



Mark Allen Coats

May 30, 1942 - February 24, 2013

----- Mark Allen Coats, age 70, of Crossroads, Texas, passed away Sunday, February 24, 2013 in Denton, Texas. He was born May 30, 1942 to Walter Edward and Mary Gladys Flannagan Coats in Prescott, Arizona. He married Elaine P. Waloski, November 17, 1962 in Brooklyn, New York. Mark was a retired mechanic and a US Navy Veteran. Visitation will be Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm at the Slay Memorial Funeral Center in Aubrey with a service to follow at 7:30pm. The Rev. Luther Slay will officiate. Burial with honors will be at the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery. Mark is survived by his wife, Elaine of Crossroads; son, Mark and wife Christy Coats of Sanger; daughters, Debra and husband Sam Foster of Pilot Point, Elizabeth and husband Wes Masch of Smithtown, New York; grandchildren, Christopher Black, Amanda Foster, Wesley Masch, and Colton Masch; mother, Mary Coats of San Diego, California; sisters, Linda Ellis of Phoenix, Arizona and Marilyn Okleberry also of Phoenix. He is preceded in death by his father, Walter and one brother, Edward Coats. Memorials may be made to the North Texas Humane Society 1840 E. Lancaster Ave, Ft. Worth Texas 76103. On-line condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall

LD

“ Dear Elaine and family. I don't know if you remember me, Lynn Plagge Montgomery, from Prescott. We met I think in 1972 at a family reunion in Prescott at Mary Gladis' home. I remarried in 1975 to Jim Dunham. I have wonderful memories of running around with Linda, Mark, Eddie, and Marilyn as kids. Mary took us to Walnut Canyon one day and we had such a fun time. I am really saddened to read of Mark's and Eddie's deaths! I wish the best for you and your families. I'm so sorry I never got to know you as a family. My husband, Jim, died last fall.

Lynn Plagge Dunham - April 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Elaine, Debra, Sam, Mark, Christy, Elizabeth, Chris, Amanda and the rest of the family and friends of Mark. I am very sorry for your loss. I knew Mark for just a few short years, and I loved the man. He was a strong man. A great father to his children. For me, he was briefly my Father in-law. He was someone that touched my heart and knowing him for my short time has always been appreciated. I am very sorry the world lost this wonderful person, but I am very happy to have known him and know that the people who knew him will have many fond memories. Liz - on a personal note, I know he meant the world to you, and I can only manage how hard this loss is for you. Hugs and love to you always.

John Loria - June 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Happy Birthday Dad. We miss you.

May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Elaine and family, I so enjoyed working with Mark (Coats, as I called him), for many years with the City. He was always helpful to me and gave me a lot of good advise (like just answer the question, don't go into details that may get you in trouble)... Mark and his laugh and smile will be missed by all. Your family is in our thoughts and Prayers, Linda Etgen (former Fleet Secretary with the City of Grapevine)*

Texas

February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mark, your laugh....that all out, joyous laugh, that is what I think of when I think of you. You were never afraid to smile and share a story. You are already missed by so many, including us. Elaine, Debra, Mark, and Elizabeth, your loss is tremendous and we share in the mourning of a very special person. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Vickie Rosson - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ It saddens me deeply Big Mark you're no longer with us I remember all the times you were there for advice are just to have a laugh and a beer. The good times whether it was riding horses ,BBQ ,cooking chilli and even haulen hay or cuttin fire wood. the birthday gatherings whether your'es our mine you always made that extra effort to make it an event. You will be missed my friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to The Coats family

Tildon Bullard - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Mark, you will always have a place in my heart. My memories of you have always be wonderful. Thank you for being an inspiration.

Trina Herren - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Elaine, Debra, Mark, and Elizabeth, The passing of such a great man, husband, father and friend leaves an unfillable hole in our lives. Thanks for the memories. My prayers are with you all.

Donalee Strickland-Ledoux - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Mark, you were a great friend, a caring person and a good neighbor. We will miss you more than i can put into words. Hope you are having a Coors Light !

Dave Meek - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dad, you have always been and always will be my hero. Whenever anything was going wrong in my life I always knew you had my back. I will never forget your outlook on life, and I still believe that you can rope the moon.*

February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mark what a pleasure it has been to know you. You added so much to my life by allowing me to be a part of yours. It all started with me wanting to visit and feed Mother and Auntie M - from that we became friends. You opened your heart and home to me and I will miss you terribly. I know it may make others sad, but I am adding a picture I took of you a few months ago as we sat in your workshop talking. I found Mother and Auntie M and plan on going to visit them this weekend. I will give them a big hug for you.*

Kathy Sutton - February 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mark it has been a privilege to have known you. Since I married your daughter Debra, you always treated me like family. In the last year you have shown us how courageous a man you were while fighting mesothelioma. This terrible disease may have defeated your body, but we know your spirit is undefeated. I love and will miss you. Now go rest high on the mountain.*

Sam Foster - February 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mark you will be missed.*

February 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Big Mark, you were always there when I needed you. You raised me as your own, and taught me how to be a gentleman. I can only hope that I can be half of the man you were. The world is now lesser place without you. You will forever be in my heart, and will always be my Buppy. I love you so very much, and I know you will always be with me.*

Chris Black - February 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Dad, you are my hero, and one of the toughest people I have ever known. I love you and will miss you tremendously.*

Debra Foster - February 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM