



## Richard M. Cates

April 12, 1935 - April 26, 2014

Richard M. Cates, age 79 of Bloomington passed away Saturday April 26, 2014 at the Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital. He was born April 12, 1935 in Bloomington to Newell and Helene Kerr Cates.

Richard was a graduate of Bloomington High School, and the Purdue University School of Pharmacy. He went on to serve in the United States Navy as a Corpsman where he met his future bride, Patricia Ruth Comaskey. After his marriage to Patricia on January 21, 1961 in Stockton, California, and their move back to Bloomington, Richard spent his professional career as a pharmacist working for Brummett's Pharmacy, Hook Drugs, and CVS Pharmacies.

He will always be remembered as an excellent conversationalist, avid gardner, watching soccer, his enjoyment and love of family, specifically his grandchildren, and his dedicated involvement with the Southern Indiana Daylily, Hosta, Daffodil and Iris Society.

Richard is survived by his wife of 53 years Patricia Ruth Cates; son Michael and wife Paz of Louisville; son Peter and wife Sandra of Brookville; son Thomas and wife Jessica of Connersville; grandchildren Isabelle, Elena, Catherine, Conner, Sean, and Mia; and sister Kathleen Laweckki of Lakeville, Indiana.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted Wednesday, April 30,

2014 at 11:00AM at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church where he was a member. Burial will follow in the Valhalla Memory Gardens. Visitation will be held Tuesday April 29, 2014 from 4:00PM until 8:00PM at Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37. The recitation of the Holy Rosary will occur that evening as well.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Catholic Relief Services Philippines Tsunami Relief Fund and online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org).

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ Dear Mrs. Cates,  
I remember Mr. Cates at Hooks when I had five small children and was at the pharmacy all the time. He was so kind and courteous and always remembered my name. I believe that he also coached some of my boys on soccer teams. I remember him with gratitude and send you my condolences and good wishes.

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**Antonia Matthew** - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

MT

“ Sorry for your loss, our prayers and thoughts go out to you.

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**Mel and Julia Taylor** - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

MI

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Though it has been many years, Dick was a great friend and a great person. He will be sorely missed!

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**Mike Getman** - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

VI

“ Pat, Pete, Mike, Tommy and families. I am so sorry for your loss and have been praying for you all!!! Im so sorry I cant be there but I am in heart!!! All my love and heartfelt sympathy!!! Vicki

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**Vicki Gill** - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

MM

“ Please accept our condolences in your loss. I began working for Nurre Glass Company in Mr. Cates department in 1956 and then moved to the Law School and enjoyed working for Mrs. Cates. We considered Richard a good friend. God bless you in your grief.  
*Miriam, Marvin, Kerry Griffith and Family*

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**miriam and marvin griffith** - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

LI

“ *Sympathies from the Happy Travelers.*

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**Linda Fitzpatrick** - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

GR

“ *So sorry for the loss of your devoted husband, father, and grandfather. I know he will be sadly missed by all.*

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**Greg Marshall** - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

PC

“ *Patsy and Family*  
*Our prayers and sympathies go out to all of you. Richard will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him.*

*Peter & Joyce*

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**Peter & Joyce Comaskey** - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM