



Russell Ronald Coats

January 5, 1939 - September 12, 2020

Russell passed away in the arms of his loving wife while surrounded by his family on Saturday, September 12, 2020, at the age of 81. He was a native of Springfield, Louisiana but became a resident of Hammond, Louisiana. Russell was extremely proud of his service in the United States Army and exemplified it by displaying a huge American flag outside his house. Although many thought his flag was on the extreme size, it perfectly matched the pride he had for our country. During his spare time, he enjoyed planting vegetables and fruits in his garden. Annual family vacations to the Smoky Mountains with his family was something he looked forward to. At the crack of dawn, the family would awake to his morning breakfast call of, "Good Morning Tennessee!" Another memory that is held close to the hearts of his family, is the day he proposed to his wife in his pickup truck. Russell was definitely a one of a kind man who will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Marie Grace Morgan Coats; daughters, Rebecca Renee' Palmer (Randy) and Rachel Roxane McAllister (Douglas); sister, Ramona "Sis" Elam; grandchildren, Jessaca Chelette, Abby Palmer, Ryan McAllister, Christian Rhoto, Gabrielle Neyland, Cade McAllister, and Camden McAllister; great-grandchildren, Brice Chelette, Sophia Grace Chelette, Colton Chelette, Savannah Chelette, Hailey Grace and Luke David McAllister, Evangeline Roxanne Rhoto, Elizabeth Marie Neyland; Russell is preceded in death by his daughter, Karen Therese Coats; parents, Willie and Addie Coats; brothers, Willie D. and Gerard D Coats; sisters, Maude Ann Parks, Shirley

May Martin and Juanita Elam; Father-in-law, TL Morgan and Mother-in-law, Lena Morgan. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson, PONCHATOULA, on Friday, September 18, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until the funeral service beginning at 10:00 a.m. His son-in-law, Douglas McAllister will be officiating the service and interment will follow in Carter Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Carter Cemetery

Carter Cemetery Rd.
Springfield, La

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

SEP **19**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

SEP 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

SEP 19. 11:30 AM (CT)

Carter Cemetery
Carter Cemetery Rd.
Springfield, La

Tribute Wall

RM

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Rachel McAllister - September 20, 2020 at 10:08 PM

RM

“ Evangeline, newest member to the family. Paw paw got to hold her.



Rachel McAllister - September 17, 2020 at 08:30 PM

“Pawpaw was the best grandfather anyone could ever ask for. His presence always made me feel safe and protected. He had a way of making everyone laugh and love him. He loved his family and his country and most of all he loved Jesus. He was a picture perfect example of living for Him by actually doing it. He taught us how to be generous by being generous to everyone. There were so many time he gave us things and even when we said we didn't want to take it, he would insist and put it in our hands. He taught us how to find humor in every situation and he made literally everything fun. He joked and tickled us and was making us laugh constantly, telling us funny stories and silly jokes like “see that nail over there with meat on it”.

I loved him asking if I had ever heard a certain song and then hearing him sing those worships and country western songs in his chair. He had a wonderful voice and I felt so much joy and peace hearing him sing. I adored hearing him and Mawmaw recount their young love and life stories in the living room.

My favorite story is when he was in the service when they were first married and they had little to no money. A loaf of bread and alittle meat was all the food they had.

They were living in an apartment complex and their neighbor was a single mother and many children with even less money. Pawpaw saw that momma's need and gave them half of the bread and meat. He was just that generous and compassionate.

He never wavered and was a brave man.

I will tell these and many more stories to my children, and even though my heart breaks knowing they won't get to know him here on earth, I know he will get to see them grow up from heaven and one day we will all be reunited. Im so excited to see him again. That will be the best day ever.

