



Charles Cates

January 4, 1937 - July 25, 2008

Beloved husband, father and grandfather, Charles Edward Cates, passed away peacefully Friday July 25, 2008. Charles was born in Corsicana on January 4, 1937 to Edd D. Cates and Willie Emma Crowe Cates. He was the youngest of four children.. Charles was preceded in death by his parents, sister Billie Wren, and brother Darrell Cates. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Delores, and their children: daughter Donna McCraw of Hewitt, daughter and son in lawa Debbie and Kevin Gilmore of Temple, and son Tim Cates of Waco as well as for grandchildren Zachary, McCraw of Hewitt, Cameron, Hayley and Hannah Gilmore of Temple. He is also survived by brother Delmar Cates of Corsicana and several nieces and nephews. Charles was in the trucking business his entire life, first in construction, then oil field and finally home building materials. Anywhere you travel in the state of Texas you are on a road that his equipment helped build. Services will be 2:00 pm Monday July 28, 2008 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Rick Lamb and Bro. Bill Honea officiating. Pallbearers will be Jimmy Wren, Kenny Grace, John Cates, Mike Allred, Johnny Wright and Danny Wren. Honorary Pallbearers will be Lewis Picone, Wayne McClellan, Ray Scoggins, Charlie Knott, Charles McCrory, Bobby Comton, David Garrett, Bobby Garrett and B.J. Perry. Graveside will follow at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery. Visitation will be 3-5pm Sunday July 27, 2008 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. The family request that in lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Cates*

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“ *Charles Cates*

Joan Nutt - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Delorse I am so sorry to to hear about Charles passing away. You have been an excellent wife and always took the best care of him. We don't always understand why things happen but we know God is always there to give us strenght and comfort.*

My prayers are with you and your family.

*Love,
Joan*

Joan Nutt - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm sorry that I cannot be there to comfort and console everyone. I know that I would like to be home, but there is some red tape that I just cannot get around. I hope that during this process of mourning that I am there with you all in spirit. Charles has truly gone home to Heaven, now he has been reunited with the rest of our beloved relatives in the company and presence of our Lord.*

Christopher A. Smith - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Deloris, Donna, Debbie, and Tim I am so sorry for your loss. Charles was a wonderful man and I am sure he is enjoying his newfound wings in Heaven! May God bless you all and help you to heal from the loss. Much Love to all of you, Lisa.

Lisa (Watson) Hanna - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Delores, was sorry to hear about Charles passing away. You were always there for him. Never have any regrets. May God give you strength and comfort during this time.

jane harris - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Charles knew just about all there was to know about cars and trucks, and was eager to share his expertise. He rescued me on more than one occasion when I needed help buying a car, selling a camper, or coming to get the horse trailer after the truck caught on fire. He had a big heart for his family, and anyone else that needed help. He will be missed very much by lots of people...including me.

Marcia Johnson - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Cates Family,

I was sad to hear of your loss. God can heal a broken heart if you just given him all the pieces. I realize that's easier said than done though...

My grandmother (Betty Jo Middleton) lived a couple doors down from the Cates on 10th Ave when I was a kid. I grew up playing with Tim and then Donna (Mrs. McGraw) was my typing teacher at Mildred.

Michael J. Middleton - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ Debbie,

I am so sorry. Please know that I am here for you if you need me. I miss you and will pray for peace for you and your family.

Kristie

Kristie Bower (Young) - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Delores, Donna, Debbie and Tim I am so sorry for your loss. May God's blessings and your memories of Charles comfort and be with you forever.....

Shirley (McCarter) Blanton - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Donna and family,
I went church wth you and then met Thomas and we married in that church. You and Debbie were young girls and would often sit with us during worship services. In more recent years we had little contact but watched you grow up into the mature, responsible ladies that you are today. Even though we have lost track of you we think of you often and pray that God will continually lead you in His ways and life of success and fulfillment. We pray for you now especially during this time of loss of your Dad. I met him but did not get to know him very well. I know that you will miss him but pray that God will comfort you knowing that we are praying for you, too. Sincerely,
With Love,
Marilyn and Thomas Hill

Marilyn/Thomas Hill - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ We were so sorry to read of Charles's death. We know he will be greatly missed. I remember him most for taking the kids riding on his little "cart" and for his love of nature. He shared with me the amazing things he noticed as he observed the birds and animals.
Love to you all,
Wanda

Wanda & Tony Luedecke - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We just got into town late last night and read the paper. We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. We pray for peace, comfort and strength in the coming days. Prayerfully, Joe and Vicki Sims

Joe & Vicki Sims - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Cates Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Charles was a wonderful man who was always happy. He always gave me a hard time. I know losing a Father is a difficult thing, but God will surround you and give you strength, and as time goes by you will smile when he comes to mind. I love you all and will be thinking about you today.

Rae Cene Barton - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ We are so sorry for your loss, Our prayers are with you.
Richard & Joyce Rash

Richard & Joyce Rash - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Delores: Sorry to hear about Charles. You were always there for him, you were a fantastic wife. My prayers are with you

Terry - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Donna, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Remember that God is always with you and he will take care of your family. Our prayers are with you.

Kristie Melton - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Its been a few years since I have talked to the Cates family but, I do have a lot of fond memories of great times growing up. My thoughts & prayers go out to the family at this difficult time.

Brenda (Moreau) McCollum - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *I always admired my Uncle Charles. He always had a smile and a laugh for you. He and my Aunt were there at a very difficult time for me when my father(his brother) passed away. That meant the world to me.*

Cindy Hargrave - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM