



## Billy Gene Cato

July 31, 1938 - April 25, 2017

Billy Gene Cato, 78, of Bell City, passed away Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at Life Care Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born July 31, 1938 in Greenbrier, Missouri to Harrison Edward and Dorothy (Swick) Cato.

Bill and Joyce Teets were married July 12, 1993.

Bill was a lab technician at Owen Illinois Glass Company and a farmer. He was a driver for Bud Shell Ford, Dexter, Missouri. Bill attended Stepp School in Bollinger County. He graduated from Zalma High School in 1957, where he played on the winning basketball team. After High School Bill worked for Sherrill Ready Mix building the Mississippi retaining wall in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Bill loved to people watch. He was a jokester and loved to make people laugh.

Loving survivors include his wife, Joyce Cato of Bell City; six children, Tarrell (Jerry) Portman of Winona, Minnesota, Kathryn (Larry) Jackson of Gypsy, Missouri, Stephanie (Ed) Politte of Irondale, Missouri, James E. Cato of Bowling Green, Missouri, Bryan (Angie) Cato of Fredericktown, Missouri and Bobbie (Jim) Rampley of Bell City, Missouri; brother, Hubert (Nellie) Cato of Troy, Missouri and sister, Kathryn (Mick) Brown of Patton, Missouri; 18

grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, James Albert, Leroy, Paul, Harold and Ronald Cato; two sisters, Pearl Cato Jackson and Lora Wiseman; 4 other siblings who passed away during childbirth.

According to Bill's wishes there will be no services. His family will have a private graveside at a later date.

Burial of ashes will take place at Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bell City, Missouri.

# Cemetery Details

**Gravel Hill Cemetery**

Bell City, MO

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My prayers are with my uncle Bill Cato's family. May God's peace that transcends all understanding fill and comfort the family during this time.*



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**Georgia Gayle Turner** - May 01, 2017 at 03:21 PM

JC

“ *Jackie Cato lit a candle in memory of Billy Gene Cato*



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**Jackie Cato** - April 28, 2017 at 11:14 PM

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“ *Dear Cato family, Tarrell, Cathy, Stephanie, Jamie, & Bo, I have so many fond memories of your dad & mom & you all from Galilee youth rallies, Bethel church, & Camp Allen! Your dad & mom were always fun to be around! You all are in my thoughts & prayers! I know the days ahead will be tough with both of them passing so close together, but I pray you will draw comfort & strength from God's Word & His promises & the many good memories you have of them both! Love & prayers, Elzena (Bradshaw) Simmons*

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**Elena Simmons** - April 28, 2017 at 01:07 AM

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“ *Kathy Webb lit a candle in memory of Billy Gene Cato*



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**Kathy Webb** - April 27, 2017 at 05:41 AM