



Arnold Coates

October 3, 1958 - December 7, 2021

Arnold Coates, Sr., son of Ella Mae and the late James D. Coates, was born October 3, 1958, in Baltimore, MD. He was called to his eternal rest on the morning of December 7, 2021.

He was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System, where he graduated from Carver Vocational High School in 1976. There, he was a three-sport letterman, playing baseball, basketball, and football, where he played serve his country in 1978. He served 4 years as a mechanic and a marksman, and was honorably discharged with the rank of Private First Class. After serving his country, Arnold was employed as a correctional officer at the Jessup Correctional Institute.

He married Jonell Lambirth in May, 1981 and out of this union he was blessed with a son, Arnold Coates, Jr. On December 29, 2000, he married Michelle Hopkins, and from that union he was blessed with another son, Kevin Anthony Coates. Arnold's children were the joy of his life.

Arnold was a DJ. He was also a bass guitar player and sang lead vocals in the band, "Cream Finish", where his stage name was "Zipp".

Arnold loved being a mechanic and fixing any type of car. He was employed by several auto shops, including Pit Stop, Congress,, Just Tires, Precision

Tune, and finally Alessi & Son until his health would no longer permit him to work. If you called at anytime, Arnold would pack his tools and get you back on the road.!

His #1 occupation was being a "jokester". It didn't matter if you were happy or sad, he would make you laugh or mad. Every phone call was ended with "Ciao!" or "Peace out!"

Arnold was preceded in death by his loving father, James D. Coates, and brother Michael Anthony Coates. He leaves to cherish his memories: 2 sons, Arnold Coates, Jr. (Bena) and Kevin Anthony Coates, one stepdaughter, Jassmyn Chase, 2 grandsons: DeAndre Coates and DeAngelo Coates, a devoted mother, Ella Mae Coates, 5 brothers, Alexander Coates, James Coates, III (Vanessa), Jerome Coates (Tina), Glenn Coates (Shannon), Stanley Green, 4 sisters: Devora Hart, Jocelyn Rogers, Jacqueline Gregory (Michael), Candice D. Owens (Demetrius), an amazingly large host of nieces, nephews and cousins, 2 special cousins, Patricia Graves and George Graves, and a devoted and loving mate, Regina Garrison.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

DEC 29. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center
5616 Old Court Rd.
Randallstown, MD

Funeral Service

DEC 29. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Arnold Coates, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - December 29, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ *Arnold Coates*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arnold Coates.*



December 27, 2021 at 08:35 AM



“ *My condolences to the family and friends. May the God of peace bring you comfort during this time.*

Wynne Graves



Wynne Graves - December 16, 2021 at 04:30 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - December 15, 2021 at 10:55 AM