



Barbara A. Cates

January 5, 1956 - May 2, 2009

Barbara Ann Cates, 53, Bolivar passed away May 2, 2009 in her home after a long battle with lung disease. As a young child she lived in the Flemington and Humansville areas, moving to Wheatland in 1964 when her father went to work for MoDOT. It was there she spent the rest of her growing up years touching the lives of all who knew her. It was also during those years that she gave her heart to the Lord during a revival at the Wheatland Baptist Church. On April 5, 1974 she married Wayne Baumgardner of Humansville and was blessed with two baby girls. Her time during this period of her life was devoted to raising her daughters while at the same time working as a waitress and dedicated clerk at Palmer s Store in Humansville. In the latter part of the 1980 s she, along with her daughters, moved to Bolivar. It was at this time she was united with a longtime friend, Gaylord Cates, and on January 12, 1997 they were married. They lived most of their years in the Bolivar area, moving for a short time to the Wheatland and Hermitage area, then back to Bolivar where she worked at Micro Magic and Center Recovery. In 2001 she was forced to quit working due to the advanced stage of her lung disease. Her parents, Lester and Jean Brown, grandparents, 2 nephews and a great-niece preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, Gaylord, of the home; her daughters, Lestra Baumgardner, of the home, and Lesa Baumgardner, Columbia; her step-daughters, Shanna Cates, Sarasota, Florida and Kasey Carter and husband, Russell, Buffalo; 2 granddaughters, who were the joy of her life, Raegan and Kaylin Carter, Buffalo; 1 sister, Debbie Kottwitz and

husband, Duke, Osceola; 3 brothers, Kenneth Brown and wife, Lena, Springfield, Dennis Brown and wife, Joyce, Osceola and Allen Brown and wife, Tammie, Weaubleau; and a host of nieces, nephews, many other relatives and a long list of friends. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at Murray Funeral Home, Bolivar with Brother Kent Parson officiating. Interment will be in Spring Branch Cemetery, north of Wheatland. Pallbearers will be Nick Brown, Taylor Brown, Russell Carter, Jimmy Foltz, Mick Kottwitz, Lance Kottwitz, Levi Motley, and Israel Self and honorary pallbearer, Aaron Micke. Memorial donations may be made the Shriner s Childrens Hospital, 2001 S. Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO 63131.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara A. Cates*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Barbara A. Cates*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I was just thinking about Barb the other day, wondering how she was feeling. It took the wind out of me when I heard the news of her passing. I will always have the memory of Barb's infectious laugh, she was just so cute.*

Valerie Wickham - May 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gaylord and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Sincerely, Ruby Lyon and Gary Page*

Gary Page and Ruby Lyon - May 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gaylord, Delmar and I and Bob and Patty send our condolences and sympathy to all the family. Our Love and Prayers are with you. Love Maxine*

Maxine Kentner - May 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your lose.*

Pamela Bell (Carey) - May 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ I used to work with Barbara when she worked at AMS. She was a very nice person and I enjoyed working with her. Sad that we hadn't been in touch in years and I know she will be missed! I send my condolences.

Tabitha Jackson-Johnson - May 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Cindy Scott - May 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I am so sorry to hear about Barb. Her and I had some really fun times. I will miss her as I know you will. Your in my thoughts and prayers. I am sorry I can not be there but I will be thinking of you.

Dorothy Lean - May 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I will miss Barbie, she was more like a little sister to me than a cousin. We had a lot of good times being together growing up. I will miss her infectious laugh and our long talks. May she rest in peace now.

Janie - May 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM