



John Coates, Jr.

October 28, 1944 - January 2, 2018

John K. Coates, Jr., age 73, went home to be with the Lord on January 2, 2018, at his home in Chipley, Florida, after an extended illness. John was born in 1944 in Holmes County, Florida to John K. and Annie Lee (Forehand) Coates and was a graduate of Bethlehem High School. He was a long-time member of Poplar Springs Baptist Church and served as a deacon since 2007. He worked with the Florida Department of Transportation for over 35 years before retiring. John was well known for his artwork and writings. Over the years, he spent much time studying the Word and developed a close walk with the Lord. His last wish was that "Jesus be glorified." He was preceded in death by his father, John K. Coates, Sr.; mother, Annie Lee Coates; sister, Elizabeth Ann Baxter; and daughter, Anna Christina Cassani. He is survived by his wife, June Adkison Coates of Chipley, Florida; son, Kevin Coates of Bonifay, Florida; daughter, Nicole Ostrowski and husband Steve of Chipley, Florida; two grandchildren, Magnus Ostrowski and Sydney Wallace. Funeral services will be held 11:00 A.M. Friday, January 5, 2018, at Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Chipley, Florida with Bro. John Howell officiating. Interment will follow in the Poplar Springs Baptist Church cemetery. James & Lipford Funeral Home of Graceville, Florida directing. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Angel House Bereavement Center, 1015 Grace Avenue, Unit C, Panama City, Florida 32401. "Unlike the Savior, who had to walk alone, we have a Guide who loves us and He is there at the point where human hands have to let us go. Before

the last hand loosens it hold, He reaches out - embraces us and gently but joyfully, leads us Home. What a wonderful Positive Eventuality this is for the child of God." (Excerpt from one of John's writings)

Tribute Wall

JF

“ God bless you June and family. Johnny is without pain and at peace with God. He was such a blessing to me as we grew up together during our school days. I have plenty of memories of all the great times we had together.

James Forehand - January 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ May God be especially close to our hearts in this moment of grief.

Robert L. Crocker - January 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Bless you and your family.

Annie Lois and Lynn Bridges - January 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you June and your family. I know God will dwell in your home forever and bless you with his presence every day. May he also give you strength to carry on and joy remain in your heart for memories of the past. Love you. Joan

Joan Stanton Dalebroux - January 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Love you all and sending hugs from New Hampshire. John was a wonderful, loving man of God, husband, father, and grandfather.

Rebecca Gregoire - January 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ June and family, I am so sorry to hear of John's passing., My heart breaks with you and rejoices also that he's now healthy and happy in the presence of the Lord., Love and prayers.

Carolyn Crawford - January 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ June,I wish you and the kids all the best. I know the lord is with y'all.
Love Evelyn ❤️🙏

Mary Evelyn Forehand Cane - January 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ I'm so very sorry for your families loss. Praying for all of you. ❤️

Ashely Watford Vickery - January 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
May God's peace and strength be with you.

Susan Anderson - January 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ My dear cousin may you live in the house of the Lord forever and
may serenity be with all you loved and left behind.

Wanda Forehand Kromer - January 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ Oh how we wish we could be there to give you a big hug. Praying
for God's peace to embrace you.

Ed and Rosemarie Pilarczyk - January 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *John was a good man and will be missed by many on earth, but he is well now and having a good time in heaven!* ”

Ronald Johnson - January 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM