



## James R. Cates

June 24, 1958 - September 3, 2010

Cates, James R. "Jamie", age 52, a resident of Columbiana died Friday, September 3, 2010 in M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX after a lengthy illness. The funeral will be 2:00 PM Monday, September 6, 2010 at the Columbiana United Methodist Church with visitation one hour prior to the service. The Reverend Doctor Don Wright will be officiating, assisted by the Reverend Pete Grice. Burial will be in Pinelawn Gardens with Bolton Funeral Home directing. Jamie Cates was preceded in death by his father, John Lewis Cates and brother, John Howell Cates. He is survived by his wife, Mary Willingham Cates; one son, James M. "Jae" Cates, Columbiana; one daughter, Nikki Price Bradbury (Bo) of Helena; Mother, Jackie Howell Cates; Brother, Jeffry C. Cates (Zela) of Columbiana; two grandchildren, James Henry Cates and Ella Faith Bradbury and a host of other family and friends. Jamie Cates graduated from Shelby County High School in 1976 and graduated from Auburn University in 1979 where he was a member of the Auburn University Marching Band. After graduation from Auburn, he came home to the family farm and trucking business where he worked along with his father and brothers. Jamie was a member of the Columbiana United Methodist Church. He was a Supervisor and Secretary of the Shelby County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors; Member of the Shelby County Cattlemen's Asso. and member of its Board of Directors; Member and Vice President of the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Assoc.; Member and President of the Alabama Feeder Calf Marketing Assoc.; Member of the Board

of Directors of the Midstate Farmers Co-op; He was awarded the Cattlewomen's Cattle Farmer Father of the Year in 2002; awarded the BCIA Commercial Cattle Producer of the year in 2008. He was a successful businessman and cattle farmer who had a great love for the people of the soil. He loved life; his family-especially his grandchildren, his farm and all God's creations and he loved his God. These factors, together with his desire to be of service to his fellow man in any way possible, motivated his outstanding service. Active pallbearers are Sam Bristow, Ronald Cook, Tom Seale, Frank Head, Russell Ledford, Preston Griffith, Randy Morris, and Mike Clelland; Honorary pallbearers are The Shelby County Cattlemen Assoc; BCIA Assoc.; and the Alabama Feeder Calf Marketing Assoc. and District Supervisors of the Shelby Co. Soil and Water Conservation. Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to the Columbiana United Methodist Church Music Fund; The American Cancer Society or the Alabama Cattlemen's Foundation Memorial Gift Program. Please sign online condolences at [www.boltonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boltonfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall

TH

“ Granddaddy, James Henry and I love you very much. He asked about you everyday while you were in Houston and still does. He loves you more than anything. You are the sole reason why he wants to be a cowboy. You will forever be loved, remembered, and instrumental in our lives. I can easily say, that no one will ever come close to filling your void. We will miss you more than anything. I am so glad Jh came to see when he did and I am so glad I got to speak with you on that Thursday. We prayed for you everyday, but you are in a far better place now. Everything just seems so surreal. It's hard to grasp you're gone. We were honored to know you. We love you more than you'll ever know, Tiffiany and Hennie.

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**Tiffiany and James Henry** - September 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jamie's passing and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Mary Kay (Sharich) Hill

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**Mary Kay Hill** - September 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To the whole Cates family ~ We were so sad to hear of your loss. But I know from talking to Jamie just a month ago that he was ready to meet Jesus. That's what he wanted to talk about the most. I know he is waiting on you at heaven's gate. What a reunion!

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**Darlene Storey** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Jackie, I cannot imagine your grief to have lost two sons. I'm so sorry for Jamie's passing and how it affects so many who loved him. All I can do is send my love and hold you all in my thoughts that you can find some comfort at this horrible time. Jackie, do you remember when Lynn Farr and I came home with Johnny on the bus? That is one of my all time favorite memories - that we got to home with Johnny. What a generous heart. What a fine family. I remember Jamie so well. Gosh, this is so sad.

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**Donna Compton** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I was saddened to hear of your loss and wanted you to know that you are in my prayers and thoughts. Growing up, Jamie always had a smile on his face and an encouraging word for everyone. We had many happy memories at church, youth choir and the SCHS band. Jamie will certainly be missed!! May God comfort you during this difficult time.

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**Debra Rogers Wicker** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ To all of Jamie's family. What good friends you all have been! My love and prayers to you.

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**Flora Bozeman Foster** - September 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ My prayers are with the Cates family as I grew up with Jamie and his brother, Johnny. We had a great time in band together and these brothers had very fun-loving parents. It will take time for the hurt to go away but rely on the memories you have to get you through each day. May God grant you peace and know that He hears your cries and prayers.

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**Peggy Armstrong Martin** - September 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Please let us know if there is anything you need.*

Michelle Elmore - September 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *I am very sorry for the loss of Jamie. It is quite a shock. May God Bless.*

Michael Parrish - September 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. Jamie was one of my favorite people in high school. I will always cherish our friendship.*

Melisa Thrasher Stewart - September 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *My condolences, Jamie was a great guy.*

Rebecca Garrett Davis - September 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Mrs. Cates and Family, Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. I am truly sorry for your loss.*

Marsha HornHarbin - September 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM