



Joe Cates

January 19, 1959 - September 2, 2023

Obituary

I have fought a good fight
I have finished my course
I have kept the faith
II Timothy 4-7

Joe Cates Jr. affectionately known as "Big Daddy" to family and friends, transitioned peacefully on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at Bon Secours Memorial Regional Hospital in Hanover Virginia. He was born to the late Joe and Clara Cates on January 19, 1959, in Hudson County Jersey City, New Jersey. He was united in holy matrimony to Christi! D. Cates on December 21, 2002. Christi! was a loving and devoted wife who aided him during his lengthy illness. He was also the father to a beautiful daughter Mi&s Jovonna Cates.

Joe received his early education in the Chesterfield school system and graduated in the class of 1977 from Matoaca High School in Chesterfield Virginia. He was a former employee of Pete Rose and Associates.

Joe was a loving and devoted father and "Naughty Pa" as his grandson Jaiden called him. He was an avid fisherman and sports fan, especially the LA Lakers, Washington Commanders, and his all-time favorite team the Las Vegas Raiders. He loved reggae music and often spent time relaxing in his

garage soaking up the reggae sound. Joe and Christil loved fishing together and watching football. He was great to his neighbors by often mowing their lawns and being the neighborhood watch. He had a love for cooking and often baked cakes for the staff at Memorial Regional Hospital. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents Joe and Clara Cates, brother Ronald Cates, paternal grandparents Joseph and Maggie Cates, maternal grandparents Simon and Hattie Clark, mother-in-law Reverend Doris Batts, and father-in-law Jodie Blowe, Jr.

Joe leaves to cherish his memories his dedicated and loving wife Christi! Cates, daughter Jovonna Cates, grandson Jaiden Worth, sister Carolyn Wynn, brothers Samuel and Harold Cates, sister-in-law Monica DeBerry (Brian DeBerry-deceased), brothers-in law Jodies Blowe, Demetrius Blowe (Tammy), aunts Marie Clark, and Mary Clark, nieces Marchita Cates, Nakimba Briggs, Krystal Briggs, one great nephew Omarion Pettaway, great nieces Jaylynn Young, Destiny Briggs, Jayda Briggs, and a host of other family members.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service with live streaming

SEP **13**. 2:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a <https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/92393> in memory of Joe Cates*



March Funeral Homes - September 11, 2023 at 04:17 PM

SC

“ *Cousin Joe you will be missed. You was always happy and loving when I saw you. I am praying for your wife, sister and brothers and the rest of our family. Give my daddy and aunt Claire and the rest of the family a big hug from me. Sorry I cant be there to say my final goodbyes but everyone in my house has Covid.*

Sandra Clark - September 13, 2023 at 10:40 AM

SC

I forgot to add his daughter. Jovanna lil cousin charge it to my head not my heart love you.

Sandra Clark - September 13, 2023 at 10:43 AM

BC

Joe I don't even have the words to express how much I love you. I will forever hold you in my heart. RIP my basketball buddy. I will look towards heaven before all the games begin.

Mommy and I also send our sincere condolences to the family. Stay strong and know that God is always there to comfort you.

Btenda & Aunt Marie Clark - September 13, 2023 at 01:39 PM

SJ

“ Rest in heaven cousin. You are always kind and cared about how we were doing when I was a kid.

Samuel Clark Jr - September 11, 2023 at 03:32 PM

TD

“ To Crystal Cates and family
May God bring comfort and peace to your heart.

The Downey Family

Thelma Downey - September 11, 2023 at 01:23 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Cates.



September 08, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joe Cates.

September 08, 2023 at 03:09 PM

CW

“ I'm going to miss you brother. Thank you for being my protector and friend. My heart is broken but I won't be selfish. Your pain is gone and you have been made whole. My love for you will always be in my heart and the memories make me smile. You made to the family heavenly table and save a seat for me.

Carolyn Wynn - September 07, 2023 at 05:40 PM

DA

“ *Denean Anderson lit a candle in memory of Joe Cates*



Denean Anderson - September 07, 2023 at 02:49 PM

DM

“ *Dharah Marcus lit a candle in memory of Joe Cates*



Dharah Marcus - September 07, 2023 at 08:24 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.*

March Funeral Homes - September 06, 2023 at 12:20 PM

RF

Christil, JoVonna and family, you are all in our prayers. Joe will be remembered as a dear friend who we've spent many great times with.

Matthew 5:4

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Rod, Dee Dee and family - September 07, 2023 at 05:51 PM



*Joe you will be miss I have that picture I took with you a few years ago and I will always keep it in memories of you. Rest up my friend.
Carolyn Yancey*

Carolyn Glidewell (Yancey) - September 07, 2023 at 05:55 PM