



Gordon Lionel Coates

July 2, 1942 - November 11, 2018

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Gordon peacefully passed away on Sunday, November 11, 2018 in the same home he was born, 76 years ago on July 2, 1942. He was an Albany Mason and a Vietnam Era Army Veteran who patrolled the border during the Berlin Blockade in Germany. Gordon was a big man with an even bigger heart, who loved helping anyone in need. He enjoyed the outdoors when he was able, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family. His big heart and stature will live on through memories made throughout his life and is already dearly missed.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Dianne Balfantz Coates; special nieces who were also his caretakers, Robin Bernard, Connie Cutrer, and Cindy Neuschafer; brother-in-law who was also a caregiver, Ernie Balfantz; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Gussie and Geanie Coates; brothers, G.W., Hollis, Norman and Leslie Coates; and his sisters, Lessie and Ester Hill.

Relatives and friends are welcome to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Ponchatoula, on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the funeral home on Thursday, November 15, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. until the Celebration of Life Service at 2:00 p.m. Bro. Paul Taylor will officiate the services with interment to follow in Carter Cemetery.

Condolences and other information are available online at www.thompsoncares.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Carter Cemetery

Carter Cemetery Rd.
Springfield, La

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA
1190 Highway 51
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
(985) 370-9296

Visitation

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