



Dexter L. Coles Sr.

June 15, 1957 - January 5, 2024

Dexter Leon Coles, Sr. was born on June 15, 1957 in Montgomery, West Virginia. He was the son of Benjamin and Cathleen Coles. The Lord called him home on January 5, 2024.

Dexter graduated from Montgomery High School in 1975 and attended West Virginia State University until he joined the United States Army where he received an honorable discharge in 1994. He worked for and retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 2020. Dexter was preceded in death by his brother, DeNard and his sister, Elaine (Cookie).

He leaves behind to cherish his memories and celebrate his life, his loving wife of eighteen years, Felita; daughter Shauna Hanson (Joshua); two sons, Dexter II (Renita), and Steven Bunce, Jr.; four adored grandchildren Arianna, Josiah, Nicholas and Madison. He also leaves behind three sisters, Bishop Valeria C. Scott, Yvette Coles and Samona Reynolds, and one brother Darnell. He will also be missed by his extended family, nieces nephews and a host of friends. He was the best husband, father and grandfather ever!

Cemetery Details

Washington Memorial Park

6217 Memorial Dr.
Sandston, VA 23150

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

JAN 17. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of life with live streaming

JAN 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Dexter L. Coles Sr., Please Click the Link below. in memory of Dexter L. Coles Sr.*



March Funeral Homes - January 10, 2024 at 01:16 PM

JG

Sergeant Dexter Coles and I were crew members on the Hawk Missile system together in the later 1980s in Germany during the Cold War. I was an inexperienced Lieutenant and SGT Coles trained and guided me through numerous high stakes NATO missions and evaluations. He was the best in the business. Coles and I were hand picked to participate in a special mission stateside... mostly based on his talent ... for which we received impact Army Commendation Medals from our Brigade Commander after our return

We spent countless hours together in the Hawk Platoon Command Post Van, operating the Hawk system. He was simply the best

Condolences to this great man

You will be missed

Colonel retired Joe Gaines

Joe Gaines - June 23, 2025 at 05:36 PM

C"

“Dex was one of the finest men I've ever known. His chosen profession was ROUGH. Took a STRONG LEADER to make things happen. Dex was that leader. My respects to the entire family in this time of grief.

Craig Layton "CJ" - June 23, 2025 at 05:25 PM

PA

“I knew Dexter over 50 years and attended Montgomery (WV) High School with him, where we were in Ms. Witt's Spanish class. He was funny and fun loving, yet focused and studious. Dexter was always kind, caring, hardworking, smart, humble, and a loving and loyal friend.

May your loving memories and God's promise in Matthew 5:4 to comfort those who mourn bring peace and comfort to his family and friends.

God's grace and peace,
Elder Pamm (Lindsey) Moore-Haley
Charleston, WV

Pamm - January 18, 2024 at 02:26 PM



“A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dexter L. Coles Sr..

January 18, 2024 at 12:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dexter L. Coles Sr..



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dexter L. Coles Sr..



January 17, 2024 at 03:45 PM



“ *Uncle Topsy's Children* purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Dexter L. Coles Sr..



Uncle Topsy's Children - January 16, 2024 at 09:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dexter L. Coles Sr..



January 15, 2024 at 06:33 PM

VR

“ Felitia and Family. I am heavy hearted to hear of your loss. Dexter was a true warrior. The time on the high speed and the 010 unit are some of the memories I will treasure. I will keep you in prayer 🙏🙏
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Vernelle Robinson - January 15, 2024 at 03:38 PM

CG

“ Condolences from our family to your family. My personal memory is the nice smile and head nod of acknowledgement as we passed each other on the workroom floor. In a time pressed, sometimes stressful working environment, a smile goes a long ways. RIH DEX CHESTER AND ROBIN GRAY 🙏

Chester Gray - January 12, 2024 at 06:46 PM



“ 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 - January 10, 2024 at 01:16 PM

TR

I condolences to the family. I was stationed with Dexter in the military. We were in Germany and again in El Paso, Texas Fort Bliss. It was a great man. We were both sergeants together, and we both ran our teens with pride rest in peace Dexter.

Tom Rangel. SGT Rangel

Tom Rangel - August 22, 2024 at 12:09 AM

JR

Sergeant Cole's and I were stationing on a remote missile site in Germany together in the late 80s early 90s. We were a crew operating the Hawk Missile system together. We spent countless hours together in the cramped control van, sitting side by side tracking targets. I went through several NATO tactical evaluations with SGT Coles... just him and I, always the top crew with the highest scores ... largely because of his skills controlling the radar. Dexter and I were hand picked to go from Germany to the tonopaugh test range in Nevada for some highly specialized tests. He was hands down the finest radar operator in the entire Army ... and my good friend and sidekick for 3 long years in Germany.

God bless his family ... he was such a great NCO and man

Joe Gaines Colonel US Army retired - May 21 at 01:57 PM