



## William “Bill” L. Coates, Jr. (Lebanon)

July 3, 1970 - October 31, 2020

William Leonard Coates, Jr., son of William Leonard Coates, Sr. and Carol Coates Barnett, was born November 3, 1970, in El Centro, California. He departed this life Saturday, October 31, 2020, in Mercy Hospital, in Springfield, Missouri, at the age of forty-nine years, eleven months, and twenty-eight days.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Travis Coates; his grandparents, Myrtle and Ann Milam, James and Arizona Coates, Gertrude Wood, and Dewey and Alene Barnett.

Bill is survived by a daughter, Paige Coates, of Nixa, Missouri; a grandson, Wylin Wake, of Nixa, Missouri; his mother, Carol Barnett, and her husband, Ron, of West Plains, Missouri; two sisters, Alison Shannon, and her husband, David, and Sherry Campbell, all of West Plains, Missouri; three nieces, Jennifer Shannon and Orianna Collins and Taylor Campbell; five nephews, Johnathan Willis, Joshua Willis, and his wife, Tiana, Scott Runion, James, and Dalton Campbell; a great-niece, Renley Willis; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

He was raised on a farm in the West Plains, Missouri area where he chased pigs, went squirrel hunting, and pestered his sister by throwing rocks at her. After graduating from high school, he joined the United States Navy and served his country faithfully for four years. He then took a break and was called back to serve in the United States Coast Guard, which he did for eighteen years, retiring as a Chief Petty Officer.

Bill made his profession of faith in Christ and was baptized on February 9, 1992.

He was a member of the Lebanon V.F.W. Post # 4107. He later became a Licensed Practical Nurse and worked as a nurse for a few years. In his spare time he enjoyed working on cars with his dad, and liked collecting guns. He loved his family very much and especially enjoyed his grandson, nieces and nephews.

Bill was a loving father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, great-uncle, and was a caring friend. We celebrate his life and know that his family and friends will hold tight to the wonderful memories he made for them during his lifetime.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. at Holman-Howe Funeral Home. Burial with full military honors will be in Mount Rose Memorial Park.



# Cemetery

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## Mount Rose Memorial Park

100 Mountrose St.

Lebanon, MO,

# Events

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**NOV**

**Service**

02:00PM

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Holman-Howe Funeral Homes Lebanon

320 S. Adams Ave, Lebanon, MO, US, 65536

# Comments

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“ A photo of a great guy.

**Miguel Silva** - February 25 at 03:41 PM

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“ I worked with Bill at the Northeast Regional Fisheries Training Center on Cape Cod. He was an expert in his field of knowledge and always took the time to thoroughly explain the subject matter. Bill was kind and patient and ALWAYS made time for you no matter how busy he was. Bill, thank you for your service and as others have said, we have the watch.

**TJ Malvesti** - November 08, 2020 at 08:21 AM

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“ Bill and I were fellow instructors in the Coast Guard on Cape Cod. He was one of the most humble, down to earth guys. A kind and loyal shipmate and Brother Chief... rest peacefully my friend. We have the watch...

**Andrew Pierce** - November 04, 2020 at 10:20 AM

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“ Rest in Peace my friend, it was a pleasure serving with you at the Northeast Regional Fisheries Training Center. You always had a smile on your face, and you were always a pleasure to be around. Rest easy shipmate, we have the watch

**Derek Gibson** - November 04, 2020 at 10:03 AM

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“ Bill and I served in the U.S. Coast Guard together during my time at the Northeast Regional Fisheries Training Center (NRFTC) in Cape Cod. We worked together to develop class content for the Coast Guard and other law enforcement agencies. He was one of the kindest and most humble guys I ever met. We spent many days just talking about life, hobbies and family. While I haven't seen him in years I know he will be greatly missed. Fair winds and following seas shipmate.

**Miguel Silva** - November 01, 2020 at 09:18 PM

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“ Bill was one of the kindest people I have had the pleasure to work with. Your NRFTC and Coast Guard family will never forget you. My son still remembers Mr Jacket and how nice he was. Rest easy brother, we have the watch.

BMC Dan Wenger, USCG (Ret)

**Dan Wenger** - November 01, 2020 at 07:26 PM