



## Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr

July 22, 1967 - March 1, 2025

Robert Curtis Coates, Jr, was born in Birmingham, Alabama, July 22, 1967, one of 12 children to the late Robert C. Coates, Sr. and Robertha Strong Coates. He graduated from Huffman High School in Birmingham, AL, where he was an All-Statewide receiver also playing basketball and baseball. Robert received a full football scholarship to attend Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky. Robert left a legacy behind at WKU ending his career as the most productive tight end in WKU history, setting records for catches (119) and receiving yards (1,445) by a tight end. Those numbers stood for over two decades. While at WKU not only was Robert catching footballs, but he also caught and won the heart of the love of his life Lisa Hunt. Lisa an art major knew nothing of sports, but she knew she had found her soulmate. Robert and Lisa were married December 22, 1990, in Beaver Dam, Kentucky. Upon graduating in 1992, from WKU with a Bachelor's Degree in Education, Robert was a first-round draft pick for the Philadelphia Eagles. Not knowing for sure what the future would hold, Robert was off to the big league. Lisa wished him well telling him to break a leg and he did just that (by accident). This did not discourage Robert as he continued his love for football as a coach at Ohio County High School, Apollo High School, Owensboro, KY and Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Robert touched the lives of many young boys not only in those school systems but also as a teacher at Green River Boys Camp, in Cromwell, KY, 5-

6 Center in Owensboro, KY, Earle Clements Job Corp, Morganfield, KY, and the Butler County Alternative Middle School, Morgantown, KY. Being able to help guide the lives of young men resonated deep in Robert's soul. Robert retired from the Green River Correctional Complex, Central City, KY after 10 years.

Robert was known nationwide and abroad for his famous cheesecakes. Shipping cakes to China, New York, Alabama, wherever the call came from and whatever kind of cheesecake you wanted, TLC Cheesecake was there to deliver (recipe left to his children Robert & LaDasia).

But cheesecake was not the only thing Robert was noted for. July Fest was Robert's celebration of all the July birthdays in the family. He would serve up his ribs, smoked bologna, polish sausage and Googly-Goo (recipe left to LaDasia).

Robert was blessed not only with his wife Lisa "Lucy, but with two beautiful children LaDasia and Robert III. Robert was a former Pastor and worshipped with the Asbury United Methodist Church, Owensboro, KY.

The memories and the stories Robert's family and friends have will forever be a part of the life and legacy of Rev. Robert Curtis Coates, Jr. whereas he received eternal rest for his soul, on Saturday, March 1, 2025.

To cherish his memory he leaves, wife, Lisa "Lucy" Coates; daughter, LaDasia "Mook" Coates; son, Robert "Tre" Coates, III; a granddaughter that adored her G-pop, Leilani Jones, "G-baby" siblings, Arthur Coates, Jerry Lee (Chakeshia) Watts, Richard (Ashleigh) Strong, Demilous (Artika) Coates, Daryl Coates and Simon Coates; mother in-law, Linda Moss "Mama Lou"; brother in-laws, Timothy "Timmy" Hunt and Christopher "Bo" Moss, several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Along with his parents Robert was preceded in death by siblings, Geraldine Little-Price, James Simmons, Castldera (Patricia) Watts, Darcus Coates and Yvonne Coates.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son Mortuary

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.  
201 Center Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
(270) 843-2336  
burnamson@mw.twcbc.com

## Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.  
201 Center Street  
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## Funeral Service

MAR 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr*



**Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.** - March 06, 2025 at 01:59 PM



“ *Sabrina Loving sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr*



**Sabrina Loving** - March 04 at 07:00 PM



“ *From Elizabeth simmons Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr.*



**From Elizabeth simmons Family** - March 06, 2025 at 05:05 PM

FL

“ From Alayah simmons with love purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr.



From Alayah simmons with love - March 06, 2025 at 04:53 PM

TF

“ Tina Fant lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr



Tina Fant - March 06, 2025 at 03:06 PM

LW

“ Loretha Withrow lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr



Loretha Withrow - March 06, 2025 at 11:53 AM

OG

“ Odessa, Joann, and Auntie Glenda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr.

Odessa, Joann, and Auntie Glenda - March 06, 2025 at 11:10 AM

OG

“ Odessa, Joann, and Auntie Glenda purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr.



Odessa, Joann, and Auntie Glenda - March 06, 2025 at 11:10 AM

TF

“ Tim Caffey and The Caffey Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr.



Tim Caffey and The Caffey Family - March 06, 2025 at 09:38 AM

CK

“ He absolutely loved his family and his BBQ!  
Sending y'all all the love, hugs and prayers.

Love,  
Courtney & Herb Kendall



Courtney Calhoun Kendall - March 06, 2025 at 07:28 AM

H8

“ Huffman High School Football c/o 81, 82 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr.



Huffman High School Football c/o 81, 82 - March 05, 2025 at 08:56 AM

RG

“ Condolences to Lisa, Daisy, and Lil Robert sorry for your loss and that Robert had to leave us so soon. God knows and He needed another Mighty Soldier in His Kingdom to help watch over his love ones. Robert you will be missed but I know you are in a better place with The Lord. Take your rest now until we meet again.



Rosie Green - March 03, 2025 at 10:58 PM

TF

“ Rest In Heavenly Peace, my dear friend Coates! I love you and I will miss you. Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Robert Coates Sr.



The Wimsatt Family - March 03, 2025 at 08:17 PM

SH

“ My condolences 🌸 to you & your family



sherina - March 03, 2025 at 07:56 PM

JB

“ You will be missed Robert coats



Jason bruce - March 03, 2025 at 07:48 PM

KD

“ *Kathleendonan1@gmail.com Donan lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr*



Kathleendonan1@gmail.com Donan - March 03, 2025 at 07:46 PM

TS

“ *So sorry for your loss*



Tanya Sharp - March 03, 2025 at 06:54 PM

WL

“ *Many prayers and condolences to the family*



Willa Lewis-Blewett - March 03, 2025 at 06:07 PM

PH

“ *Pastor Frederick, Co-Pastor Estella Hill lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr*



Pastor Frederick, Co-Pastor Estella Hill - March 03, 2025 at 06:04 PM

RM

“ Rachel Murrell lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr



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**Rachel Murrell** - March 03, 2025 at 05:05 PM

VS

“ Vetta Sublett lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr



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**Vetta sublett** - March 03, 2025 at 04:12 PM

KC

“ Kenny. And Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr



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**Kenny. and Crisandra Coleman** - March 03, 2025 at 09:41 AM

TC

“ The Best Friend I could ever ask for. Until we meet again. Rest in Peace.

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**Tim Caffey** - March 03, 2025 at 09:00 AM

TC

“ *Tim Caffey lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr*



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**Tim Caffey** - March 03, 2025 at 08:57 AM

BM

“ *Berona Massey lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr*



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**Berona Massey** - March 02, 2025 at 04:07 PM

WW

“ *William Walker lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr*



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**William walker** - March 02, 2025 at 01:04 PM

DJ

“ *Debra Jewell sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Robert C. Coates Jr*



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**Debra Jewell** - March 02, 2025 at 10:05 AM

CH

“ *cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Robert Coates*



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**cheryl Hewitt** - March 01, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ *Dear Coates Family,*

*There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.*



*Respectfully,*

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly  
2nd Generation Owners*

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**Cedric Burnam** - March 01, 2025 at 02:52 PM