

## James Griffin Coates

November 26, 1949 - June 6, 2025

James Griffin Coates November 26, 1949 – June 6, 2025, Centerville, TN — James Griffin Coates, 75, passed away peacefully on June 6, 2025. He was a man of strength, deep faith, and a generous heart.

James proudly served in the U.S. Army and later worked as a small business owner, County Executive, and retired from the United States Postal Service. He was respected for his honesty, leadership, and dedication to helping others. Above all, he was a man devoted to his faith, his family, and those around him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Coates and Irma Worley Coates, and his sister, Glenda Weatherspoon.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Glenda Burlison Coates; daughters, Ginger Coates James (Jeremy) and Holly Coates Orozco (Octavio); grandchildren: Lauryn (Brandyn) Benfatto, Lindsay Diamante, Anthony Diamante, Courtney James, Jackson Smith, and Chase Orozco; brothers, Andy Coates (Shirley) and Phil Coates (Diane); and several nieces and nephews.

James will be remembered for his love, laughter, and quick wit. His legacy lives on in all who knew and loved him.

Funeral services for Mr. Coates will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. Visitation for the family will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by regular visitation from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The funeral service will begin at 1:00 p.m., with burial to follow at Coates Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Coates Cemetery

Centerville, TN 37033

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County  
102 West End Ave.  
Centerville, TN 37033  
(931) 729-3561

## Funeral Service

JUN 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Glenda, I continue to think about you and the family. James and I graduated high school together. He was always a good man. My condolences, Carolyn Moss*



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**Carolyn Moss** - June 21, 2025 at 02:18 PM

CM

“ *So sorry to hear about James, my mother (Peggy Cummins) played softball and James coached them. He was always laughing and smiling.*



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**Connie Martinez** - June 20, 2025 at 12:31 PM

DH

“ *Dwight & Jewel Hinson lit a candle in memory of James Griffin Coates*



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**Dwight & Jewel Hinson** - June 18, 2025 at 03:00 AM

NB

“ *Sorry for y'all's loss*



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**Nathan Bates** - June 16, 2025 at 03:47 AM

BM

“ *Many good memories with James & Glenda at the softball field.*



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**Bobby/Sandy McFarlin** - June 12, 2025 at 12:02 PM

RC

“ *Renee Clavette sent a virtual gift in memory of James Griffin Coates*



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**Renee Clavette** - June 11, 2025 at 03:31 PM

VJ

“ *Glenda, so sorry for your loss. Love you.keeping you in my prayers!*

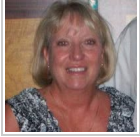
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**Vicky H James** - June 11, 2025 at 06:32 AM

DS

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss! James was a good man. We (Keith and I) spent a lot of time with James and Glenda back in the day. We made some good memories. Prayers for his family.*



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**Debbie Semore** - June 10, 2025 at 10:28 PM

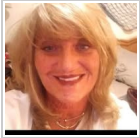


“ Shirley Hickman Winfield



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**Shirley Hickman Winfield** - June 10, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ Paula Crowder lit a candle in memory of James Coates



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**Paula Crowder** - June 10, 2025 at 03:46 AM



“ Melissa Shelton lit a candle in memory of James Coates



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**Melissa Shelton** - June 09, 2025 at 10:33 PM



“ Gail Gammons lit a candle in memory of James Coates



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**Gail Gammons** - June 09, 2025 at 08:51 PM

MF

“ *Mark and Melissa Filson*



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**Mark and Melissa Filson** - June 09, 2025 at 02:37 PM

WL

“ *Wilbur & Dianne Lancaster lit a candle in memory of James Coates*



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**Wilbur & Dianne Lancaster** - June 09, 2025 at 11:53 AM

RG

“ *Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of James Coates*



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**Ronald Gammons** - June 09, 2025 at 10:30 AM

SG

“ *Stanley & Judy Gordon lit a candle in memory of James Coates*



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**Stanley & Judy Gordon** - June 09, 2025 at 10:23 AM

WP

“ Wayne & Jewell Prince sent a virtual gift in memory of James Coates



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**Wayne & Jewell Prince** - June 09, 2025 at 08:10 AM



“ ..prayers and thoughts for Ms.Glenda and his entire family....R.I.P



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**James Arthur (Tank) & Dana Atkinson** - June 09, 2025 at 06:42 AM

RP

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family praying for healing in your time of your loss of a love one

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**Ruby Peters** - June 08, 2025 at 08:51 PM

CM

“ Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of James Griffin Coates



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**Cheeva McClearen** - June 08, 2025 at 08:25 PM

LG

“ *Lonnie/Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of James Griffin Coates*



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**Lonnie/Marilyn Gilliam** - June 08, 2025 at 08:04 PM

AT

“ *Amelia T lit a candle in memory of James Griffin Coates*



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**amelia t** - June 08, 2025 at 05:49 PM

RM

“ *Roy & Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of James Griffin Coates*



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**Roy & Sharon McCoy** - June 08, 2025 at 04:56 PM

RB

“ *Randall-Sandra Barber lit a candle in memory of James Griffin Coates*



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**Randall-Sandra Barber** - June 08, 2025 at 04:51 PM

HA

“ Hazel lit a candle in memory of James Griffin Coates



Hazel - June 08, 2025 at 04:03 PM

MB

“ Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of James Griffin Coates



Michael Bates - June 08, 2025 at 03:43 PM

ES

“ Ed And Melinda Sullivan lit a candle in memory of James Griffin Coates



Ed and Melinda Sullivan - June 08, 2025 at 03:40 PM

BJ

“ Beatrice And Neil Jobe lit a candle in memory of James Griffin Coates



Beatrice and Neil Jobe - June 08, 2025 at 03:12 PM