



Gary Emile Coates Sr.

June 1, 1949 - June 25, 2026

Gary, age 77, went to his heavenly home on Thursday, June 25, 2026. He was a native of New Orleans and a longtime resident of Denham Springs, LA. Gary was always a hard working man; in his earlier years, he worked with and became the President of the local Insulators Union #53. The majority of his career was dedicated to Law Enforcement with the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office. His family always came first, and when his children were young, Gary had his kids either on the river or in woods, day and night, on a wide variety of outdoors adventures. Later in life Gary loved to spend time with each of his grandchildren. Gary was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who is already dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Gary is survived by his loving wife Sheilah Dugas Coates; children, Gary Coates Jr., Elise Forcino, Monica Champagne, and Alysha Hackney; siblings, Lorraine 'Cookie' Coates, Wayne Coates, Frank Coates, and Glen Coates; along with numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents, John and Lorraine Coates; siblings, JoAnn Coates Gray, and J.C. Coates; and nephew, Chad Mullinax.

Family requests that donations please be made to St. Jude Foundation in honor of Gary.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 7738 Florida Blvd. Denham Springs, LA. on Thursday, July 2, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. until the start of the Funeral Service at 12:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Denham Springs, LA
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Funeral Service

JUL 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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