



## Billie L Cates

August 10, 1933 - February 9, 2017

### Billie Lawrence Cates

Billie Lawrence Cates, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 9th, 2017 at the age of 83.

Visitation will be held at Heritage Funeral Home on Saturday, February 11th, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Masonic Graveside Services will be held on Sunday, February 12th, 2017 at 1:00 pm at Cherokee Cemetery located on Hwy 16 in Cherokee, TX.

Billie was born on August 10th, 1933 to W.I. Cates and Anne Gertrude (Parisher) Cates in Cherokee, TX. He spent his younger years growing up in Cherokee where he graduated from Cherokee High School. On March 14th, 1953, he married the love of his life, Dorothy Simon in Cherokee. This wonderful marriage lasted nearly 64 years at the time of his passing on February 9th, 2017. Together they were blessed with three beautiful children. Billie was a Master Mason for over 50 years. He was an active member of District 71 and Camp San Saba Lodge #555 located in McCulloch County, TX. Billie was a Korean War Veteran where he served in the Army as a SP-4 rank. He worked 15 years for the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Dept. Once he retired he spent many hours with family and friends. He had an incredible sense of humor and was known for making everyone around him smile. He was an amazing person, father, "Papa" and husband. His smile, laughter and love will be missed by everyone that knew him!

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy Cates; 2 Sons, Billie Lawrence

Cates, Jr. ( Larry), wife Jean of Georgetown; Dewayne Allen Cates, Fiancé, Teresa Yarbrough of Axtell; 1 Daughter, Vicki Ann Osborn of Austin; Nine grandchildren; Billie Cates III, Wesley Cates, Angela Haar, Derick Cates, Dillion Cates, Colby Lyon, Carson Cates, Judson Lee Osborn, Christopher Dale Morris; 14 Great-Grandchildren as well as 1 Great-Great Grandchild and another one due any day.

He is preceded in death by his parents, W.I. and Anne Gertrude Cates; Brother, James Cates and one Grandchild, Denise Daniels.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Kindred Hospice for the wonderful care given to our father.

Please view Mr. Cates's online memorial at [heritagefuneraltx.com](http://heritagefuneraltx.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dorothy, I am so sorry to hear about Bill. I called your land line number. Please let me know where you are and how I can get in touch with you. I think of you often shirley

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**Shirley Johnson** - February 17, 2017 at 02:01 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies to the Cates family. I pray the peace of God will sustain you through this time. Although I did not have the pleasure of knowing Mr. Cates in this lifetime, I have no doubt of the influence you had on the lives of my nephews Derek and Dylan. You clearly helped model them into the young men they have become today. I pray for your family that time will allow their sadness to ease, and their hearts and minds will be filled with the joyous memories they had with you. Ms. Dorothy, I will be keeping you in my prayers from this day forward. I pray that God will give you comfort in this time of unimaginable grief.

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**Julie Shireman** - February 09, 2017 at 04:51 PM