



## Wardell L. Coats, Sr.

October 3, 1962 - May 1, 2019

Families give us many things-love and meaning, purpose and an opportunity to give, and a sense of humor. We are grateful to God for Wardell's exemplary life, his tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good he did, the things he taught and the inspiration he gave. Wardell loved his family dearly, he was a friend to all, free from deceit and met everyone with a smile.

Wardell along with his twin brother Wendell were born on October 03, 1962, in Winter Garden, Florida to Booker T. and Alberta Coates. As a child, he had a quiet, gentle and humble spirit who loved to laugh and tell jokes. The family resided in Oakland but moved to Winter Garden in the late 1960's. Wardell attended Orange County Public Schools and graduated from West Orange High School with the class of 1980.

During high school and after graduation he was employed by Walt Disney World. Wardell loved cars and put that passion into action by working at Evans Tires in Ocoee. His last tenure was with ADS Assembly in Winter Garden where he worked for more than 15 plus years.

Wardell was married to Carolyn on December 6, 2013. He loved his family and went above and beyond to make them happy. Everyone was treated with the same adoration and respect. He was a caring and loving person and lived life doing for others. In his spare time when not working on cars, he enjoyed

fishing.

Wardell accepted Christ at an early age and remained steadfast in his faith. He knew that God would never leave or forsake him and would be with him until the very end.

On Wednesday, May 01, 2019 at 6:51 pm, Wardell crossed the threshold into another room we call death. He was preceded in death by his parents: Booker T. and Alberta Coates, son, David Coat, sister, Marilyn Coates and twin brother, Wendell Coates, Sr.

He leaves precious and cherished memories with his wife, Carolyn; (9) children: Wardell Coats, Jr., Shayla Felder, Camilla Felder, Brandon Coats, Booker T. Coats, III, Ashley Jones, Dana Jones, Alicia Felder, Christopher Felder; sisters (5): Mary Ann Coates, Teresa Johnson (Rev. Dexter), Adrian Jones, Brenda Prevott (Paul), Valerie Sutton (Chuck); (1) brother: Rodney Jones; (3) uncles: Pastor Charles McDuffie (Dr. Emma), Johnnie McDuffie, Alton McDuffie; Mother-in-law, Cecilia James; sister-in-law: Gladys Coates; (14) grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins other relatives and many sorrowing friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakland-Tildenville Cemetery, Inc.

16673 West Colonial Drive  
Oakland, FL 34760

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 10.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel  
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
(407) 886-3388

## Service

**MAY 11.** 3:00 PM (ET)

West Orlando Christian Center Church of God in Christ  
1301 East Bay Street  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wardell L. Coats, Sr.*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Linda Renee Kohliem lit a candle in memory of Wardell L. Coats, Sr.*



**Linda Renee Kohliem** - May 13, 2019 at 08:05 PM



“ *Lisa Davis lit a candle in memory of Wardell L. Coats, Sr.*



**Lisa davis** - May 11, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ *Seems like yesterday we were all at West Orange High! Years have past but memories are forever. My condolences to the family.*



**Cynthia Jackson-McNeill** - May 10, 2019 at 05:44 PM

ME

“ *My childhood friend, My classmate. Seems like yesterday when you and I shared laughter. You are surely missed. My Condolences to the families.*  
*Morris L. Ellison*



Morris Ellison - May 09, 2019 at 10:27 PM

PF

“ *Pastor Fernando West And Family lit a candle in memory of Wardell L. Coats, Sr.*



Pastor Fernando West and Family - May 09, 2019 at 06:12 PM

AM

“ *Angela Mathews lit a candle in memory of Wardell L. Coats, Sr.*



Angela Mathews - May 09, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ *I'm gonna miss you my true friend although my hearts broken but your legacy will live on.*  
*Lorenzo L. Rawls..*



Lorenzo Rawls - May 08, 2019 at 06:35 PM



“ Beverly Hemingway lit a candle in memory of Wardell L. Coats, Sr.



Beverly Hemingway - May 08, 2019 at 03:57 PM

SJ

“ Sweet J sent a virtual gift in memory of Wardell L. Coats, Sr.



Sweet j - May 07, 2019 at 09:35 PM

SJ

“ Sweet J lit a candle in memory of Wardell L. Coats, Sr.



Sweet j - May 07, 2019 at 09:35 PM

DC

“ DIANE T. COLEMAN lit a candle in memory of Wardell L. Coats, Sr.



DIANE T. COLEMAN - May 07, 2019 at 08:48 AM



“ *Lois Morss lit a candle in memory of Wardell L. Coats, Sr.*



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**Lois Morss** - May 07, 2019 at 08:05 AM



“ *Cover Brown lit a candle in memory of Wardell L. Coats, Sr.*



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**Cover Brown** - May 06, 2019 at 02:33 PM