



Gregory L. Cates

August 5, 1961 - October 5, 2017

Gregory L. Cates, age 56, passed away October 5, 2017 in Conyers, Georgia. He was of the Baptist Faith.

Greg grew up in Newport and attended Newport Grammar School. He graduated Cocke County High School in 1979.

Greg graduated from UT with a Bachelor Degree in Foreign Languages and received his Master's Degree in Library Science from UT. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

He was employed as librarian and assistant professor at Georgia State University. In addition to professional duties, his interests include rescue of homeless animals, collection of antique cars, and restoration of antique furniture. He was an avid reader and collector of books.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Orville and Clara Amalee Butler and Elmer and Esther Cates; uncles, Wayne Butler and Ronald Cates; and aunt Reva Cates Parton.

He is survived by his parents, Ed and Peggy Cates; sister, Melanie Cates Wade (Jonathan) of Atlanta, Georgia; uncles, Lonnie and Larry (Vickie) Butler, and Harold (Joan) Cates; and several cousins.

Celebration of Life Service will be 3:00 pm, Sunday, October 29, 2017 in the Manes Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Rich Loyd officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:30-3:00 pm Sunday prior to the funeral services. He was cremated per his request.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to PAWS, 5287 Covington Highway,

Decatur, GA 30035, or to a charity of your choice.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ Gregory L. Cates

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ I am heartbroken. I was searching for an old friend and here I am. I loved him very much and had just lost touch. He adored his old cars and cats. He had an affinity for squeaky old mattresses and dining room chairs. He would whomp up a batch of Mabels

Michael Breedlove - January 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Greg's passing. I went to Carson Newman with Greg.

Joe Ely - December 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Gregory L. Cates

Louise and Jimmy Hux - November 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Greg, AKA Kip, was one of the few people that I hoped would outlive me. I don't like him being gone. I feel his loss deeply, knowing I will not see him or hear his voice on the phone He was so sweet and kind and funny, too. I miss him and will always hav

Daris Gose - November 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ So sorry for your loss.keeping you in our prayers each day. Randall and Marcia Arrowood

Randall and Marcia Arrowood - October 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ We all love and will miss him.

Kip Abernathy - October 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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BB

“ Ed, Peggy, & Melanie, so sorry for the loss of Greg. Love to you all sorry we are not able to be there. Ben and Jill

BEN & JILL BUTLER - October 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EY

“ My deepest condolences during this sad time

Ernesto Rene Yanes - October 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ IÆm so sad for the sudden loss of my life long friend of 34 years. He was the best and will be greatly missed.

elaine masengill - October 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your brother and son. I didn't know him really well. I had a study hall with him in high school and we talked even though we weren't supposed to.

Cindy Valentine - October 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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SU

“ I met him through Elaine years ago. He was such a gentleman and caring person. He was loved by everyone who ever met him. He will be greatly missed. I am so sorry for your loss.

Susan Underwood - October 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Ed, Peggy & Melody, our thoughts and prayers are with you and remaining family and friends.

Connie & Marsha Ball - October 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you during this time. God will hold you close and see you through. Our Love, Phil & Judy

Phil & Judy Buker - October 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Dear Mr & Mrs Cates & Melanie I'M so sorry to hear of Gregs passing & am praying for you all. I enjoyed seeing Greg when I would be at my parents next door to him and we talked animals and cars a lot. He was a fine person and meant so much to all who knew

Carole Glover Davis - October 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Gregory L. Cates

Jameson, Sidney & Harper Kuykendall - October 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Gregory L. Cates

Josh, Mai-Li, Jay & Eli Kuykendall - October 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ my heart breaks for you. I know what it feels like to loose a child. My world has never been the same after I lost Gabriel.

Diana Baxter - October 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ To live in ones heart forever is to never die! Cherish your special memories!

David & Pauline Proffitt - October 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Sorry to here of your loss. We love you all May God bless you*

Jane & Homer Cook - October 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *Sorry for your lost prayers for your family*

Nancy butler bain - October 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Ed, Peggy, and Melanie... I was so sorry to hear about Greg...he was always so kind to all who knew him...may God comfort you during this difficult time.*

Alice Ford Miller - October 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ *Gregory L. Cates*

Cindy Valentine - October 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Prayers for your family during this time of loss of your son and brother.*

Steve & Teresa Strom - October 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Melanie so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers with you at this time. Carla Brooks*

Carla Brooks - October 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ *I'm sorry to hear about your loss praying for the family*

Floyd wilhoit - October 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ *So very sorry about Greg. Our sincere condolences.*

Harry & Faye Melton - October 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Melanie and Family, there are very few words to express the loss of a family member and friend; but, Greg was one of the most well mannered, intelligent, quiet, and gentle person we will ever know. I am sorrowful for our loss and will always have fond me*

John Holt - October 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Ed & Peggy, prayers and sympathy in the passing of your son. Prayers for GODÆS arms to encircle you giving you the peace and comfort that only HE can give*

Dot Barnes - October 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Melanie, I know you and your mom and dad are hurting so much right now. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I have fond memories and a great picture of Greg from our Voices of Freedom choir tour days.*

Melanie Strickler - October 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Always in our heart.*

Chris A Greene - October 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Gregory L. Cates

Rhonda Ottinger - October 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Greg, my friend since childhood, a kind and wonderful soul, taken way too soon. Ed, Peggy, and Melanie, So sorry for your loss. Peace be with all of you at this time and always. Much love to all.

Debbie Murr - October 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ So sad to hear of your loss. Many fond school memories of Greg and his sweet smile. God's blessings on you all.

Patti Briggs - October 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Ed, Peggy, and Melanie, I am so sorry to hear about Greg. I have such good memories of all of us growing up together. I am praying for you all ! Love, Sharon Murr Smallwood

Sharon Murr Smallwood - October 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Ed and Peggy, we are so sorry for the loss of your son. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman - October 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers.

Brenda Williamson Holt - October 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM