



Pamela Jean Cates

December 16, 1956 - January 7, 2025

Pamela Jean Clay Cates, (Meme) of Corsicana, went to her heavenly home January 7, 2025, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born December 16, 1956, to Bobby Gene Clay and Lillie Smeltzer Clay.

She married her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Dean Cates, the week after graduation in 1975. They had two sons, Jason and Mike, that kept them on their toes, whether it be on the ballfield or just being boys. She was a second mom to Scott Andrews and Jeff Roddy who also kept her on her toes. She was a CNA in the Corsicana area for many years and loved all the ones she helped along the way. In her spare time, she enjoyed spending time with her family, listening to Elvis, watching her granddaughters play softball, and taking her granddaughters to see Christmas lights. She also loved to fix everything, including the cabinet door that ended up being glued shut, with a hot glue gun.

To greet her at the Pearly Gates were husband, Dean Cates; Grandparents, Seldon and Geraldine Smeltzer; Parents, Bobby and Lillie Clay; Father-in-law and Mother-in-law, Gerald and Imogene Cates; Sister-in-law, Brenda Cates; and Neice, Shelley Alejandre.

Those left to cherish her memory are, sons, Jason and wife Paula Cates of Corsicana, Mike and wife Thresa of Corsicana; Grandchildren, Paige Cates,

Laney Cates, Kenneth Black and wife Kala, all of Corsicana, Chase Edwards and wife Shelby of Dawson; Brother, David Clay and wife Darlene of Arlington, Randy Clay and wife Lisa of Corsicana; Brother in laws, Joe Cates and wife JoAnn of Barry, Roy Cates of Corsicana; Sister in law, Linda Stepp of Corsicana; Nephews, Chris Cates and wife Kylie of Michigan, Brody Clay and wife Shandee of Mildred, Dustin Clay and Katie of Providence Village, J. T. Humphries of Corsicana; Nieces, Paula Kirtley and husband Billy of Tool, Stephanie Cates and boyfriend Daniel Dunahoo of Dawson, Lori and Anthony Trimble of Weatherford, and Megan Rivera of Corsicana; along with many friends that she loved like family.

Pallbearers will be Jeff Roddy, Scott Andrews, Brody Clay, Shane Tolleson, Daniel Dunahoo, and Jake McCarty.

A visitation will be held on Monday, January 13 from 6pm to 8pm at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, January 14 at 11am at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery.

The family would like to give thanks to Always Accurate Hospice, Piper and her little helper Remington, for their loving care for our beloved Meme.

Save us some Dr. Pepper and pickles! We love you to the moon and back!

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Graveside Funeral Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery
700 Farm to Market 2555
Corsicana, TX 75110

Tribute Wall

DS

“ So very sorry to hear of Pam's passing, who was my cousin. So fondly I remember our childhood adventures together along with her brothers David and Randy. Those memories are precious, and they will endure for all those loved ones she has left behind. She is at total peace now, with her husband Dean, and we can all be thanking God for this grace of reunion.

Praying today for Pam's beautiful family and that God will touch each of their hearts and wrap his loving arms around them in this most difficult time.

Debra & Jim Smeltzer-Ziesler

Debra Jean Smeltzer - January 13, 2025 at 01:36 PM

CM

“ Carolyn M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Jean Cates.

Carolyn M. - January 13, 2025 at 01:27 PM

CM

“ So sorry to hear of Pam's passing. Praying for the Lord to give all strength, comfort and hope that we will be with her again ❤️
Love for her cousin, Denise

Carolyn Medina - January 13, 2025 at 01:24 PM

DS

“ *Debra Jean Smeltzer lit a candle in memory of Pamela Cates*



Debra Jean Smeltzer - January 13, 2025 at 01:23 PM

MF

“ *Mindy Clay Casey and D'Ann Clay Frank purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Pamela Jean Cates.*



Mindy Clay Casey and D'Ann Clay Frank - January 13, 2025 at 01:19 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pamela Jean Cates.*

January 13, 2025 at 12:21 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Pamela Jean Cates.*



January 13, 2025 at 12:21 AM

CA

“ *Big Hugs and Big Prayers for the Family and Friends of Pam!* 🙏🙏💜💜



Cordelia Albritton - January 11, 2025 at 11:34 PM

LH

“ *We are sorry for your loss, sending you our love and prayers.*

Larry and Lisa Hoppe



Lisa Hoppe - January 09, 2025 at 06:25 PM

DS

“ *David and Judy Spinks purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pamela Jean Cates.*



David and Judy Spinks - January 09, 2025 at 05:51 PM

DS

“ *David and Judy Spinks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Jean Cates.*

David and Judy Spinks - January 09, 2025 at 05:51 PM

DR

“ We are so sorry for your family's lost. Sending love and prayers. We love ya'll.

Brian, Danielle, Clint and Gus Richards

Danielle Richards - January 09, 2025 at 01:49 PM

LS

“ Love, Steve and Cindy Smeltzer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Jean Cates.

Love, Steve and Cindy Smeltzer - January 09, 2025 at 11:33 AM

LS

“ Love, Steve and Cindy Smeltzer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pamela Jean Cates.



Love, Steve and Cindy Smeltzer - January 09, 2025 at 11:33 AM

SR

“ Prayers for Pam's family and friends. Worked with Pam many years and with her mother Lillie Clay.



Sandra Robinson - January 09, 2025 at 10:55 AM

GW

“ Prayers from Indiana for the family and friends.
Rest in Peace in the arms of our Lord.
Glen Wheat
Blue Knights LEMC
International Secretary

Glen Wheat - January 09, 2025 at 01:52 AM

LC

“ Linda, Billy, Paula, and Chloe purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pamela Jean Cates.



Linda, Billy, Paula, and Chloe - January 08, 2025 at 09:48 PM

PH

“ Pam always had the best stories. She was a really fun and interesting person. I join a community of her friends who share in your loss. RIP sweet Pam.



Patricia G Henk - January 08, 2025 at 05:01 PM