



Mr. Theron "T.J." Cates

July 22, 1934 - December 17, 2024

Mr. Theron Jerry Cates, affectionately known as "T.J." passed away on December 17, 2024. He was born on July 22, 1934 in Hayti, MO to the late Ezzie and Georgetta Cates.

He attended Central High School in Alamo, Tennessee. He retired from Pictsweet after 40 years of service and subsequently worked at Autozone for 18 years.

He loved the Lord. He was a life long member of Church of God In Christ. He eventually made Maury City Community Church of God In Christ his church home where he remained faithful until he became ill.

He was preceded in death by one son, J.O. Cates; one daughter, Vickie Carol Cates; one grandson, Michael White; three brothers, James Cates, Thomas Cates, Ernest Cates and one sister, Rosetta Cates.

He leaves to cherish his memories: nine daughters, Betty Cates, Martha Cates, Crissie Stitts, Carliss (Troy) Moore, Teresia Flippen and LaDon Cates, Monica Jarrett, Falondria Thomas, Shalondria; five sons, Jerry Brooks, Kim Brooks, Eric Brooks, Jurek Cates and Jermaine Jarrett; a loving daughter in law, Barnette Cates; a loving sister in law Carol Cates and a host of grandchildren, family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Bellview Cemetery

Margin St
Bells, TN 38006

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

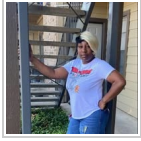
Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
807 N. Hays Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301
(731) 427-7411
info@stephenson-shaw.com
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

Celebration of Life

DEC **21**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Community Church of God In Christ
62 Church Street
Maury City , TN 38050

Tribute Wall



“ I miss you so much uncle buddy I love you and hug your brother my grandfather and tt April



Ameisha Cates - January 31, 2025 at 03:59 PM

EC

“ Ella Coleman lit a candle in memory of Theron Cates



Ella Coleman - January 07, 2025 at 09:58 AM

AC

“ Sam and Angela Cole



Angela Cole - January 01, 2025 at 01:27 PM

LD

“ Crissie and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I knew Mr. TJ all my life. He was a Sporty Wonderful Gentlemen. Praying for God's comfort and peace at this difficult time. ❤️



Larry and Mary Davis - December 21, 2024 at 10:27 PM

JR

“ James Reddick lit a candle in memory of Theron Cates



James Reddick - December 21, 2024 at 11:09 AM

JM

“ Josh M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Theron “T.J.” Cates.

Josh M. - December 20, 2024 at 11:49 AM

JR

“ James Reddick lit a candle in memory of Theron Cates



James Reddick - December 19, 2024 at 07:22 PM

LC

“ From our family to yours, we are sending our thoughts, love and prayers. May The Lord and His caring love from others help you to get through this journey that you may find rest and comfort in love and hope of God.
LaVelle & Carrie

LaVelle Claybrook - December 19, 2024 at 09:24 AM

MW

“ I remember as a 4 or 5 year old enjoying TJ lead the choir in "There's a Brighter Day Ahead" at the little white church up on the hill. My entire life has been entwined with the Cates family, MY family. To say that my prayers, thoughts, and condolences are with you seems so inadequate as an offering to you right now but offer them, I do. I struggle to even find the words right now to express myself. Crissie, much love to you and the entire Cates family. May God wrap each of you in His love and comfort and may He give you peace.



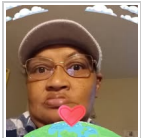
Marie Whitthorne - December 19, 2024 at 04:29 AM

WK

“ william and clementine king lit a candle in memory of Theron Cates



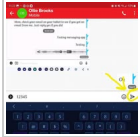
william and clementine king - December 18, 2024 at 10:13 PM



“ Condolences to Family of Mr.TJ.Cates.I met Mr.TJ wen he work at Auto Zone with my late boyfriend Calvin Jones & anothe co-worker the late Ms.Cherly Williams They were the best of friends.Heaven has gained Auto Zone 3rd friendship.Rest up Mr.Tj. 🙏💔



Pat Palmer - December 18, 2024 at 06:48 PM



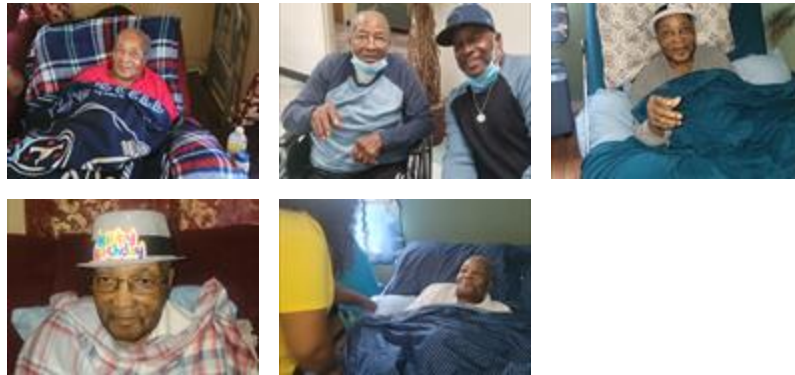
“ *Ollie Brooks lit a candle in memory of Theron Cates*



Ollie Brooks - December 18, 2024 at 02:14 PM



“ *R.I.P. Mr. Theron T.J. Cates you will truly be missed. Love you man.*



Troy - December 18, 2024 at 01:21 PM



“ *Lloyd Hardville lit a candle in memory of Theron Cates*



Lloyd Hardville - December 18, 2024 at 11:17 AM

JR

“ *James Reddick lit a candle in memory of Theron Cates* ”



James Reddick - December 18, 2024 at 10:55 AM