

Earl Coates

Mr. Earl Clifton Coates, nicknamed Bud and lovingly called "Grampy" by his grandchildren and others, departed this life on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at Frederick Health Hospital.

Born on May 10, 1947, in Waterford, Virginia, Earl was the son of the late Eva Lee Coates and was raised by his devoted grandparents, Edna and Clarence Coates, in Waterford. Earl attended elementary school in Waterford and Douglass High School in Leesburg, Virginia. In May 1965, Earl registered for Selective Service and was drafted into the United States Army. He honorably served his country on active duty from 1966 to 1968.

Earl worked with various construction companies and began his federal career with the United States Postal Service until his retirement after 30 years of service.

Earl was a faithful member of Ebenezer AME Church in Brunswick. He was active in the American Legion, the FOE (Eagles). Earl's favorite teams were the Tennessee Titans, the New York Yankees, and the New York Knicks.

Earl shared 55 years of marriage with his wife, Kaye. Together, they built a loving family. He was a proud father of two daughters, a grandfather of nine, and a great-grandfather of nine.

In addition to his



mother and grandparents, Earl was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Tara Daly; his great-grandson, Phoenix Ford; his sister, Brenda Coates; his brothers, Reginald and Tony Coates; and aunt, Elaine Henderson.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Kaye; daughters, Tamala (David); Angela (Ray); eight grandchildren (Falyne, Marcus, Katelyne, Liz, Derek, Cory, Isaiah, Mayah); eight great-grandchildren (Paityne, Keeley, Jaxson, Bryxx, Charlie, Olivia, Kasey, and Kyler); his sisters, Bonita Jackson, Claudia Smith, Velva Cooper; his brothers, Charles Coates, Ray Coates, Larry Brown (Annie), Rudy Cooper (Clinett); his dear friend, Anne Whisonant; and a host of family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Station with viewing and visitation at 10 a.m. Services are entrusted to Lyles Funeral Service of Purcellville.