



James Ralph Cates

November 16, 1967 - November 2, 2022

James Ralph Cates “Big Head”, “Flat Head”, “Jamie”, was born on November 16th of 1967 to Don Cates and Marsha Moland in Bartlesville, OK. He was 54 when he passed on November 2nd of 2022 in his residence, located in Rural Osage County. James Cates attended school in Bartlesville until the 6th grade. In 7th and 8th grade, he attended Bowring Elementary and graduated from Copan in 1987. Mr. Cates was an oil field worker and had been in that profession since the age of 14. He worked for several different companies through the years, but the most recent is the Osage Hills pipeline for the last 3years till his time of death. The other companies he had worked for before Osage Hills are Performance, Gateway, Sanchez, Newfield, and ECC. On September 13th of 2002, James and Wendy Cates married.

James Cates’ biggest accomplishments were his family, especially his children and grandchildren. Many will say that the most pronounced milestones in his life are his marriage to his wife, Wendy Cates, the gaining of three children, and adding the last piece of the puzzle to make their family complete. Some of James’ favorite hobbies include watching football, especially the OU Sooners and the Chiefs. He was a real outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, and doing yard work.

James Cates was preceded in death by his Maternal and Paternal grandparents.

He is survived by his parents Don and Marsha Cates of Osage County, his wife Wendy of the home, his children, Andrew Tidwell of Bartlesville, Brandon

Tidwell and wife Elisabeth of Chapel Hill North Carolina, Kaitlyn Hill and Husband Jackson of OKC, Taylor Janda and husband Trevor of OKC, Logan Cates of the home, James' sister Shara Van and Husband Fred of Rural Osage County, and his brother Bob Cates and wife Judy of Pawhuska. James' two grandchildren Soren and Serenity Tidwell of Nowata, and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. All of whom will miss him dearly. A memorial service will be held at the Bowring Elementary school gym Saturday, November 12th at 4:00pm.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 12. 4:00 PM (CT)

Bowring Elementary School Gym
87 County Road 3304
Pawhuska, OK 74056

Tribute Wall



“ *James Ralph Cates*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *James Ralph Cates*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Ralph Cates.*



November 11, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ *GEORGE AND SHARON ALDER purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Ralph Cates.*



GEORGE AND SHARON ALDER - November 08, 2022 at 07:57 AM