



Claude W. "Kip" Coates

July 20, 1933 - October 30, 2013

Claude W. "Kip" Coates, age 80, a resident of Southfield, passed away October 30, 2013 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was born July 20, 1933 in Sault Ste. Marie to the late Claude and Louise Coates. Kip graduated from the University of Michigan and was a member of the Theta Delta Chi Chapter of Ann Arbor. He then attended Michigan State University for his graduate studies. Mr. Coates spent his professional career at Vilican Leman & Assoc. serving many southeast Michigan communities, including Farmington Hills. He was a former president and active member of the Michigan Society of Planning Officials. He also enjoyed spending his summers in Les Cheneaux. Most of all, Kip loved spending time with his family and was adored by both his children and grandchildren. Beloved husband of Joann. Loving father of Gary Nancy and Steven J. Andrea. Dear brother of Carolyn Coates. Proud grandfather of Courtney, Alex, Catherine, Nicole and Matthew. The visitation will be Saturday, November 9, 2013 from 3-6 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mr. Coates will lie in state Sunday, November 10, 2013 from 1:30 p.m. until the time of service 2 p.m. at the Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. Donations may be made to the Chippewa County Historical Society, P.O. Box 342, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or Les Cheneaux Water Shed Council, P.O. Box 578, Cedarville, MI 49719. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Dear Coates family, I am remorseful about your loss and like to extend my deepest sympathy for your loved one Claude Coates. From personal experience I know that the death of a love one causes pain and grief and sometimes it seems unbearable. The Scriptures contain comfort that can assist us during times of distress. The ransom of Jesus and the hope of seeing my loved one again in the resurrection brought me comfort. I would like to share these three scriptures with you to give you comfort John 5:28, 29, Acts 24:15 and Romans 15:4. May the God of comfort give you peace and rest.

Mrs Higgins - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I worked at Vilican-Lemen in the mid 1980's and worked very closely with Kip when I was a young planner mainly working with the City of Farmington Hills. I could not have asked for a better mentor. He was always kind and very patient with me as I was learning. He was one of the kindest people I ever met and a true gentleman in every sense of the word. I learned a lot from Kip about planning and about life. He touched many lives and will truly be missed!

Dr. Dennis Burin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I was very sad to hear of Kip's passing. He was a great mentor, always patient and kind. My thoughts are with you. Andrew Chinarian

Andrew Chinarian - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Our sincere sympathy to the entire Coates family, Gary, Steve and families and especially JoAnne, who enjoyed a long and loving marriage with Kip. Kip was in every way a gentleman. He was intelligent, honest, respectful and dedicated to his family and his work. Kip will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was a bright light in this world, and a light as bright as Kip's will not be easily diminished. May God's blessings be on all of the Coates' family. Our deepest sympathy, Max and Mary Putters

Max Putters - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Sharon and George HunterDear Joann and family We will always have fond memories of shared times spent with both ofyou. We grieve with all of you. Peace and good will

Sharon and George hunter - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ My thoughts are with you Joann. Peace

Marian Barnes - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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FH

“ Dear Joann and family, Our hearts cry for you. Kip was a pillar of our group of friends, always ready to help, smiling, with good humor and attentive to all. We will miss him terribly. May God give you support during this trying time. Fedora and Avram

Fedora and Avram Horowitz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Joann, Gary, Steve and family our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Summers at Birch Lake won't be the same without Kip. We will miss our yearly visits with him. Chris & Kathy Gordon - Echo Bay, Ontario Canada

Chris & Kathy Gordon - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ My sympathy to Joann and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Pat Buchan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Joann and family---Our thoughts and hearts are with all of you at this very sad time. Kip was such a wonderful person, his presence will be deeply missed by so many.

Chuck and Dot Leman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Joann -- My heart goes out to you and your family. Love, Del

Del McPherson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Kip was such a joy to work with at ALI--always a warm smile and offer to be helpful. We'll miss him terribly. We're so sorry for your loss Joann and the rest of your family.*

love, Ken and Carol Penrose - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Our sympathies to Kip's family - John Nancy's Daddy and Dixie Lee Thompson - Russell, Kansas*

John and Dixie Lee Thompson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM