



# James Marvin Coates Sr.

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**J**ames Marvin Coates, Sr., (“Manny”) 89 of Severna Park, MD passed away on January 8, 2023, following a brief illness at Baltimore Washington Medical Center in Glen Burnie, MD.

James was born in what is known today as a part of Severna Park but his official “Village or City” of birth on his birth certificate is identified as Jones Station. James was born on March 18, 1933, to Roland and Clara Coates (both predeceased). James took a hiatus after 1 year of high school and entered the Air Force branch of the US military in November 1951 where he served until his honorable discharge in November 1955. His time in the service included 2 ½ years of foreign service. During his period of service, he was awarded a Korean Service Medal, a United Nations Service Medal, and a National Defense Service Medal. Upon his discharge from the military, he completed his high school curriculum at Bates High School in Annapolis, MD.

James went on to work for the Department of the Navy, Naval Supply Systems Command, until his retirement in March of 1987.

James enjoyed numerous hobbies including RV camping, re-upholstering furniture, playing the electric guitar, collecting quarters issued by each state, collecting baseball style caps, and various camping crafts including party lights made from plastic planters and converting large glass jugs into lamps. James also loved to save stamps whether new or used, whether of USPS origin or from packages mailed from foreign countries. Torn off stamps could be found throughout the house as if to say, “James was here.” While not a hobby, James also had a lawn mowing business which he provided with such great pride it almost seemed like another pleasure activity instead of work.

James was a committed Christian and dedicated member of the Wayman Good Hope AME church. It was a rare occasion that he missed a Sunday service, and many trips were planned so that he would be back in time for the Wayman Sunday morning service. If he was not able to make it back to his home church, he would be sure to go to another house of worship.



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James was also a long-time member of the Universal Lodge No. 14 of the Free and Accepted Masons fraternal organization.

James is survived by his wife of 36 years, Sylvia Randall Coates. In addition, he is survived by 5 children from a previous marriage (Agnes Coates): James Marvin Coates, Jr. (Deborah), Carolyn Linda Coates, Alicia Cully (Gregory), Vera Coates Kent (Stanley), and Wanda Pack (Kelvin); one brother, Calvin Coates; 15 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; two stepdaughters, Yolanda Parrish and Nadine Jones; and 3 step-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his brother, Charles A. Coates (Mary Ann) and sister, Clara E. Day (Raymond). A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 12:00 PM, at Lasting Tributes, 814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD. A public viewing will take place before the service from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Interment at Veterans cemetery will be restricted to immediate family only.

James' Service will be livestreamed: from Lasting Tributes' Website starting at 11:55 a.m.



# Events

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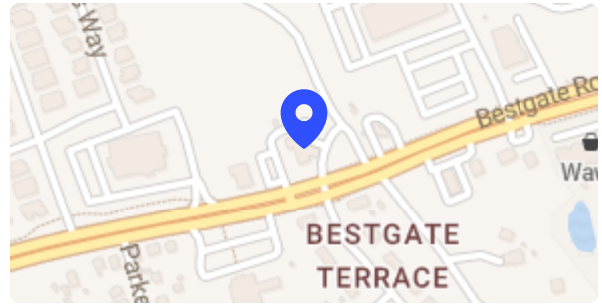
## Viewing

**Wednesday**, January 25, 2023

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

**Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care**  
814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis MD 21401

The wake will begin at 11:30am and will feature a masonic ceremony.

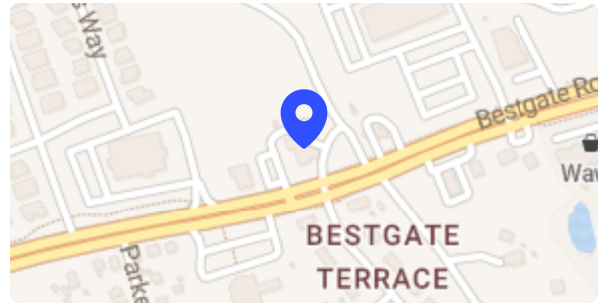


## Funeral

**Wednesday**, January 25, 2023

12:00 PM ET

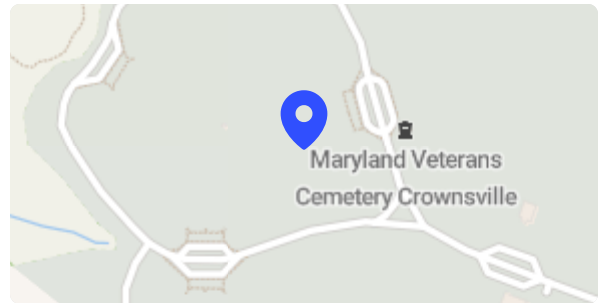
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## Cemetery Details

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

**410-987-6320**





## Tribute Wall

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**Lasting Tributes** shared a **Webcast Video**.



