



## Gene Coats

November 30, 1933 - February 9, 2016

Loris... Osbie Eugene "Gene" Coats, age 82, passed away Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

Mr. Coats was born in Horry County a son of the late Osbie and Martha Coats. He was raised on a farm in the Pleasant Meadow Community. Mr. Coats was a faithful and devoted member of Loris First Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and Sunday School Teacher. He retired from the United States Air Force after 22 years of service where he served at the end of the Korean Conflict and during the Vietnam War, with numerous overseas assignments. Mr. Coats worked at Loris Hospital as Safety and Security Director, Maintenance Supervisor, and several years as Part-time Courier. He was a lifetime member of the Loris Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Coats was a member of Gideons International. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed watching racing and Gamecock football. He was predeceased by his daughter, Cynthia Ann Coats; his brother, Lonzo Evans Coats; and his sister, Mildred "Bill" Coats.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Carolyn Coats of Loris; one son, David Eugene Coats of Myrtle Beach; one sister, Gladys Coats Lilly and her husband, Claude of Conway; two granddaughters, Jodi Ruecroft of Waco, TX, and Story Lyn Coats of Longs; one great-granddaughter, Aaliyah Jones of Waco, TX; and his loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 11, 2016 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 12, 2016 at Loris First Baptist Church with Dr. Louis Venable, Rev. Carl Harris, Rev. Hunter Johnson and Mr. Mike Blanton officiating. Committal services will follow in the Pleasant Meadow Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Loris First Baptist Church, 3117 Main Street, Loris, SC 29569 or Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 1414 Physicians Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401.

Please sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel is serving the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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

FEB 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Loris First Baptist Church  
Main Street  
Loris, SC 29569

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ I can hardly believe it! I came across this on the internet. Carolyn, I love you. I am so sorry to hear about Gene.....Flooding back are the memories of the Huge lighted Christmas tree, Cyndie and I singing carols and decorating the tree, listening to Ray Stevens and hearing Gene's laughter and just laughing and having fun. He is a kind and loving man. I thank God for having all the Coats' in my life and making such a difference in ours. Love you. Trish Braynard and family.



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**Trish Braynard** - June 16, 2016 at 09:48 PM

DC

“ Carolyn and family, You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you strength and courage in the difficult days ahead. Your loss is Heaven's Gain. Dale and David Carter

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**dale carter** - February 11, 2016 at 03:04 PM

JL

“ Carolyn, I am so sorry for your loss of my 1st cousin Gene! I remember going to his parents house every other Sunday for Aunt Martha's delicious dinner! Then I remember a picture of You, Gene, Allen, and Doris standing on the steps of the old Pleasant Meadow Church.  
Wow, you and Gene had a long marriage and you have a lifetime of wonderful memories of your life together ! May God be very close to you at this time ! Much love , Joyce Coats Leasure

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**Joyce Coats Leasure** - February 11, 2016 at 01:23 PM

WS

“ Carolyn, my heart is broken for you and all of your family. Gene was a very special friend. You are all in my prayers.

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**Wanda Stevens** - February 10, 2016 at 07:35 PM

JG

“ We are very sorry for your loss. May God give you the comfort you need. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Jo and Ervin Grainger

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**Jo and Ervin Grainger** - February 10, 2016 at 06:21 PM

AM

“ Mrs Carolyn our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! He will be deeply missed! He's no longer in any pain! God be with you and your family during this sad time and always,

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**Amy & Lee McCarver** - February 10, 2016 at 05:30 PM

TM

“ Very sorry to learn of Mr. Coats' passing. A very well liked and respected man who I have known for many years. God bless all the family and friends during this time of bereavement, and may the Holy Spirit remind everyone of Gene's Godly life and replicate his life, so they can join him in Heaven. God's Love: Travis and Lynda Martin

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**Travis Martin** - February 10, 2016 at 12:27 PM

BB

“ Beth Branton lit a candle in memory of Gene Coats



Beth Branton - February 10, 2016 at 11:59 AM

SB

“ Sammy Branton lit a candle in memory of Gene Coats



Sammy Branton - February 10, 2016 at 11:56 AM

BB

Thank you for your service to our country and to our city. Rest in peace our brother. Beth and Sammy Branton.

Beth and Sammy Branton - February 10, 2016 at 11:58 AM

JM

Dear Carolyn, please know that you and your family are in my prayers. I remember when you and Gene were sweethearts in HS. He was always a sweet and likeable man. May God Bless and comfort you in your loss.

Jane (Goff) Morris - February 10, 2016 at 10:17 PM

JG

So sorry for your loss. I grew up with them. sorry Gladys

jean gunter - February 11, 2016 at 09:35 AM

WU

“ *RIP Airman and fellow Vietnam Vet !!!!!  
Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps*



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**Wayne Williams - USMC** - February 10, 2016 at 07:28 AM

JH

“ *Mrs Carolyn and David, I'm sorry for your loss. You both are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jeff Housand** - February 09, 2016 at 06:03 PM

CB

“ *David I am sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Carla Sarvis Beane*

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**Carla S Beane** - February 09, 2016 at 05:07 PM

AS

“ *Mrs Carolyn  
We are so sorry to hear about Mr Gene. He was a good man! He will be missed by many including us. We love you! You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Garry, Amy, Zack & Zoey Strickland*



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**Amy Strickland** - February 09, 2016 at 05:05 PM

FE

“ We are very sorry for your loss. We hope and pray the Lord will lift you up during this difficult time. We shall miss Mr. Coats as a patient. God bless each of you now and in the days ahead.

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**First Choice Medical Equipment** - February 09, 2016 at 02:36 PM