



## Cynthia Cates

October 16, 1941 - April 7, 2014

CYNTHIA JEANETTE CATES was born to the late John and Ida Cates, October 16, 1941 in Roxboro, North Carolina. She died on April 7, 2014 with her daughter Sharron by her side. She was affectionately named Peach by her father. He noted that her beauty was as pretty as a peach. After graduating from Sollers Point High School in Turners Station, Maryland and the Cortez W. Peters Business School of Baltimore, Cynthia worked for many years as a Clerk at the Baltimore City Department of Social Services. She also worked at the Person County, North Carolina branch of the Farmers Home Administration before eventually returning to Baltimore. In retirement, she volunteered for five years at the Baltimore City Department of Rehabilitation Services as a librarian. Cynthia married the late Donald Lipscomb and to that union they had a daughter with whom she shared a special bond. They were travel companions. They traveled abroad as well as attended several annual events such as the Roxboro Reunions and the Red Hat Society National Conventions. Cynthia was proud of her affiliation with The Red Hat Society and chartered her own chapter in Baltimore. At an early age, she gravitated to literature; through this love of literature, she became a published writer. A collection of her poems are published in the Treasured Poems of America. Her works are also published in Visions and Beyond, a collection of award-winning literature. Cynthia leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter, Sharron Powell and husband Paul of Hampton, Georgia; two brothers, Leroy Cates (Sandra) of Roxboro, North Carolina and Johnnie Cates

of Baltimore, Maryland; and three sisters, Joyce Quick (Fred) of Laurel Hill, North Carolina, Francis Cates and Johnette Cates of Catonsville, Maryland. She was preceded in death by her sister Emma Brown. She also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Wake

APR 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Service

APR 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Cynthia Cates*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Sharron, I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this time of sorrow.*

**Kim Rosenthal** - April 12, 2014 at 07:16 AM



“ *Kim Rosenthal lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Cates*



**Kim Rosenthal** - April 12, 2014 at 07:14 AM

EL

“ *My sincere condolences to your family. Death of a loved one is never easy to deal with and our heavenly Father knows this very well. That is why he made this promise in his word the Holy Bible that very soon death will be swallowed up so that we will not experience that pain anymore. This is found your in Bible at Isaiah 25:8. His wonderful son, Jesus Christ not only promised that there will be a resurrection of those that died; (John 5:28, 29) but he also demonstrated it when he ressurected his dear friend Lazarus from death; (John Chapter 11).*

*I hope that during this difficult time these and other delightful promises from our heavenly Father bring some comfort to your family.*

*For more faith building encouragement please visit [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org).*

*Sincerely,  
Ms. E. Lewis*

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**E Lewis** - April 12, 2014 at 04:39 AM

PB

“ *Pastor & Firstlady Kenneth Bethea lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Cates*



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**Pastor & Firstlady Kenneth Bethea** - April 11, 2014 at 10:02 AM

CC

“ Cedar Grove First Missionary Baptist Chu lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Cates



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**Cedar Grove First Missionary Baptist Chu** - April 11, 2014 at 09:26 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - April 11, 2014 at 07:36 AM