January 25 at 6:35 AM



**Nadine** posted:

A Window At God's House"Who is that?" " I don't know, but he came here on January 8,2023 and he has been sitting in front of that window ever since he has been here."God called you to his house on January 8,2023 and I am certain that you are all settled in by now.I am certain that when you first arrived at god's house that you walked around silently, scoping out the spot with the least amount of god's children, yet with the best view of god's children to allow you to be the quiet observer that you always were on earth. Then, you looked for the largest, sunniest, picturesque window you could find, that had a spectacular window view and a comfortable chair to sit in.You were a person who was always easy to find. All one had to do is just look for a large window, illuminating lots of sunlight with a picturesque view and you would be sure to be there sitting quietly in your own thoughts and being perfectly situated to be the quiet observer of all of the people around you.At home your favorite spot was sitting in the kitchen chair and looking out of the large kitchen window for hours looking at all of the beautiful birds, trees and bright blue skies that eventually turned into spectacular sunsets at days end.During your Sunrise days, one could always be sure to find you sitting at the largest, sunniest window in the sunroom, facing towards the beautifully landscaped garden, so that you could see the beauty of nature and feel the warmth of the sun, all while being perfectly situated to be the quiet observer of all of the people around you, while sitting on the sidelines. On your first day at the Annapolitan, I could not find you and inquired about as to where you were and was told that you were walking around standing by and looking out of all of the windows. After a few days, you had settled in and found your favorite spot the Bird Room, which had a very large picture window with a view of chickens and large amounts of sunlight streaming through, with the calming sound of birds chirping in the bird cages. Not only that, the Bird Room had a large glass interior window that allowed you to be the quiet observer of everyone around you, though still allowing you to sit in a quiet area all by yourself.It is said that when god calls us home and we depart this earth, that we become reunited with those who departed before us. So, when I am called to god's house I will know just where to find you, You will be sitting in front of a very large window with sunshine and warmth radiating all around you with a very picturesque view. But what will make this your window of choice, will be that it is perfectly situated around all of god's children that he has called home, but your window will be isolated enough, that you can continue to be the quiet observer in god's house like you were on earth.I am sure that you are enjoying your new window at god's house. I have always heard that the views are spectacular at god's house in the sky.We will all miss sitting beside you, for hours at a time, as you sat peacefully each day , looking through all of your sunny picture windows.Nadine

January 18 at 4:47 AM



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**Deanna** lit a candle in honor of James.

Mrs. Sylvia my condolences to you and the family. Mr. James was a very nice person. I will truly miss talking to him about his years serving our country and asking him questions about his veterans hats. I will keep you guys in prayer.DeAnna



January 21 at 10:02 PM

YP

**Yolanda Parrish** posted:

I remember when you first came into our lives when I was not yet old enough to have an adult perspective, I would get somewhat annoyed with the way you spoiled our mom (you were really over the top spoiling her) because she wanted us to spoil her that way too. As I grew older and viewed it from a more mature perspective, I realized what a blessing and total opposite of the rocky road she'd experienced during her earlier years you were. She deserved to be spoiled. And she deserved that quiet companion by her side who never wanted anything stronger than a Coca-Cola.You brought so many new and happy experiences to my life and all of my future family (Thomas, Lamar, Randall, and Mariah - "Miss Muffet").I/we would have never discovered the joy of camping, glamping, RVing had you not come into our lives. Your journey from Sprite to Shasta to Southwind ("Don't Worry Be Happy") to Fleetwood penthouse on wheels was our thrill as much as yours. It was a sad day when our road trips ended but we hang onto the memories.Obviously, I don't understand why you were called home, but they say, "God is all knowing." He knew what you needed. I am going to miss you. We are going to miss you.Yolanda Parrish

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## Media

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