



## John Walker Coates

November 23, 1931 - February 2, 2024

John Walker Coates, 92, of Goose Creek, husband of Katie Todd Coates for many years, entered eternal rest Friday, February 2, 2024.

Family and friends are invited to a visitation on Thursday, February 8th, 2024, from 1:30pm to 2:30pm at Dorchester Memory Gardens Chapel, 11000 Dorchester Rd., Summerville, SC 29485. The funeral service will begin at 2:30pm. Entombment will follow in the Dorchester Memory Gardens Mausoleum.

John was born November 23, 1931 in Aynor, SC, the son of the late Ezra and Lorene Allen Coates. He served in the US Navy, serving during the Korean War, aboard the USS Purdy. He loved his wife, children, and watching old movies. John was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying everything from fishing, gardening, camping, boating, and water skiing. He was employed by the Naval Weapons Station, retiring there following his military service. John was the life of the party, never meeting a stranger.

He is survived by: Children: Johnette Owens (Brian) of Goose Creek, SC, John "Todd" Coates of Cornelius, NC; Grandchildren: Lauren Henderson (Chris) of Ladson, SC, and Emily Parker of Leesville, LA; Siblings: Mildred Gore of Conway, SC, Thelma Thompson of Thomasville, NC, and Ann Newman of North Charleston, SC. In addition to his parents and his wife, he

was preceded in death by: a sister, Lois McClellan of Florence, SC; and a brother, Robert Coates of Conway, SC.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Dorchester Memory Gardens  
11000 Dorchester Road  
Summerville, SC 29485  
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 8. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Summerville, SC 29485  
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## Entombment

FEB 8 (ET)

Dorchester Memory Gardens Mausoleum  
11000 Dorchester Road  
Summerville, SC 29485

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Mr Coats was a blessing to me. Prayers for all friends and family. May God comfort you in your time of need*



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**Debra Baker** - February 09, 2024 at 10:24 AM

WM

“ *Uncle JW I have such great memories of you, especially at grandma and granddaddy's house for the holidays. My greatest memory of you will always be your sense of humor. Sometimes you would have us laughing so hard. That was a special trait you had to always joke around and make people smile. Even though you will be sorely missed by all, we all know you are now in a much better place. (Still making everyone laugh).*

*Love always  
Wanda (niece)*

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**Wanda Montgomery** - February 08, 2024 at 11:56 AM

DD

“ *John was the happiest person I have ever known. His smile would probably light up an arena. Anytime we talked he beamed with pride talking about his life with Katie and his family. To all of the Coates Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I know he will be deeply missed. I feel very privileged to have known him and been his friend*

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**Dee Dee DuPre** - February 08, 2024 at 01:09 AM

JS

*Dear John,  
You made my walks so much more interesting and always made me smile. A true neighborhood gem, and my Bella absolutely loved to sit beside your scooter and get lots of love and strokes from you. Londonderry road will never be the same. You are missed! Xoxo 🥰*

**Joni Swaney** - February 08, 2024 at 09:31 AM

BE

“ *Betsy purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of John Walker Coates.*



**Betsy** - February 07, 2024 at 01:36 PM

CK

“ *John was a good friend and neighbor for over 40 years. He was often out on his driveway to speak to people who walked by or to wave at neighbors in cars.*

**Candy King** - February 06, 2024 at 09:58 PM

SO

“ *Sally Raker & Manning Outen purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Walker Coates.*



**Sally Raker & Manning Outen** - February 04, 2024 at 10:21 PM



“ 180 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**James A Dyal Funeral Home** - February 04, 2024 at 01:37 PM



“ *Billy and Jeri Hollifield purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Walker Coates.*



**Billy and Jeri Hollifield** - February 03, 2024 at 05:49 PM



“ *Billy and Jeri Hollifield planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Walker Coates.*

**Billy and Jeri Hollifield** - February 03, 2024 at 05:49 PM