



## Mr. Samuel "Ward" Coats Jr.

June 13, 1932 - January 30, 2025

Mr. Samuel "Ward" Coats, Jr., age 92, of Shelbyville, passed away Thursday, January 30, 2025.

Funeral services will be 2 PM Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Brother Jimmy Kesey will be officiating. Burial, with full military honors, will follow at Rosebank Cemetery in Flat Creek.

Visitation will be 4 PM until 8 PM Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at the funeral home.

Ward was born, June 13, 1932 in Shelbyville, TN, to the late Samuel Ward Coats, Sr. and Birdie Mae Overcast Coats. He was a member of the National Guard for 20 years, and retired from the service in 1969. He enjoyed farming and spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy "Dot" Rich Coats, and a granddaughter, Renee Gentry McCormick.

He is survived by his two daughters, Brenda (Graham) Bland of Wartrace, and Melissa (Paul) Tibbs of Manchester; one son, Samuel Ward (Gena) Coats, III, of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Jason Gentry, Sameul Coats IV, Laquitta Curry, Cathy Blindt, and Robert DeLuca III, and fourteen great grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel  
2022 North Main St.  
Shelbyville, TN 37160  
(931) 684-8356  
feldhausgowensmith@gmail.com  
<http://feldhausgowensmith.com/>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

MA

“ Melina A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Samuel "Ward" Coats Jr..

Melina A. - February 05, 2025 at 10:34 AM

AT

“ He was a family man to look up to. He raised some amazing kids and lived a full life. I wish I had known him better.

Azalia May Taylor - February 04, 2025 at 05:16 PM

SF

“ Serinto family purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Mr. Samuel "Ward" Coats Jr..



Serinto family - February 01, 2025 at 12:53 PM

LD

“ Mr. Ward was an honorable man. He was brought into my life by his daughter Missi when I was 4 years old. I spent many nights in Flat Creek running around their farm. He was a big part of my life growing up. He will be missed by so many. Fly high, Sir!

Lyn Wessner Dowd - February 01, 2025 at 08:11 AM

CG

“ Cheri and Jerry Grissom purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Samuel "Ward" Coats Jr..



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**Cheri and Jerry Grissom** - January 31, 2025 at 05:52 PM

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**Cheri and Jerry Grissom** - January 31, 2025 at 05:52 PM