

## **James Gordon Cates | 1925-2014**

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James Gordon Cates, 89, a retired inspector, died Sunday, June 22, 2014, in Decatur.

Funeral was June 24 at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur with the Rev. Brian Bosworth officiating. Burial followed at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bob Boland, Joe Lambert, Ronnie Walker, Larry Avant, Joseph Greene and Wayne Stone.

James was born June 15, 1925, in Decatur to Joe C. and Emma Jane (White) Cates. He married Laura Marie Dutile Aug. 17, 1959, in Decatur.

He served his country in the U.S. Army and retired from General Dynamics after 40 years of service. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Decatur.

James was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Laura Cates of Decatur; son Joe Greene of Decatur; two grandsons; and many friends.