



## Mr. Gregory Cates

September 25, 1955 - August 28, 2022

The passing of Mr. Gregory Cates, age 66, on Sunday, August 28, 2022, at WakeMed Hospital is being announced by his daughter, LaDonna Cates.

Deacon Gregory VanAnthony Cates, son of the late Mr. Willie J. Cates and the late Mrs. Bessie Riley Cates, was born on September 25, 1955, in Durham, North Carolina.

Deacon Cates received his education in the Durham County School system, and upon graduation from high school he joined the armed forces and was stationed in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In addition, he received an Associate Degree in accounting from Durham Technical Community College, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Shaw University.

He was employed with Sumitomo, and later became self employed as a tax accountant. Gregory truly loved God and enjoyed life. He was known for assisting the elderly in the community. Gregory joined Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church at a very early age and continued his spiritual journey to become a deacon.

Deacon Cates is survived by one daughter, LaDonna A. Cates (Marcus); two grandchildren, Monyae and Milan; one sister, Cassandra Brown (James); three brothers, Willie D. Cates, Eric E. Cates (Rosalyn) and Alan B. Cates

(Rebecca). He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends and a special friend Ms. Ruth Webb to cherish his memory.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Gregory Cates will take place on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 3615 Dearborn Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27704; Family Visitation 11:00 a.m., Celebration of Life Service 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Gregory Cates will be laid to rest in Salisbury National Cemetery.

Please keep this family in your thoughts and in your prayers.

# Cemetery Details

## Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church  
3615 Dearborn Drive  
Durham, NC 27704

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gregory Cates*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Greg was a good friend and accountant to many. He taught me how to do taxes at an early age. He will truly be missed by so many people in the community. My sincere condolences to the family.*  
*Lisa Peaks*

**Lisa Peaks** - September 06, 2022 at 07:53 PM



*Too Mrs. Cassandra Brown. I am sorry for the loss of your brother. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.* *Brenda Boyd*

**Brenda A Boyd** - September 07, 2022 at 06:05 AM



“ *Sincere sympathy to Cassandra(Faye) and the entire family. Greg was a kind individual with a unique sense of humor. Praying for you in the days ahead. RIP Shirley Turrentine-Cole*



**Shirley T Cole** - September 06, 2022 at 05:53 PM



“ *Patricia Nwosu lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Cates*



**Patricia Nwosu** - September 06, 2022 at 05:38 PM

EW

“ So sorry for the loss of you family member



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**Edith Whitted** - September 06, 2022 at 12:23 PM

SG

“ I pray that God grant each of the family members with peace and comfort during this time.

-Stephanie Gant

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**Stephanie Gant** - September 04, 2022 at 06:41 PM

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“ With sincere sympathy to the family.



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**Carolyn Y. Peterson, friend of Cassandra** - September 04, 2022 at 03:24 PM

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“ Deepest sympathy to the entire Cates, Riley, and Gentry families.



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**Vincent Lawrence** - September 02, 2022 at 11:06 PM

JT

“ *Proverbs 18:24 There's a friend who sticks closer than a brother, i'll miss you my FRIEND. Joseph Toler*

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**Joseph F Toler** - September 02, 2022 at 09:09 PM

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“ *The best deacon, a true man of God. Very humble and very kind. Thank you for all your encouragement and dedication to our church.*

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**TIERRA WEBB** - September 02, 2022 at 01:52 PM