



## Patricia Cates

December 10, 2019

Patricia Cates, 74, of Dumfries, VA, formerly Bardwell, KY, passed away on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 after a brief illness.

Patricia was a loving wife, beloved mother, adored Nana, and cherished step and god mother, who filled her home with treasured Noah's Ark knickknacks and an abundance of love. She was blessed with many long-lasting friendships across the country, and always loved lending a willing ear to learn the stories of new people she would meet. Her life was filled with her passions of international travel, photography, and as much time spent with her 'grandbabies' as possible.

Born Saturday, December 8, 1945 in Carlisle County, she was the daughter of the late Spate Lee Dodge and the late Bessie "Gaynell" Dodge.

Surviving are her husband, Charles Cates of Dumfries, VA; children, Heather Fulkerson and husband Nathan of Fredericksburg, VA, Andrea McCary and husband Patrick of Austin, TX, Brandon Cates of Washington, DC, and Brittney Cates of Alexandria, VA; grandchildren Abram Fulkerson, James Fulkerson, Miles McCary, and Drew McCary; sisters Rebecca Cross of Bardwell, KY, Jacquelyn Saylor of Brookfield, IL; brother, James Dodge of Paducah, KY.

She was preceded in death by her two sisters, Doris Dodge and Donna Jones, and two brothers, Robert Dodge and Tommie Dodge.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2019, at Miller Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Research Institute, 29 Broadway, Floor 4, New York, NY 10006. <https://www.cancerresearch.org/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **16**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.  
3200 Golansky Blvd.  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
703-878-CARE (2273)  
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Cates*

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *Charlie & Family*

*It is hard to describe how we feel at the loss of our dear, long-time friend, Pat. She has been a part of our life for the past fifty years and she leaves a void that will never be filled. We three are so thankful for her friendship, her kindness, her caring, her laughter and we have many, many memories of times shared. This past July, all four of us were together for our 50th reunion. And, what a time it was! Everyday brought something special, almost magical. We remarked from time to time that we were so very blessed to have these daily happenings and that it was a sign that we were meant to be together in that place, at that time. If Pat left anything with us, it was a sense of love and caring for each other. As we go on without her, we look forward to other reunions where we will lift a glass in toast to her memory. Reunions won't be the same, but she will be there with us in spirit. Sending love and prayers to you all.  
Kathy, Janet and Barb*

**Barb Tamillo** - December 16, 2019 at 06:43 PM



“ *We have such very fond memories of Pat and Charlie, and their kids at Woodbridge Christian. Will always remember Pat as such a beautiful, warm, sweet, caring person who was always willing to help and support others and programs at the church. Our hearts go out to Charlie and family. God bless you all!*

**Marv and Margie Casterline** - December 16, 2019 at 04:03 PM

MH

“ Many warm memories of Pat at Woodbridge Christian where we raised our kids in Christ. She was a role model for many moms. Comforting hugs to the family.

Margie Hazen - December 16, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patricia Cates.



December 16, 2019 at 09:08 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Patricia Cates.



December 15, 2019 at 11:28 PM

CS

“ I worked with Pat for 15 years. She was such a caring person, always concerned about others. She loved her family so much and was always sharing pictures and videos of her grand babies. She sure loved being “nana”! She will be missed by many💔.

Cheri Sherry - December 15, 2019 at 09:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia Cates.*



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December 15, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia Cates.*



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December 15, 2019 at 08:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Cates.*



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December 14, 2019 at 01:25 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Charlie and family. She was such a beautiful and sweet woman. We'll remember the times spent at WCC, seeing her as a loving mother and wife. Our love and prayers go out to you at this most difficult time.*

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**Mary Wrenn** - December 14, 2019 at 01:06 PM

WR

“ With deepest sympathy to the Cate’s Family. Pat was a very wonderful person whom we had the pleasure of knowing over the past ten years. Our paths crossed at the Gym, where Pat often spent time participating in various forms of Physical Conditioning. She was our friend. May she rest in eternal peace.

*Bill & Vondelere Reid*

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**William Reid** - December 14, 2019 at 12:02 PM

JC

“ I had the pleasure of meeting this sweet soul last summer. Enjoyed her company as we shared our families. Sending love to the Cates/McCary/Fulkerson families. We are so sorry for your loss. Jennifer and Dennis Counts

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**Jennifer Counts** - December 14, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Cates.



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December 14, 2019 at 09:23 AM

JA

“ Pat was a wonderful neighbor and friend. When we moved into the rental house behind the Cates and Goldshine’s just a couple of days before Christmas in 1990 Pat and the twins were first to come and greet us with cookies and valuable information about the best day care centers and life in Montclair. She fought through her battle with breast cancer with grace and dignity during the couple of years we lived there as well. We loved the get together with those families for many years as all of our kids grew into wonderful adults. No doubt this wonderful Nana is now looking down from heaven on all those left behind. Lloyd and I are praying for comfort for all in this time of grief.

Joan Alday - December 14, 2019 at 09:15 AM

TF

“ The Parks family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patricia Cates.



The Parks family. - December 14, 2019 at 07:05 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Patricia Cates.



December 14, 2019 at 06:50 AM

AF

“ I cannot think of just one memory as so many flood in... family events, graduations, birthdays, holidays, births, visits, church... Pat always seemed so fun loving as a wife... a great mama and a super nana with so much love pouring out from her to them... a great friend and neighbor full of laughter and stories... she was always going to boy's (Abram and James) swim meets, wrestling matches and such hollering out "I love you" in the middle of encouraging shouts to root them on. She was a loving cheer leader for sure, to many, and will be so missed.

*My heart is so heavy as we continue to pray for comfort and peace... sending lots of love to her family.*

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**Angel Fulkerson** - December 13, 2019 at 11:12 PM

ML

“ So sorry to hear of Joan's passing she was a very sweet girl praying for all of the family

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**martha lee** - December 13, 2019 at 07:23 PM

JC

“ My sincere condolences are sent to the Cates Family. I had known Joan for a long time. She was my classmate, and a friend. God Bless her family. Prayers, Jerone Carter Clark

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**Jerone Carter Clark** - December 13, 2019 at 06:35 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Patricia Cates.



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December 13, 2019 at 06:25 PM