



Larry Douglas "L.D." Coats

March 19, 1937 - June 29, 2015

Loris...Larry Douglas "L. D." Coats (Sr.) died peacefully in his home on Monday, June 29, 2015 in the Pleasant Meadow community of Loris, SC at the age of 78.

L.D. is survived by his wife, Ruby Small Coats; children, Sandy Brossard and her husband Gerry of Columbia, SC, Larry D. Coats Jr. and his wife Suzanne of Apex, NC and Elaine Coats Fairman and her husband Scott of Charlotte, NC; as well as Jamie Small and his wife Gina of Loris, SC and Amy Small Palomares and her husband David of Loris, SC. L.D. is also survived by sister, Jeanette Coats Bell and her husband Carlton of North Myrtle Beach, SC.

L.D. was proud to be known as "Papa" or "Papa D" by Bryn Sarvis Rice and her husband Brandon, Holly Marie Sarvis, Courtney Gaudagno and her husband Timothy, Meghan Doligalksi and her husband Steven, Bethany Brooke Coats, Robert Fairman, Andrew Fairman, Victoria Martin and her husband Justin, Brian Palomares, William Palomares, Keri Small, Zackary Small, Tanner Patterson, Landyn Martin and Oliver Small. He is preceded in death by sister Minnie Lee Coats Suggs of Virginia Beach, VA, parents Robert Trenton Coats and Brookie Fowler Coats, and Matthew and Noah Palomares.

L.D. was born on March 19, 1937 in Mullins, SC to Robert Trenton Coats and Brookie Fowler Coats. He graduated from Loris High School in 1954 and

married Ruby Small in 1955. After graduating from Carolina College of Commerce in 1962, L.D. and Ruby returned to the family farm near Loris where he started a long career in finance and banking. Early in his career, he was recognized by the General Motors Chevrolet Council of Business Managers for his business management expertise. L.D. was an active member of Pleasant Meadow Baptist Church where he was a teacher, mentor, deacon and leader for most of his life. He proudly led the Bible Sword Drills training in the church, and several of his young students became statewide champions through the years.

L.D. was a loving and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, son, uncle and friend. He was always willing to help others and he did so with a smile. He would often ride through Loris and the surrounding communities and point out to his family, with pride, the homes and businesses of "his customers" and the families he had helped through the years.

L.D. was a firm believer in the importance of education and encouraged all of his family to pursue an active life of learning. He received multiple awards for the significant time and effort he contributed to support vocational education in the surrounding community and was recognized by the Horry County Public School System and the State of South Carolina Board of Education for that work. He received the Outstanding Service Award presented by the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society and the Friends of Vocational Education Award presented by the South Carolina Vocational Directors Association. L.D. was also active in many community and civic roles including the Loris Chapter of Civitan International and the Woodmen of the World.

All are welcome to attend the funeral that is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 3, 2015 at Pleasant Meadow Baptist Church in Loris, SC to celebrate L.D.'s life. A reception for friends and family will follow the graveside service in

the church fellowship hall. Additionally, his family will receive guests at the Goldfinch Funeral Home in Loris SC on Thursday, July 2, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The L. D. Coats Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established at the Coastal Educational Foundation to receive memorial gifts in L.D.'s honor. The fund will provide scholarship funding for students from the local community who attend Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC. Contributions may be remitted to the Coastal Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 261954, Conway SC 29528-6054, "L. D. Coats Memorial Scholarship Fund".

Please sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel is serving the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel
1011 Highway 9 Business East
Loris, SC 29569
(843) 756-9273
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Service

JUL 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Pleasant Meadow Baptist Church Cemetery
937 Green Sea Road South
Loris, SC 29569

Tribute Wall

SD

“DONALD and I were at the loris fitness center when Mr. Coats was there doing therapy to build his self up for upcoming heart surgery he told us he was going to duke and was going to have heart surgery. He never let that slow him down. He had a heart of compassion for people. He stopped and spoke with us many times around Loris. He was such a happy go lucky fellow and he will be dearly missed by all. He was a good Christian man and he always had a smile on his face. We are sure going to miss not seeing him around Loris but I know he is in Heaven having a good time. Donald and Susie Davis

Susie Davis - July 04, 2015 at 06:29 PM

LM

“Linda McClellan lit a candle in memory of Larry Douglas "L.D." Coats



linda mccllellan - July 03, 2015 at 02:22 PM

LM

Will surely miss you L.D. Your kindness and love to The McClellan's will always be remembered.

linda mccllellan - July 03, 2015 at 02:29 PM

JD

“ Joe Dowling purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Larry Douglas "L.D." Coats.



Joe Dowling - July 02, 2015 at 07:31 PM

JR

“ MR.LD AS I ALWAY KNOW HIM,A VERY GOOD MAN ,I WILLMISS HIM AS I SAW HIM AND MRS. RUBY AROUND TOWN I KNOW WE ALL WILL MISS HIM VERY MUCH BUT I GOT A FEELING HE THERE WHEN HE BEEN WANT TO GO FOR YEARS GOOD NIGH LD, SEE YOU IN THE MORNING. A FRIEND ON HEAVENLY BRIGHT SHARE.JERRY ROWELL

jerry rowell - July 02, 2015 at 05:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Douglas "L.D." Coats.



