



Paul Anthony Coates

September 19, 1937 - July 22, 2006

Paul Anthony Coates was born in Baltimore, Maryland on September 19, 1937, the sixth child and second son of Elder James Z., Sr. and Harriette Coates. Known by many as P. Anthony (Tony), He received his formal education in the Baltimore City Public Schools, graduating from Frederick Douglas Senior High School at age 16 in June 1954. Tony's advanced schooling took him to the Baltimore City of Commerce (now merged with the University of Baltimore). After simultaneously attending the day college and evening college, he graduated in 1961 with an Associate Degree and Certificate in Accounting. He completed his education in 1968 with a B.S. Degree in accounting. On July 21, 1962, he married the former Miss Dorothy Willnette Elam of Newport News, VA, and Washington, D.C. Of this union were born Camille Marchell (deceased), Monica Antonette and Eric Lamont. During his professional career he held many positions in the accounting field. Among them were jobs as a Public Accountant with the CPA firm, Berman, Goldman, and Ribakow, Auditor with the Internal Revenue Service and Auditor with the United States Army Audit Agency. For nearly 34 years he worked with the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), holding several positions including Social Insurance Research Analyst-Legislation, and Program Policy Analyst. He retired from HCFA in 1992. P. Anthony continued his professional career as Manager/Director with Health Care Management Consulting, Inc. in Jacksonville, Florida. And in 1997 he began a term of faithful servant to the Church of God, Gospel Spreading

Church, Inc. Administrative Office as an Accountant, the position he held at the time of his death. Like his father before him, P. Anthony was always very active in the Church of God, Gospel Spreading Churches, Inc. (GSC). The highlight of his achievements there was bringing to fruition the planning and construction of the church facility at 4310 Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, which opened its doors in 1974. He held a variety of offices in the GSC including Acting Superintendent of the Sunday School, ordained Deacon, President of the Junior Executive Board of Directors, and member of the Senior Board of Directors. He also served as Secretary of the National Board of Elders and Deacons, where his duties included chairing the quarterly meetings. P. Anthony was inspired by a deep love for God and a commitment to obey His Word. He based his life upon two key scriptures: Psalms 16:2-3 "my goodness extended not to thee; but to the Saints that are in the earth..." and Ecclesiastes 11:1 "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." His life's motto could also be summed up in this song: "If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain. Preceding him in death were his parents, James, Sr. and Harriette Coates; sister, Mary Coates; and daughter, Camille Coates. He leaves to celebrate his life: his loving wife of 44 years, Doris Elam Coates; daughter, Monica A. Coates of Brooklyn, New York; son Eric L. Coates of South Bend, Indiana; three sisters, Harriette Lane Johnson, Doris L. Coates, and Winifred Craig-Henderson all of Baltimore, MD; four brothers, James Jr., (Vivian), of Tampa, Florida, Robert (Rachel) and Michael, both of Baltimore, Maryland, and Ridgley of Munich, Germany; two aunts, Mildred Jackson and Gaither Coates; one uncle, Joseph (Alverta) Coates; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and a loving church family.

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“ *My deep condolences to the family for your loss. Death is truly the saddest time in our lives, when we think about all that we've lost. The magnitude of death touches us like nothing else. It truly hurts our hearts. Our loving father, Jehovah knows the pain we are feeling, and he hates to see suffering. That is why he promises at Revelation 21,4, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore." "The former things have passed away." One day we will be reunited with our loved ones in the promised ressurection.##imported-begin##R Johnaon##imported-end##*

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“ *My condolences for the loss of your loved oned. First Corinthians 15:26 lovingly tells us our enemy death will be destroyed in God's due time. There is hope for our dead loved ones. Acts 24:15 declares- "there is going to be a resurrection". May you find much comfort and strength as you reflect on these sure promises from the Bible.##imported-begin##S. Hill##imported-end##*

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“ My stay in Baltimore starting on July 4, 1956 was also my introduction to the Coates family. Through the years there were so many special times and the memories will forever remain with me. Sitting at the kitchen table feasting on wonderful meals remain with me. My prayers are to the entire family. Mae###imported-begin###M. J. Abbyss###imported-end###

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“ Dear Mrs. Coates, please accept my deepest sympathy on the passing of your husband. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. With love, Alison###imported-begin###Alison Hector###imported-end###

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I too have lost loved ones in death. Even though we know that death is inevitable, it is still difficult to accept. Death was not something that God intended for us. The thought of death is always distasteful and it always will be because Jehovah God has created within us the keen desire to live forever. We never get used to it. We feel deep down in our hearts that this should not happen because, “Even time indefinite he (God) has put in their heart,” says Ecclesiastes 3:11. One of the wonderful parts of his plan is the hope of the resurrection of dead loved ones. (John 5:25, 28, 29). Please be assured that Jehovah God loves us and wants the best for us. Take comfort in the promise that he has given us at Rev. 21: 3-5 of a new earth where there will be no more death.###imported-begin###Senita Swann###imported-end###

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