



# **Earnest Franklin Coates**

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# **Ernest Franklin Coates**

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**E**arnest Franklin Coates was born on May 26, 1935 in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. He was the seventh of eleven children born to the late Estella and Ernest Coates. Earnest departed this life on October 26, 2014 after a brief illness at Future Care of Chesapeake in Arnold, Maryland.

Earnest started his education in the Anne Arundel County Public Schools and graduated from Wiley H. Bates High School in 1955. He was drafted into the United States Air Force in 1959 and was honorably discharged in 1963. Earnest continued his education and received an Associates of Arts degree from Anne Arundel Community College.

Earnest started his career as a nurse at Spring Grove State Hospital in Catonsville, Maryland. He also worked as a Juvenile Counselor at the Children's Center in Laurel, Maryland and the Cylburn Group Home in Baltimore, Maryland. Earnest was also a licensed Realtor.

Earnest was a devoted member of Wayman Good Hope A.M.E. Church. He was a diligent church worker and served faithfully as a member of the Trustee Board, Usher Board, the Willing Workers, and the Senior Choir. His favorite hymns were "Too Close To the Mirror" and "It Was A Great Thing."

Earnest's favorite hobbies were going to yard and estate sales and collection clocks. He loved shopping and had just purchased a new suit in anticipation of attending Homecoming Service. Earnest loved listening to Christian music and was an avid collector of gospel songs. He loved to cook and enjoyed entertaining family and friends. Earnest leaves a legacy of love, generosity, and devotion that will be sorely missed, but never forgotten.

Earnest was preceded in death by four sisters: Eleanor Matthews, Betty Ann Coates, Rosabel Day, and Goldie Collins and two brothers: Bernard Coates and Orlando Coates.



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Earnest leaves to cherish his memory: one brother, Robert Coates of Pasadena, Maryland; three sisters: Agnes V. Coates of Boston, Massachusetts, Laura Brown of Severna Park, Maryland and Jacqueline Harris of Pasadena, Maryland; two sisters-in-law, Levenia Coates and Margaret Coates, one brother-in-law, Samuel Harris and a host of nieces, nephews, and relatives as well as the following devoted friends: Claudette White, Agnes Coates, Sylvia Nolan, Mediterranean Jackson, Levenia Coates, Helen Watkins, Debbie Rasmussen, Henrietta Colbert, Donald Coates, Patrick Coughlin, William Lane, and Leo



# Events

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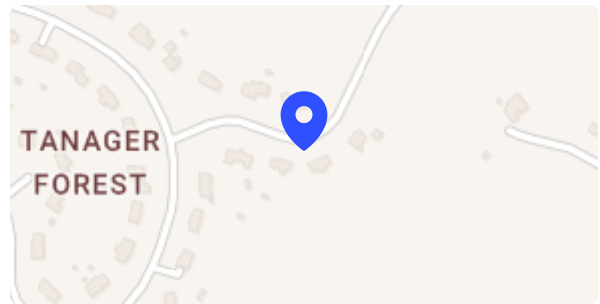
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## Wake

**Monday**, November 3, 2014

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM ET

**Wayman Good Hope A.M.E. Church**  
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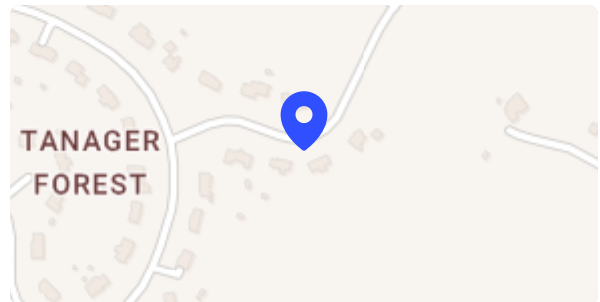


## Service

**Monday**, November 3, 2014

11:30 AM ET

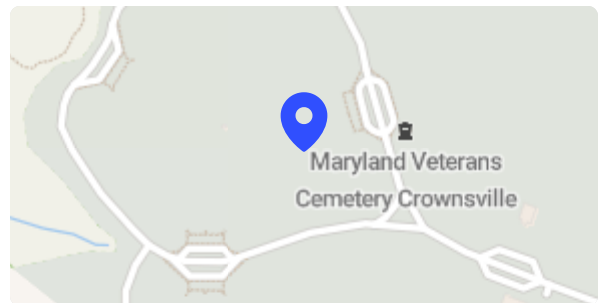
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## Cemetery Details

**Crownsville Veterans Cemetery**  
1122 Sunrise Beach Road, Crownsville MD 21032

**410-987-6320**





## Tribute Wall

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**Ronald Parker, Whbhs Class Of 1965** lit a candle in honor of Earnest.

To the family of Earnest Franklin Coates. I Pray that Peace and Blessings be with you at this time in your life. As for Earnest, I also Pray that The Lord Jesus The Christ will meet Earnest at The River Jordan and grant his soul an easy way into His Kingdom.



November 24 at 6:41 AM

RB

**Rebecca Becky Blair** posted:

Bug, was a wonderful person and happy to be around, we were shock to learn about his death. Ours prayers go out to his family.Frank & Rebecca " Becky" Blair

October 31 at 2:42 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Earnest by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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