



C. Clement "Clem" Coats

May 31, 1922 - May 6, 2016

C. Clement "Clem" Coats, 93, of Roodhouse passed away Friday, May 6, 2016, in White Hall. He was born, May 31, 1922, in Aalsey, the son of Cecil C. and Beulah Haney Coats. He married Helen Kennedy, Dec. 21, 1946, in Roodhouse. She preceded him in death, Aug. 16, 1990.

Surviving are two sons, Stephen D. (Brenda) Coats of Lansing, KS and David W. Coats of Naples, FL; two grandsons, Benjamin and Jonathan Coats; and one brother, Kenneth Coats of Springfield.

Clem graduated from Winchester High School in 1939 and from Illinois College in 1947. He interrupted his college education to enlist in the United States Army during World War II. He served in both the 82nd Airborne and 101st Airborne Divisions.

Mr. Coats and his wife owned and operated Coats Variety Store in Roodhouse from 1954-1984. After they retired as retail merchants, Clem worked for the US Postal Service and retired a second time on December 31, 2000.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Roodhouse, where he served in various roles, including Sunday school teacher and choir member. He was active elsewhere in the community serving as a Mason, Rotarian, and a member of the Combined Veterans Ceremonial Team.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 9, 2016, at the Daws Family Funeral Home in Roodhouse. The family will meet friends Sunday from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Masonic services will be held Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Interment will be in the Murrayville City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church of Roodhouse.

Cemetery Details

Murrayville City Cemetery

Murrayville, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daws Family Funeral Home - Roodhouse
202 West Franklin
Roodhouse, IL 62082
(217) 589-4311
mackeydawsfuneralhome@yahoo.com

Masonic Service

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MAY 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *C. Clement "Clem" Coats*

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *Steve and Dave,*

I have so many memories of your dad and mom from the years of knowing them through church and the dime store, and then the post office. Mom enjoyed working at the dime store, and as mom grew older I know your dad kept his eye on how she was doing since I had moved away.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

Pat (Reynolds) Jones

Pat Reynolds Jones - May 13, 2016 at 12:02 PM



“ *Our thoughts are with you,*

JoAnn Chumley and The All Occassions Staff



JoAnn Chumley - May 10, 2016 at 09:21 AM

BM

“ Steve,
Sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a great guy. He always asked how things were going and how was I doing when I saw him.
Bob Moulton

Bob Moulton - May 09, 2016 at 12:22 PM

SC

“ Clem is probably remembered by most kids of the 70's as the man at the dime store. I had the pleasure of getting to know him when he worked at the Roodhouse Post Office. What I can say is that he was a man to be admired- honest, kind, intelligent, well-mannered, and someone to be admired.

Stephanie Strain Crabtree - May 08, 2016 at 08:45 PM



“ Michele Hall lit a candle in memory of C. Clement "Clem" Coats



Michele Hall - May 07, 2016 at 10:03 PM



So sorry he's gone! He seemed like a nice man, always friendly! My condolences to the whole family for your loss! :-)

Michele Hall - May 07, 2016 at 10:04 PM

CL

Remembèr going in the Roodhouse store during Jr. High and High School. Went to school with his Sons. Carole West Proffer Lonergan

carole West Lonergan - May 08, 2016 at 01:30 PM

JF

“ Clem was our neighbor and our friend for over 30 years when we lived in Roodhouse. We are sorry for your loss. John, Pat, Susan and Cindy Finnell

John Finnell - May 07, 2016 at 03:56 PM

KC

“ Dear Dave and Steve,
We were so sorry to hear of your father's death yesterday when Joy Wood called to tell us the sad news. We have fond memories of the many times we were with your family when we lived across the street from you. Throughout the years, long after we left Roodhouse, we have stayed in touch. We are sorry we will be unable to attend the funeral, but will send a memorial to the church. You will be in our thoughts.
Love, Lil Colwell, Kathy, Bill, and Mary Jo.

Kathy Colwell - May 07, 2016 at 03:44 PM

CS

“ I grew up I Roodhouse and remember Mr Coats very well. I was so sorry to hear of his passing and my sympathies go to his family. He was a very, very nice man to everyone.

Conni Fox Smith - May 07, 2016 at 11:01 AM



“ He was a wonderful man!!! Cousins on my Dad's side and he shared family stories with me at the library years ago. He was so kind and helpful. I will cherish the memories. He was a cheerful person always with a smile and hand shake. I will miss him. So sorry for his family you will be in my prayers.



Joy Graves - May 07, 2016 at 10:44 AM