



Mr. James Edward "Ed" Cates

July 11, 1958 - October 5, 2015

James Edward "Ed" Cates of Auburn, Georgia, loving Son, Brother, Nephew, Cousin and Friend was born July 11, 1958 in Moultrie, Georgia and entered into God's Kingdom October 5, 2015. Ed was a member of Auburn First Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Music Director and Church Administer. Ed was a member of The Sons of Jubal, a music ministry of the Georgia Baptist Convention. He traveled to Russia, China and North Korea to perform the gospel message in song. Ed was the assistant manager at the Bojangles in Jefferson. He also served as the manager of the Homeport Farm Mart, Winder, and as a training supervisor at Meyer Electric. Ed served as the Chief of Staff to The Honorable Terry England. He enjoyed playing the piano, teaching music, cooking and sharing his faith with others. A devout Christian, Ed continued to study God's word and sharing his testimony with others.

Surviving are Parents, Clara Cates, James "Doc" and Sara Cates, Sister, Charlotte Cates, Aunts and Uncle, Regena Pevy, Garry Lee, Sharon Hortman and Susan Hardin, Sister, Michelle Barnes, Brothers, Curt Malcom and Steve Miller, Numerous Cousins, Brother-in-Christ, Albert Grinneil, Brother and Sister-in-Christ, Terry and Cindy England.

A Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 4:00 P. M. from the Auburn First Baptist Church with Terry England, Lee Sass and Chris Parkin officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for contributions to be made to Auburn First Baptist Church, Affinis Hospice or the American Cancer Society

Comments



“ I was grieved to hear of Eddie's passing. I will always remember the friendship we had while working together at the Dairy Queen and spending time together outside of work.

It's not often you meet someone that has lifelong impact on you but Eddie is one. I am so thankful that I had the privilege to know him. Doc, Clara and Charlotte you all know I loved Eddie and I love each of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Kathy Almand - Tallahassee, FL - Friend - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are extended for "Eddie's" family. It's been many years, but the memories are sweet. God bless you.

Debbie Goodroe Parrish - Greensboro, NC - October 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ We are grieved to hear of the passing of Eddie. We thank the LORD that he was in Service for HIM in so many ways! He brought such great Memories of his growing up at Memorial Bapt. Church here in Moultrie. Doc & Sara, Clara and family, we have always loved you! We are praying for your comfort that only comes through Christ! Your Memories are always there, Eddie has joined the Heavenly Choir! NO MORE SUFFERING THERE!

J.C. & Sara Goodroe. - Moultrie, GA - friends - October 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Eddie and I graduated from High School together and worked at the DQ while going to college. He was always a great friend. There couldn't have been a nicer guy.

DIANE NEWSOME WRIGHT - MOULTRIE, GA - FRIEND - October 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Ed was a great friend.

Karlie Harris - Pendergrass, GA - Co-worker at Bojangles - October 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy on the loss of Ed. I worked with Ed for several years at Mayer Electric. People like Ed Cates do not come along very often. There was something special about Ed, always cheerful and full of energy. I am blessed and fortunate to have known him.

Ron Brimeyer - West Des Moines, IA - co-worker at Mayer Electric - October 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I went through high school with Eddie. He was a good man. I am sure you will be receive other messages from his classmate. You have my sincere condolences.

Best regards,

John

J reid - October 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Just wanted to let you all know that I am keeping you all close in thought and prayer.
Frances McGinty

Frances McGinty - Tifton, GA - friend - October 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Ed and I met because we were both members of the Sons of Jubal. When SOJ made their mission trip to Russia, Ed and I were thrown together and he asked me if I wanted to walk around with him during a free afternoon we had. We walked around for several hours and went in a small restaurant and ate lunch together. We were instant friends. Ever since that trip we would look each other up when we had concerts and retreats and I counted Ed as a dear friend. We have emailed and talked on the phone some over the course of his sickness and I regret now that I did not take the time to make the trip to Auburn to spend more time with him. I will miss him greatly. He was a very dedicated Christian and I count his friendship as a real life-changing experience in my life. My prayers are with the family and friends in this great loss.

Walt Pinder - Jesup, GA - Sons of Jubal Friend - October 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Doc and Sara,

Your hearts are heavy now and I am praying for God to give you the added strength you need to make it through. We know He has been with Ed during this whole ordeal called Cancer. We never understand the why and we don't understand the why not either? I am just so happy that Ed loved his Lord like he did. Seeing someone with such faith go HOME is always a joy; the sad part is going on here on earth without him. He did light up your lives! You have such great memories; it was easy to see that from looking into the eyes of either one of you when you talked about him! Those memories belong to you forever. They are YOURS! Enjoy them. I love you. God bless you and keep you.
Joyce Carr

Joyce Carr - Tifton, GA - friend of Doc and Sara - October 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM