



## James M. Cates

December 31, 1946 - July 21, 2008

James Milford Cates, 61, Fair Play, died Monday, July 21, 2008 in St. John s Hospital at Springfield. He was born December 31, 1946 at St. John s Hospital in Springfield to Ralph James and Myrtle Marie (Farmer) Cates. He and Wilma Lee Crowe were married May 14, 1966 at Southside Baptist Church in Springfield. Two sons, James Lee and Johnny Ray, were born to this union. Preceding him in death were his father, Ralph James Cates; 1 sister, Beverly Sue Cates; and his grandparents, Milford Dyke and Bessie (Pratt) Cates, and Gentry and Cora (Montgomery) Farmer. He leaves behind his wife, Wilma, of the home; two sons, James, Morrisville, Johnny and wife, Carol, Morrisville; 5 grandchildren, Abbey, Maggie, John Michael, Olivia and Jessica; 2 great-grandchildren, Hayden James and Hannah; his mother, Myrtle Phillips, Bolivar; 3 brothers, Johnny Cates and wife, Denise, Leesburg, Georgia, Eric Phillips, Bolivar and Norman Phillips and wife, Naomi, Clinton; and 3 sisters, Delsia Smothers and husband, David, Beecher City, IL, Teresa Lentz, Bolivar and Debbie Hadley and husband, David, Morrisville. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Thursday, July 24, 2008 in Murray Funeral Home, Bolivar, with Rev. Joe Rouse officiating. Interment will be Greenwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James M. Cates*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *James M. Cates*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the family during this time.*

**Betty & Brent Gamble** - July 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wilma, Jimmy & Johnnie ... Just when I thought I couldn't be any sadder I learned about Jim at my Dad's funeral ... love and prayers to you and your families ... Marsha*

**Marsha Hopkins** - July 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

**Melanie Harris-Montemayor** - July 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *We're so sorry to here about Jimmie. Just know that we're thanking about you, and love you all. Sorry we can't be there, but I can't get off work, because we're short staff, like now it's just me in the office. Love Janice & John*

**John & Janice Powell** - July 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jim we will miss your great sense of humor and understanding of others, you were special to us in lots of ways. may god look over you and your family in this hard time. we miss you all dearly, your friends Steve, Sheila, Chad, Kevin, Jennifer, Le'rae, Eric and Derrick The Voyles clan

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**Steven I Voyles** - July 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jim will be greatly missed. When I heard the news, I was deeply saddened. I think back to his big smile, and how he always was kind to the kids of Fair Play High School. I don't remember a time that I didn't see him at James or Johnnys ball games. He will be deeply missed. Sorry for your loss, and we will continue to pray for your families.

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**Susie (German) Flipppo** - July 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM