



## Kernon Nelson Cates

April 22, 1939 - April 2, 2022

Kernon Nelson Cates, age 82 of Chickamauga, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 2, 2022 surrounded by his family. He was born to the late Leonard Cates and Annie Shavers Cates in Anderson, TN, lived most of his life in the North Georgia Area and was of the Church of Christ faith. Kernon served his country in the US Army, during the Korean War and retired from Combustion Eng. in 2001 after more than 36 years. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend who will be greatly missed. Kernon was also preceded in death by his sister, Ethel Ann Brown. He is survived by his loving wife, of 59 years, Martha Cates; children, Warren Cates and Ronald Cates; sisters, Betty McCallie and Sue (David) Smelley; grandchildren, Parker Cates and Will Cates; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral service will be held at 12:00 pm on Thursday, April 7, 2022 in the funeral home chapel, with Min. Tim Dennison officiating. Interment will follow in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesday and prior to the service on Thursday. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home-LaFayette Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Chattanooga National Cemetery

Holtzclaw Ave.  
Chattanooga, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - LaFayette Chapel  
1779 North Main Street  
P.O. Box 1592  
LaFayette, GA 30728  
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## Funeral Service

APR 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kernon Nelson Cates.



April 06, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Kernon Nelson Cates.



April 06, 2022 at 08:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kernon Nelson Cates.



April 05, 2022 at 10:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kernon Nelson Cates.



April 05, 2022 at 09:22 AM

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“ *Kernon grew up in Franklin County, TN in the Anderson Community near Sherwood and we both attended the Anderson Church of Christ. He was always a fine young man and never gave his parents any trouble. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. May God be with his family at this sad time. You have my deepest sympathy, Mattie Ann Owens*

**Mattie Ann (Garner) Owens** - April 03, 2022 at 11:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kernon Nelson Cates.



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April 03, 2022 at 04:20 PM