



Melvin H. LeCates

December 5, 1937 - September 22, 2011

DELMAR- Melvin H. LeCates, 73, of Delmar, died Thursday, September 22, 2011 at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born December 5, 1937 in Laurel, a son of the late Larry and Virginia (Cox) LeCates.

Mr. LeCates retired after 20 years of service as a custodian at Delmar Jr.-Sr. High School. After retirement from the school he worked for almost 20 years in construction for Delmarva Aluminum and his brother-in-law, Russell Smart. He attended various churches through the years, including First Baptist Church of Delmar, Faith Baptist Church in Delmar, and most recently attended Bayshore Community Church in Gumboro. He loved the outdoors and was an avid deer hunter. He was gifted with his hands and could fix almost anything, including automobiles for family and friends.

He is survived by 3 children, Donna DeMent and her husband, Timothy of Salisbury, Larry Melvin LeCates of Delmar and Russell C. LeCates and his wife, Missy of Delmar; a daughter-in-law, Michele Smith LeCates of Delmar; 12 grandchildren, Patty LeCates-Miller, Roland LeCates, Robbie LeCates, Danielle Delfin-Lara, Larry Melvin LeCates, Jr., Scott LeCates, Jacob LeCates, Lauren LeCates, Ryan LeCates, Russell LeCates, II, Hunter LeCates and Trey LeCates; several great-grandchildren; his former wife and

mother of his children, Patricia Messick of Salisbury; and a sister, Kathleen Ethel LeCates of Snow Hill. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Lee Gordy.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, where family and friends may call from 1:00 to 2:00. Pastor Lee Hughart will officiate. Interment will follow the services at St. Stephen's Cemetery Park in Delmar.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 E. Grove Street
Delmar, De

Service

SEP **26.** 2:00 PM (ET)

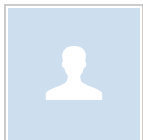
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr Melvin, you were so very very special.....your big grins would brighten up my days when you were in town working with Mr. Russell...rest well in Gods arms and know you left a legacy of love here to us on earth. My condolences to your familyeveryone that loved him.##imported-begin##margie blanchfield##imported-end##*

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“ *Russell, Missy, Calvin, Hunter & Trey,
We were so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad and grandfather.
Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.*

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“ *I remember Melvin well. He was a friend of my brothers Rollie Morris he also put a new roof and siding on My fathers house George Morris at 207 East Street. A really good person. I send my deepest sympathy.*

Calvin Morris

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