these important community programs went well above and beyond his everyday job.

Over the years, Don has kept in contact with many of his former students and staff, continuing his friendship while acting as a mentor in their lives and careers. In all things he instilled in everyone he encountered the importance of a strong community.

Additionally, Don Coates is a great family man. In view of his incredible contributions to the greater Mount Desert community, we are pleased to establish this distinguished service award in his honor.

Don E. Coates Distinguished Service Award



