



## Gene Maret Coates

September 24, 1928 - March 20, 2024

Mr. Gene Maret Coates, 95, of Tulsa and formerly of Bartlesville, died at 9:12 A.M. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at Beehive - Glenpool.

Mr. Coates was born in Welch, Oklahoma on September 24, 1928, the son of John and May Coates. He grew up in the Ketchum area where he graduated from Ketchum High School. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1950 and after basic training served in Korea. Upon return he served in the United States Army Reserve until his honorable discharge in 1956.

He began work with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as a lineman in 1952. He was subsequently promoted to installer and finally to switchman where he remained until his retirement in 1986.

He was married to Joyce Irene Gray on October 21, 1950, in Arkansas. They made their home in Bartlesville until they moved to Tulsa in 2007.

Mr. Coates is survived by two daughters, Cheryl Kelsey and husband John of Georgetown, Texas and Gayla Strauser and husband Charlie of Tulsa, Oklahoma, five grandchildren, Jonya Williams, Krislyn Mann, Justin Hamilton, Laura Hightower and Jenna Tyler and eleven great grandchildren, Louisa Williams, Lillian Williams, Henry Mann, Jocelyn Mann, Madison Tyler, Austin Tyler, Kinsey Tyler, Rohland Hightower, Spencer Hightower, Aubrie Hamilton and Hanna Hamilton. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and two brothers.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gene Maret Coates.* ”



---

March 22, 2024 at 02:01 PM