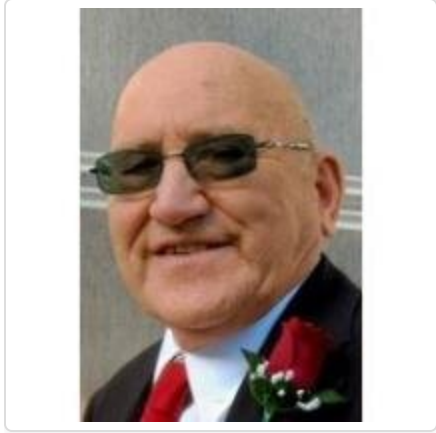




Raymond L. Cates

December 1, 1930 - September 28, 2013

Raymond L. Cates December 1, 1930 - September 28, 2013 Raymond L. Cates, 82, of Preble, New York died Saturday, September 28, 2013 at home. A native and life resident of Preble, he was the son of the late Roberts and Edna King Cates. Ray was well known in the Holstein world as the owner of Co-Vale Holsteins. He had a deep love and was a promoter of the registered Holstein cows. The herd is known nationally and internationally for having some of the best genetics in the world. Mr. Cates had many interests and was involved in numerous community associations including, Chairman of the Otisco Town Assessors for 30 years, member of the Farm Bureau, Otisco Watershed Committee and Dairy Shrine. He was also a life long member of State and National Holstein Association, where he served on the executive committee, NY Dairy Promotion Advisory board, Dept. of Ag & Markets, Past President of Preble Milk Co-Op and a proud owner of the Dairy of Distinction award. Ray was a charter member of Tully Rotary International and a member and former Elder of Otisco Presbyterian Church. He and his wife enjoyed winters in Florida where they have many friends. Surviving are his wife of 51 years the former, Georgia Hiscock; two sons, Edward (Carol) and Bradley (Sarah) Cates both of Preble, New York; a daughter, Gwynne Eldridge of West Palm Beach, Florida; two sisters, Beverly Laforse of Ithaca, New York and Laura Currie of Tully, New York; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews and his dog, Doyle.. Services will be 11 am on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at Otisco Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Tully Cemetery, Tully,

New York. Calling hours will be Tuesday, October 1, 2013 from 2-4 and 6-8 pm at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc. 2584 Field Lane (corner Route 20, Cardiff) Lafayette, New York. Contributions may be made to Otisco Presbyterian Church, American Heart Association or Tully Rotary International.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond L. Cates*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I still miss him He was always there when I needed a hand somehow he just knew The children miss him too*

November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *We're sad to hear that Ray passed away suddenly. Just letting you know that the congregation will be told, and that we were surprised to see that you folks were so big into promoting Holstein cows. Gods blessings upon you and your family at this sad time.*

October 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Condolences to the family of Raymond Cates. My father was Gordon Eaton of Ohio. Please accept my sincere sympathy at his passing. Peace be with you.*

October 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ To all of Ray's family and friends, May the love of God give you peace, may the love of friends give you comfort, may the love of Ray remain in your heart and give you strength though the days ahead.

October 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ To Ray's family: please know you are in the thoughts and prayers of the Joe Slocum family, as Ray was a long time friend that we will all miss. The stories and tales that he was a part of will long be his legacy. May you find some comfort knowing that both Ray and my Mom (Wanda) are now watching over us from the other side. Remember the good times.

October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Georgia,Brad and Sarah: Weare very sad to hear of Ray's passing. He was a great guy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of a wonderful man. Ray touched and taught many of us in the farming community to strive for the best. He will be missed by all but leaves us with an amazing Holstein legacy which will continue for many years to come. Love and hugs to all.

October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Cates family for your loss.*

October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *We extend our sincere sympathy, you will be in our thoughts and prayers*

September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Georgia, Brad, and Ed- saddened to hear about Ray this evening - it's been along time ,since I last saw you. I have good memories , of my time working for you after college. Please accept my respect and sympathy for all your family.*

September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Georgia, BC, Sara, Chief, Doyle & all of the Cates family; I am so sorry to learn of Ray's passing. He is a gentleman & will be missed. May God bless you all during this difficult time. Tom Nolan.*

September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Georgia, and family - please accept our deepest condolences, Ray was such a good man and you are such good friends to my mom. I just know that Ray and Dad are up in heaven having a good old time catching up on friends and all the wonderful times they shared! Mom sincerely wishes she could be here for you, but it is just not possible. We send our love and prayers.*

September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Georgia and Family - Our cousin, Mary Butler told us of Raymond's untimely passing. We sat with you and Ray at the Butler's 60 anniversary celebration. We were on the other side of Shirley Wood and I remember us having a lively conversation with you both. We wish we could have gotten to know you better. We extend to you and your family our heartfelt condolences. My God bless you all and Ray rest in peace. Blessings - Herb and Joanne Terpening

September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Georgia and Family, My sincerest sympathy goes out to you for your loss. May your warmest remembrances be your solace at his time. May the depth of your faith strengthen you. I'll be thinking of all of you and the church family on Wednesday. I trust that my prayers reach out to you for peace and comfort. Norma Kamm Brown

September 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM