

TWENTY THIRD PSALM

The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in
green pastures: He leadeth me beside
the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness for
his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy
rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies: thou
anointest my head with oil; my cup
runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life: and
I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Cates family, we wish to express their gratitude
for your many acts of kindness, and for your
attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

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In Loving Memory



Earl Cates
September 22, 1918
January 18, 2010

James Earl Cates

91, of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, died January 18, 2010, at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale. He was born to Samuel Arthur and Iva McCollough Cates on September 22, 1918. He was a farmer, making a living on the land that has been in his family for over one hundred years at Hogeye, Arkansas. He raised dairy and beef cattle, horses, broiler chickens, and turkeys.

He attended Shady Grove School and Prairie Grove High School, graduating in 1936. He was a World War II Army veteran, honorably discharged with 3 ½ years service in the European Theatre of Operations. He was awarded 7 Bronze Stars for the seven major campaigns he fought in, (Tunisian; Rhineland; Ardennes; Central Europe; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; and Southern France.)

He was instrumental in obtaining the funding for the road to be paved between Prairie Grove and West Fork. He served on the Washington County Soil Conservation Board and as an election official of Valley Township. He attended the Prairie Grove United Methodist Church. He loved to play baseball and as a young man, played on community teams in the 1930's-50's.

Earl was known as a man in the community that others called on for help in time of trouble. In fact, he played a part in saving a little girl's life in 1962. The 18 month old had fallen into a neighbor's old hand-dug well. Earl and his brother, Bill, had to work quickly to lower Mr. Cates into the well, retrieve the submerged child, and then race by private vehicle over 6 miles to the Elizabeth Hospital in Prairie Grove. The child lived, a true miracle.

Earl married Erin Hill Cates on September 29, 1949. After 51 years of marriage, she preceded him in death on November 14, 2000.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Davis Cates, whom he married July 14, 2008, and his three daughters, Lyna Medlock, and her husband, Dan of Germantown, Tennessee; Mary Jane Silva, and her husband, Jeff, of Fayetteville; and Lisa Conner, and her husband, Max, of Prairie Grove.

He is also survived by his siblings; one sister, Maudileen Cates Bartholomew, of Hogeye; and two brothers, Bill Cates of Beebe, Arkansas and Gene Cates of Hogeye.

Other survivors include grandchildren: Rebecca Medlock Wright, and her husband, Birch of Fayetteville; David Medlock of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Steven Medlock of Germantown, Tennessee; Rachel Silva of Little Rock; Jordan Silva and Evan Silva of Fayetteville; Laura Conner and Amy Conner of Fayetteville, and Jessica St. Clair of Prairie Grove.

Also two great grandchildren: Parker and Caroline Wright of Fayetteville.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF

Earl Cates

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE

Thursday, January 21, 2010 - 10:00 A.M.
Farmington United Methodist Church - Farmington, Arkansas

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude of Hymns

Nancy Huddleston

"It Is Well With My Soul" - "Nearer My God to Thee" - "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" -
"Sweet Hour of Prayer" - "Because He Lives" - "Blessed Assurance"

Congregational Hymn (all standing)

#368

"My Hope is Built"
(verse 1 and 2)

Obituary

Jack Thompson

Comfort from the Scripture

Psalm 121

Prayer

Lord's Prayer, recited in unison by congregation

Eulogy

Congregational Hymn (all standing)

#707

"Hymn of Promise"

Congregational Benediction in unison

Numbers 6:24-26

"The Lord bless you, and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace: Now and forevermore.
Amen."

Postlude Music

"Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"

**GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE CEMETERY. THE FAMILY WILL
REMAIN AFTER THE SERVICE TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS IN THE FOYER.**

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Rutherford Cemetery - Hogeye, Arkansas

PALLBEARERS

Billy Don Cates - Birch Wright - David Medlock
Steven Medlock - Jordan Silva - Evan Silva

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Rebecca Wright - Laura Conner - Rachel Silva - Amy Conner

MEMORIALS

Rutherford Cemetery Fund
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