And to pawpaw, after the water ride at six flags, I would like you to

*know one more time..
"you that got me wet" 😊*

Christian Rhoto - September 17, 2020 at 11:19 AM

TP

“ *The family of Ronald and Susan Parks purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Russell Ronald Coats.* ”



The family of Ronald and Susan Parks - September 16, 2020 at 10:25 AM



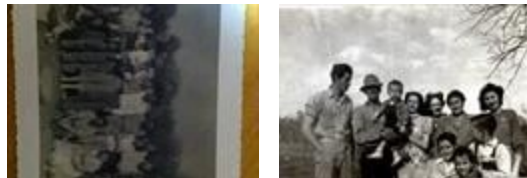
“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Russell Ronald Coats.* ”



September 15, 2020 at 04:34 PM

 Ruth
Elam
Moore

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Ruth Elam Moore - September 15, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Russell Ronald Coats.*



September 15, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Ronald Coats.*



September 15, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ *My Uncle Russell is the best! He is so special to our family and we will love him forever. One of a kind man who loved God, family, country and friends with an undying love and we will see him again.*



Ruth and James Moore and family - September 15, 2020 at 12:19 AM

JB

“ Love you forever. ❤️

Jodie Barnum - September 14, 2020 at 11:18 PM

SS

“ Son, brother, husband, father, uncle, great uncle, and friend to all. Uncle Russell lite up the room with his smile, had one of the most contagious laughs, and the best story teller. The world is missing a bright light, but heaven has gained a really special angel. We love you guys!

Shawn Martin Stewart - September 14, 2020 at 09:05 PM

SF

“ We are sad that we will not get to see him here again but know that we will in our eternal home. James said he was the best truck driving buddy he ever had.(and he had a lot in 30 years)Still laughs about the time Russell thought he was in the sleeper and went off and left him at the truck stop. He went quite a ways before he realized he was not in the sleeper and had to drive back and get him!

Shirley and James Flowers - September 14, 2020 at 08:41 PM

RM

“ I loved my Daddy so much. He was a wonderful father. I was so proud of him. As a child he seemed 10 feet tall to me. He was never afraid of anything. He was strong, brave and so smart.

He loved vacationing in the mountains every year. I will always cherish our very early morning breakfast times on vacation , where he would wake me up and say, “ come on Rachel, let’s go get breakfast”. We would go to the local pancake house. Just us! And he would even give me a sip of his coffee. I’m not sure if Momma knew. lol But it was so special.

He was giving and kind. He touched so many. He was funny and loved to joke around. (Too many funny stories to tell) I loved his humor. He found joy in life. His heart was so big. He could make anybody feel at home.

I learned so much from this man. I am so proud to call him father. What an honor and a privilege to be his daughter. I am so glad God let me grow up in his home.

Daddy,

I will miss you everyday... till we see each other again...

Rachel

Rachel McAllister - September 14, 2020 at 08:34 PM

KM

“ One of the best men I have ever known. You always made everyone laugh. You were very special to me and my kids! We love you very much and will miss you tremendously!

Karrie Martin - September 14, 2020 at 08:10 PM

WB

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Wendy Bowick - September 14, 2020 at 07:53 PM

WB

“ Gone but never forgotten. So thankful God blesses us with Uncle Russell. He will forever live in our hearts and our memories. The stories of always looking for him every time we passed a big truck and his silly joke of something peeing in our hands will be passed down for generations. Fly High and keep watching out for us!

Wendy Bowick - September 14, 2020 at 07:47 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Ronald Coats.



September 14, 2020 at 07:34 PM



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Phyllis Smith - September 14, 2020 at 07:15 PM

CM

I love this picture and I love these three people! Russell has always been a very special, loving person and always full of fun. He will be missed by all of us!

Charlotte mack - September 14, 2020 at 07:41 PM



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Phyllis Smith - September 14, 2020 at 07:13 PM



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Phyllis Smith - September 14, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ *Such an awesome and loving Man of God and he will be missed by so many!! I am so thankful that God made him my Uncle and that he and Momma have always been so close!! Praying for Aunt Marie and each of you!! Please let us know if there is anything we can do!!*

Phyllis Smith - September 14, 2020 at 07:07 PM



Never a dull moment with Uncle Russell in the room! He always had a joke to lighten the mood. Uncle Russell, you will be sadly missed ~ you left so many fond memories. You will certainly be missed.

Susan Williams - September 14, 2020 at 11:02 PM