



Max Allen Cates

May 7, 1923 - July 14, 2017

Max Allen Cates, 94, passed away on Friday, July 14, 2017 in Grand Island, NE. A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at All Faiths Funeral Home. Reverend Caroline Price-Gibson will officiate. Military honors will be provided by the United States Army and Grand Island Veterans Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Max was born on May 7, 1923, in Grand Island, the son of Dr. L. A. Cates and Edith M. (Aldrich) Cates. He grew up in Grand Island and graduated from Grand Island Senior High in 1941. Max was employed at the Cornhusker Army Ammunition plant before entering the United States Army in March 1943. He served during WWII with the 36th Tank Battalion of the 8th Armored Division in the European Theatre. Max was the recipient of 3 Battle Stars, the Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge), Rhineland and Central Europe. He was also awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic service in ground combat. He then served in the Army of Occupation. Max was honorably discharged in January of 1946.

After the service, Max worked in San Diego, CA for a few years before returning to the Midwest to attend the University of Nebraska where he received both his Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Education. He taught school for two years in Atchison, KS, followed by 25 years at Grand Island Senior High before retiring in 1987. He was united in marriage to Sandy Weich

on June 7, 1964.

An active member of the Order of DeMolay, Max received the Degree of Chevalier and Legion of Honor. He was a DeMolay Advisor for 14 years (1963-1977) with the Grand Island Chapter. He was a Past Master of Ashlar Lodge #33 AF and AM where he was a 50 year member, member of Scottish Rite, Tehama Shrine, a Charter Member of Tehama Legion of Honor and a member of the Shrine Motor Patrol. He was a life member of the VFW and a member of the First Presbyterian Church and American Legion. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, traveling and reading.

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughter and son-in-law, Heidi and Scott Brammer of Omaha; grandchildren, Chase, Cole and Kate; along with extended family and many wonderful friends.

Max was preceded in death by his wife, Sandy; parents; two sons, Matthew Cates and Michael Cates; sister, Dorothy "Do" Trupp; and brother, Jack A. Cates.

Memorials are suggested to the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children, Shriners Hospitals for Children or First Presbyterian Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
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Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Max Allen Cates*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Max Allen Cates.*



July 17, 2017 at 02:52 PM



“ *To the family of Max especially Heidi who played softball for our team at SS !!! Max and i had many visits thru the years, He was our DeMo lay Dad / Councilor and was loved by us all!! He will be missed by many and i will miss him and his wisdom during our talks about government, and topics around the world. In reading about his service to our country i found he and my stepfather served in the 8th at the Battle of the Bulge i never knew that before, Rest in peace my Masonic Brother and former History teacher. I will miss you and your wisdom my friend. Gary Christensen*

GaryDon Christensen - July 17, 2017 at 12:50 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Max Allen Cates.*



July 17, 2017 at 09:16 AM

DB

“ It was my great pleasure to have Mr. Cates as both a teacher and as my advisor in DeMolay. Being the treasurer we spent many hours together making sure that all was correct. He was a mentor and because of his influence and caring I was honored to receive the Chevalier award. My father, Lyle Batie and he were HS classmates and had been in DeMolay together. Mr. Cates was a big part of my growing up years.

David L. Batie - July 17, 2017 at 08:36 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Max Allen Cates.



July 16, 2017 at 07:38 PM

JS

“ I was born and raised in GI, My Dad Dick Pulliam and My Mom Marjorie Pulliam. We all knew Doc Cates etc., My Brother died two yrs ago Jerry in AZ he know them too. we lived 1818 w div and Kuester's lake. Had the Model laundry there. They would know us. Dad was a big 6 ref. I know were Doc lived. we all knew....rest in Peace. Prayers to all of you who are left. Isaiah 40;31. Gi was a great place to live back in the day, I grad in 1956 GIHS. so many memories of the cates and my folks., knowing them. Julie Pulliam Schultz ruralAlma KS. Blessings.

Julie Pulliam Schultz - July 16, 2017 at 04:42 PM

GL

“ I had Mr Cates in 86 and 87 he was great teacher, I wasn't the best student but he always treated me with respect, and liked to kid around with me, nothing but find memories. Prayers go out to his family

Greg Lytle - July 16, 2017 at 01:22 PM

JB

“ Jayc & Bonnie purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Max Allen Cates.



Jayc & Bonnie - July 16, 2017 at 11:35 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Max Allen Cates.



July 16, 2017 at 10:46 AM

SC

“ Steven Cates purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Max Allen Cates.



Steven Cates - July 16, 2017 at 09:01 AM