



## Arizona B (Koonce) Coates

December 24, 1921 - February 9, 2013

Arizona B (Koonce) Coates, 91 of Waynesville, MO, a United States Navy veteran and retired Civil Service employee, passed away Saturday, February 9, 2013 at Mercy Clinic of St. Robert, MO.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 15, 2013 in the Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 14, 2013 in the funeral home.

Mrs. Coates is survived by two sons: Les Coates of San Diego, CA and William L. Coates, Sr. of Lebanon, MO; one sister: Elsie Frazier of Kansas City, MO; one brother: Nelson Koonce of Fouke, AR; two grandchildren; four great grandchildren; six nieces; two nephews; other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Waynesville Memorial Park

Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W.  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6111  
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

## Graveside Service

FEB 15. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery  
Waynesville, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arizona B (Koonce) Coates*

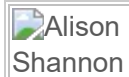
January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *SARA JONES lit a candle in memory of  
Arizona B (Koonce) Coates*



**SARA JONES** - October 12, 2013 at 04:43 PM



“ *I am so very blessed with such a wonderful grandma, she has been a inspiration to me thru out the years! I have very fond memories of her and enjoyed camping and fishing with her and grandpa. Grandma was blessed to be able to live at home, which was her goal. She was a very independent and determined lady! She will be greatly missed!*

**Alison Shannon** - February 17, 2013 at 10:08 PM

RR

“ In memory of my Great Aunt and Navy Family. I Always enjoyed the story of her and her running mate when she was stationed here in DC. She is and always will be a great woman. "Fair Winds and Following Seas"; Love and Miss you Aunt Zona B. CE1(SCW) Ret. Robert D. Rowton, Roxy, Audra and Joshua Noone



Robert D Rowton - February 16, 2013 at 02:01 PM

MS

“ To the family of Arizona, I have know Arizona for many years and I am deeply saddened by her passing. The Pulaski County Museum has a photo of her in Navy uniform, her garrison hat, and her Honorable Discharge which she donated. There is also a photo of her son, US Navy, and they both sit side by side. I remember one day she came to visit and asked if she could take her hat and she did. She was making her funeral arrangements and wanted the Navy insignia to be on her paperwork. I pray that the Lord will hold you close at this difficult time. I will visit with her one more time at visitation.

Marge Scott, Past Curator/PCM

Marge Scott - February 13, 2013 at 11:47 AM

MS

“ Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of Arizona B (Koonce) Coates



Marge Scott - February 13, 2013 at 09:49 AM

MS

*The family of Arizona, it is with deep sadness that I write my condolences as I have known Arizona for many years. Her photo when she was in the Navy, her garrison hat, and her Honorable Discharge certificate are in the Pulaski County Museum. Also, a photo of her son that retired from the Navy. I have both photo's side by side. I remember one day she came in and asked for her hat because she was going to the funeral home to take care of her funeral arrangements and wanted to make sure the Navy insignia would be correct as it was part of her funeral. I will visit with her one more time and hope to see the Navy insignia. She passed away on 9 Feburary which is my birthday. Please find comfort in knowing that the Lord has his arms around you at this heartfelt time. God Bless you all. Marge Scott, Past Curator of PCM*

**Marge Scott** - February 13, 2013 at 10:08 AM



“ You will be greatly missed, Aunt B!  
Love,  
The Crumleys



**Kristy Crumley** - February 12, 2013 at 08:50 AM

MS

“ Marlin Stevens lit a candle in memory of  
Arizona B (Koonce) Coates



**Marlin Stevens** - February 12, 2013 at 08:04 AM

GK

“ I remember the dollar she sent for my birthday growing up. I was glad to get it (It was worth more back then.) I remember our vacation to Missouri and Illinois when I was 13. Uncle Leonard showed off his water skiing skills and they took us to the St. Louis Zoo. I remember my last two trips to Waynesville--one from Branson and one from a basketball game in Springfield. We brought granddaughter who is now 10. She was about 3 then. Most of all I remember the phone calls I made to her in the past few years on weekends a couple of times a month. She had the work ethic she was raised to have. She was proud to have served her country in the military. Try putting Arizona Koonce in a word search on the internet and see how she served her country in what was then a top secret project. She was proud of her heritage, especially her mother (my grandmother). I will miss my Aunt Zona B.

*Her nephew--Gerrald Koonce*

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**Gerrald Alvin Koonce** - February 11, 2013 at 11:18 PM

PC

“ Patricia Crumley lit a candle in memory of Arizona B (Koonce) Coates



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**Patricia Crumley** - February 11, 2013 at 11:12 PM

PC

“ *It's hard to lose someone that's been there for you your entire life. I'll sure miss my Aunt Bea!* ”

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**Patricia Crumley** - February 11, 2013 at 11:11 PM

NK

“ *My husband, Gerrald A. Koonce is Aunt Arizona B's nephew. We were able to visit her when we went to some AAU games held in Mo. One of those trips, we took our granddaughter Wynter Grace with us when Wynter was around 2 or 3. We will miss her and cherish her memory. Gerrald and Nora Koonce* ”

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**Nora Koonce** - February 11, 2013 at 09:28 PM

NK

“ *Nora Koonce lit a candle in memory of Arizona B (Koonce) Coates* ”



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**Nora Koonce** - February 11, 2013 at 09:24 PM