



Billy E. Cates

November 8, 1962 - June 15, 2017

BROOKLYN, MI – Billy E. Cates, age 54 of Morning View, Kentucky, formerly of Adrian, passed away Thursday, June 15, 2017, surrounded by his family.

He was born November 8, 1962, in Adrian, to James and Marie (Shepherd) Cates, and attended Adrian High School.

On April 20, 2013, he married Deborah Vickers Nickell, and she survives.

Billy loved his life on the road driving truck for 36 years. He enjoyed music, motorcycle riding, and most importantly spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, James and Marie of Adrian he is survived by his wife, Deborah; daughter, Crystal Bray of Traverse City, MI; step-children, Rachel (Terry) Eibeck, Missy (Shawn) Kirkwood, Penny Hornsby, Miles (Sherri) Nickell and Matthew (Summer) Nickell, all of Kentucky; siblings: Gary (Vicky) Cates of Adrian, Cathy (Terry) Swartz of Toledo, Jimmy (Kim) Cates of Adrian, Donna (Bob) Coleman of Sylvania, Lisa Cates of Hillsdale, and Bobbi Jo (Bruce) Cates of Deerfield; 16 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m., Monday, June 19, 2017, at Wagley

Funeral Home with Rev. Floyd Race officiating. Burial will be private. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Monday from 10 a.m. until the service.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
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Tribute Wall

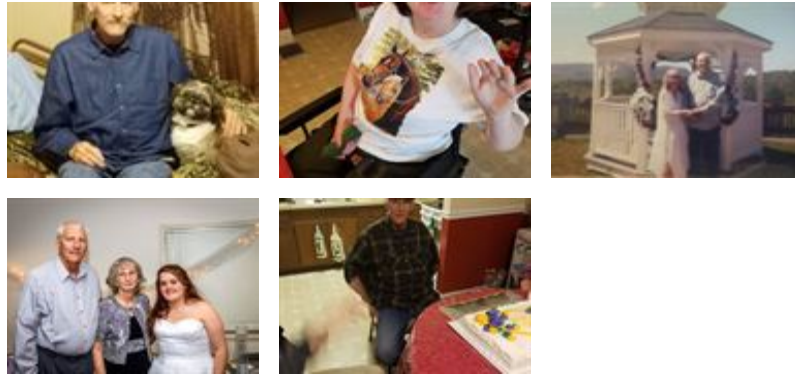


“ *Billy E. Cates*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



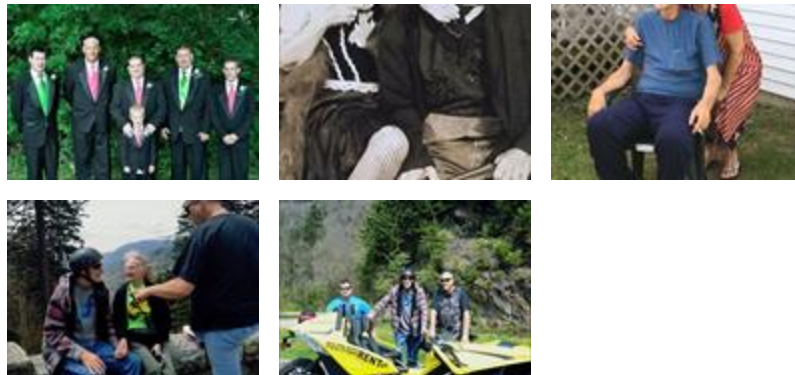
“ *82 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Wagley Funeral Home - June 19, 2017 at 08:44 AM

Ashley
Srouder

“ *8 files added to the album In Billy's Memory*



Ashley Srouder - June 19, 2017 at 12:59 AM

VC

“ *Billy u may be gone but not forgotten. So glad we had the time to make memories of the 4 of us spending time together. Love u brother Gary & Vicky Cates*



Vicky Cates - June 18, 2017 at 08:38 AM

 Lisa Cates

“ *Lisa Cates sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy E. Cates*



Lisa Cates - June 17, 2017 at 09:48 PM

TS

“ *My heart goes out to you Debbie & Family , I'm truly sorry for a love one that you had lost and I pray that God will comfort you and watch over you , and be with you in your time of sorrow . Love always , Your couison , Theresa Smith*

Theresa Smith - June 17, 2017 at 08:46 PM

“ I was sitting out under the stars last night,
on a mountain top in Kentucky.
The rains had stopped and the sky grew
clear,
at first only one bright star appeared.



We sat around our campfire and,
I pointed it out to Dan,
that's Billy's star tonight I said.

I continued to watch the black velvet sky,
at first that star shined so bright all on its own.
Then the other stars began fading into the the sky around it,
it was then I knew grandpa and grandma and all your family was
with you now.

Life ended much to soon for you,
at least from my point of view.
But when God let you know,
he was calling you home,
you did what you had to do.

You spend your days with you wife and family.
You had a good old fashion Christmas with your Mom and Dad.
You told your brothers and sisters how much you loved them,
with memories for all to share.

God gave you a gift of time to get ready,
for you knew he was calling for you.
You bravely did all that you had to do,
to meet Jesus on Thursday at two.

You left examples of how to live,
and examples of how to die.
You made your peace with God,
and your funeral arrangements too,

which was a very brave thing to do.

*With dignity for what you faced,
you left no stone unturned.
Your suitcase was all packed,
and you were ready to go,*

*Thou we grieve for you today,
for our loss here on earth.
When God said it was time to go.
He called Billy and you answered,
you said, " here I am Lord, I am ready."
"Thank you for the special time I had,
to spend with those I love."
"I did my best to leave a path,
so they can follow me to my home above."*

*I truly believe God cleared the heavens,
at least on that Kentucky mountain top,
he hung that bright star there.
It was the brightest one that showed all that night.*

*Thank God I know you are there,
with God in Heaven,
you have no more pain or sorrow,
and are waiting for the rest of us,
you left a path behind you for us to follow,
and by the grace of God,
we will see you when God calls our name,
in that next tomorrow.*

*With Love your cousin,
Brenda (Sue)*

Brenda Wright - June 16, 2017 at 09:49 PM

LR

“ *Lindsay Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Billy E. Cates*



Lindsay Reynolds - June 16, 2017 at 06:53 PM

SF

“ *Shelly Frase lit a candle in memory of Billy E. Cates*



Shelly Frase - June 16, 2017 at 05:17 PM



“ *Prayers to the family*

Kathy Caldwell - June 16, 2017 at 05:09 PM

JB

“ *I send my LOVE to my Aunt Marie and Uncle Jim and my Cousins.
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love
Jack Baughey*

Jack Baughey - June 16, 2017 at 04:46 PM

CG

“ You all are in my prayers. May God be with you all.
Billy was a great man. Fly high with the angels !



Carol Gray - June 16, 2017 at 04:32 PM

TI

“ Trans-Continental Systems, Inc. purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Billy E. Cates.



Trans-Continental Systems, Inc. - June 16, 2017 at 04:10 PM

DC

“ Donna Coleman lit a candle in memory of Billy E. Cates



Donna Coleman - June 16, 2017 at 03:29 PM



“ Jane-Gary Baughey lit a candle in memory of Billy E. Cates



Jane-Gary Baughey - June 16, 2017 at 01:36 PM



“ *Cathy Swartz lit a candle in memory of Billy E. Cates*



Cathy Swartz - June 16, 2017 at 01:30 PM