July 02, 2015 at 01:29 PM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Douglas "L.D." Coats.



July 02, 2015 at 12:37 PM

CP

“ Ruby and Family -- It was with a heavy heart that I read about L.D.'s passing. Sandy and I share your sadness. We pray God will provide you comfort and peace during your time of grieving. L.D. was such a gentleman and great Christian. It was my honor and privilege to know him. You all will be in our prayers. Carroll and Sandy Padgett

Carroll & Sandy Padgett - July 02, 2015 at 09:53 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Douglas "L.D." Coats.



July 01, 2015 at 05:43 PM

CJ

“ Larry and Suzanne, your family and you are in our thoughts and prayers. L.D.'s life sounded full of service and love. If there is anything we can do to make this time easier for you, please let us know.

Chris and Cheryl Joyce

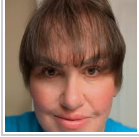
Chris and Cheryl Joyce - July 01, 2015 at 12:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Douglas "L.D." Coats.



July 01, 2015 at 10:00 AM



“ *LD was like an Uncle to me! Rest in Peace! I'd so sorry for your loss Aunt Ruby!*
Shang

Shang Melton - July 01, 2015 at 09:32 AM

WP

“ *I was saddened to learn of L.D.'s passing. L.D. and I worked together at Prince Motor Company in the 1970s. He was liked and respected by all who knew him. I extend my heartfelt condolences.*

Respectfully,
Wink Prince

Wink Prince - July 01, 2015 at 08:41 AM

RB

“ *I worked with L.D. about 15 years in banking. He was always laughing and cutting up. The people of he community loved him they always wanted to talk to L.D. about their personal business and he was always willing to help. Years ago if you needed a bank loan you could just call LD and he would say "what time do you want to pick it up it will be ready". You did not have to wait on a board to approve your loan you were trusted for who you were. When the Peoples Federal was near Hardee's he would go every morning and get us a biscuit and coffee. He had is own path made! He was a wonderful, caring man and liked by everyone. He was very special to me and my co-workers.*

Rachel G. Bullard

Rachel Bullard - July 01, 2015 at 08:33 AM

JE

“ Uncle LD was a awesome uncle. There was always a smile on his face, a hug on the way and and a love you. I will always love you and remember your special heart.

Julie Elliott - July 01, 2015 at 07:22 AM

SR

“ Elaine, Scott, Robert and Andrew - You and your family will be in my prayers. What a wonderful man!

Susi R - July 01, 2015 at 05:50 AM

BT

“ Sorry to hear about your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers!



Brenda Tyler - July 01, 2015 at 05:19 AM



“ Sandy,
You and your family are in my prayers.

A. Dukes - Charleston, SC

Andre Dukes - June 30, 2015 at 10:52 PM

AS

“ 4 files added to the album Alex, Michelle & Jackson Small



Alex Small - June 30, 2015 at 07:44 PM

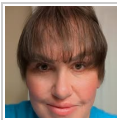
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Aunt Ruby,

You are in our thoughts and prayers. Uncle L.D. will be greatly missed. As you know better than any of us, he made a positive and memorable impact on the lives he touched. We will forever treasure the happy memories we were able to share with him and you.

*Love you most,
Alex, Michelle, & Jackson*

Alex Small - June 30, 2015 at 07:47 PM



LD was like an Uncle to me! Rest in peace! I am so sorry for your loss Aunt Ruby and the entire legacy of good family and friends that are grieving!

Shang Melton - July 01, 2015 at 09:36 AM

BJ

“ Pleasant Meadow Community has lost a pillar of their community and church. L.D. was a friend to all and always so helpful. May the precious memories you have of him be a source of comfort during this difficult time.

*Billy and Wanda Jordan
Loris, SC*

Billy and Wanda Jordan - June 30, 2015 at 06:45 PM

JH

“ The family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Jeff Housand - June 30, 2015 at 06:08 PM

WS

“ WANDA SOLES SEAGLE lit a candle in memory of Larry Douglas "L.D." Coats



WANDA SOLES SEAGLE - June 30, 2015 at 04:24 PM

WS

PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU. MR L D WAS A WONDERFUL, KIND MAN, AND A GREAT EXAMPLE TO HIS CHILDREN, GRANDS, CHURCH, AND TO ALL THAT MET HIM THRU THE YEARS. HE ALWAYS WORE A SMILE...

WANDA SOLES SEAGLE - June 30, 2015 at 04:27 PM

LL

He was a wonderful person and loved running into him and his wife at McDonalds or Wendy's on occassion. Was so sorry to hear of his passing. We're sending prayers for the family.

Linda and James Long - June 30, 2015 at 04:42 PM

FE

“ Words cannot truly express how sorry we are for your loss. We hope for peace and comfort during this difficult time. May you always cherish the memories you have of Mr. L.D. God bless each of you now and in the days ahead. :)

First Choice Medical Equipment - June 30, 2015 at 03:58 PM