



Marcy Cates

October 3, 1951 - March 3, 2016

Marcy Cates, 64, of Dix, and formerly of Salem and Centralia, passed away 4:50 p.m., Thursday, March 3, 2016, at White Oak Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, in Mt. Vernon.

She was born October 3, 1951, in Salem, Illinois, the daughter of Wayne and Marie (Davis) Cates. She graduated from Salem High School, and prior to her retirement, worked as a Telephone Operator.

She loved animals and enjoyed feeding and taking care of stray animals. She also enjoyed traveling, and was enjoying her retirement.

She is survived by one brother, Jim Cates and wife Raegen of Salem; two sisters, Cindy Henry of Modesto, California, and Keli Cates of Michigan; Several cousins, nieces, and a nephew; and two aunts, Darlene Ballard and husband Trent of Mt. Vernon, and Vena Fischer of Kansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, and one niece, Jessica Cates.

In accordance with Ms. Cates wishes, cremation rites have been accorded, and a private memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial gifts may be made to the Centralia Humane Society House of Hope, and will be accepted at the Osborn Funeral Home, who has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on Facebook.

Tribute Wall

ES

“ I went to high school with Marcy like many of the others that have commented. I always enjoyed her company and I will remember her as a kind and caring friend.

Ed Salisbury

Ed Salisbury - March 10, 2016 at 02:44 PM

JH

“ I have known Marcy 40 years. We met at Illinois Bell. The last time we saw each other was at Austin's in Dix. What a fun reunion. Lot of laughs. My sincere sympathy to the Cates family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jannett S. HAWLEU - March 06, 2016 at 12:05 PM

JH

Last name is Hawley.

Jannett S. Hawley - March 06, 2016 at 12:05 PM

SF

I worked with Marcy and, over time, came to realize she was one of the most remarkable and loving spirits I'd ever met on real time earth. Marcy has been here and grown and taught forever and ever. I cannot wait til I meet her again. I hope all her pets are taken care of. I'm wearing a St. Louis Rams jersey that a puppy that ate dirt when she rescued it lovingly pounced on me and left three teeth bites that are still there to this day. I love you Marcy...carry on...as I know you are, no doubt whatsoever.

Susan Faw - March 07, 2016 at 01:33 PM

PN

“ *Marcy, Terri Squibb and I walked to school together every single day. We were the three amigos after school. She is part of my wonderful childhood memory book.*

Pepi Nelson - March 06, 2016 at 07:45 AM

CB

“ *I remember Marcy as a kind friend who welcomed me when I came to Salem. She always had a smile and a kind word. Rest in peace and know that you were loved.*

Chuck Baldwin - March 05, 2016 at 10:03 PM

BW

“ *Went to HS with Marcy. She was such a good person. Prayers to the Family.*

Bob Wright - March 05, 2016 at 06:35 PM



“ *I'm gonna miss My Best Friend for a very long time.. We had a Wonderful 40 yr. Friendship, that started at Illinois Bell, that has Fantastic memories I will treasure forever.. I'm so glad I was able to talk with her in her last few weeks on this earth.. She is truly and Angel and will be missed a lot.. Way to young to leave us, but very thankful she's not suffering anymore.. I'll see you in heaven in the next life.. Love you Marcy Jean..*



Cheryl Gaetti Simmons

Cheryl Gaetti Simmons - March 05, 2016 at 02:09 PM

CS

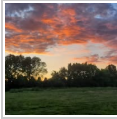
“ I remember when Marcy was a little, I was the babysitter for Marcy, Cindy, and Jim..We spent many a summer day at the pool. Mom and dad ran the concession stand at the park.. So sad for a person so young to pass...thinking of the family.

Carol (Barry) Smith - March 05, 2016 at 01:08 PM

VC

“ Marcy and I went through school together. Since our surnames began with the same letter, we always ended up by each other when students were arranged alphabetically. Lots of happy school memories include her. She and I also shared a love of animals. Sending love and prayers to her loved ones. ❤️

Vikki Cleveland - March 05, 2016 at 11:05 AM



We went to school together in Salem. We sat at the same lunch table. Rest in peace Marcy hope your family stay strong and well in this sad time

Robert Githens - March 05, 2016 at 03:20 PM

CC

Marc and I were in girl scouts and school together. Rest in peace prayers for your family.

Cindy Shreffler Conder - March 05, 2016 at 04:12 PM

JR

I'm another high school friend and stayed in touch with Marcy for several years thereafter. So sorry she left us so young. Marcy will be missed.

Jack Roddy - March 06, 2016 at 09:06 AM

JS

Marcy and I went through school together, in later years we ran into each other frequently in Salem and Centralia. She always had a smile and a hello. She will be missed.

Jerry Speaks - March 06, 2016 at 11:55 AM

BS

*“ I worked with Marcy in the 80's, everyday was an adventure. She always had a smile and giggle now and then. Sorry she is gone.
Brenda Sanders*

Brenda Sanders - March 05, 2016 at 12:24 AM

JL

“ Our thoughts and prayers will be with your family during this difficult time. Marcy sure brought a lot of joy to our lives at White Oak and she truly was an inspiration to us all. God Bless you & your family.

Julie Landis

julie briscoe landis - March 04, 2016 at 05:45 PM

AS

*I met Marcy in 1970 when we became neighbors & both worked for Illinois Bell. So sorry to hear of her passing.
Rest in peace my dear friend.
Amy (Earle) Sparks*

Amy Sparks - March 07, 2016 at 07:54 PM

BC

“ Brenda L (Branch) Craig lit a candle in memory of Marcy Cates



Brenda L (Branch) Craig - March 04, 2016 at 05:03 PM