



## Bertha "Jean" Regina Coates

January 22, 1948 - August 12, 2021

Bertha "Jean" Regina Coates, 73, of La Plata, MD died on August 12, 2021 at the University of MD Charles Regional Medical Center, La Plata, MD.

Jean was born on January 22, 1948 in Baltimore MD, to the late Margaret V. Payne.

Jean was an administrative Assistant at the Administrative Office of the US Courts. After retiring she became a care taker to her very dear friend Beth and her mother in-law Mary. She was dedicated to her job and most importantly her family.

In addition to her mother, she is preceded in death by her in-laws, James R. and Mary C. Coates, great-grandchild, Briar Anderson Bennett, three siblings, and her long-time special friend Beth Bowling.

Jean is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, James R. Coates, Jr., daughters; BJ Bennett and her husband Rich, and Betsy Chase and her husband Brad, grandchildren; Jordin Bennett and her significant other Zach Borrer, and Morgin Miller and her husband Joey, brother, James McGill, sister, Denise Reavis and her husband Tom, sister in-law Sharon Zdobysz and her husband Mike, and several nieces and nephews. Jean was excited to welcome a great-grandchild Rowan Cypress Miller in December, 2021.

Family and friends will be received on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 9:30 AM, until time of service at 11:30 AM, at Raymond Funeral Service, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Gardens, Waldorf, MD.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Jean's name are asked to, Victory Junction, 4500 Adams Way, Randleman, NC 27317.

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Memorial Gardens

3165 Mattawoman Beantown Rd.  
Waldorf, MD 20601  
<http://trinitymemorialgardens.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bertha "Jean" Regina Coates*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Bertha "Jean" Regina Coates*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *I worked with Jean at the Administrative Office of the US Courts in the General Counsels Office. She was the first person to interview me for the job. We went on to establish a good working relationship until her retirement. My condolences and prayers to the family. Liza Dupree*

**Liza Dupree** - August 20, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bertha "Jean" Regina Coates.*



August 19, 2021 at 05:16 PM

PP

“ *Patty Gunde Poole purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Bertha "Jean" Regina Coates.*



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**Patty Gunde Poole** - August 19, 2021 at 11:27 AM

JF

“ *Jessie and Ryan Forrest purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Bertha "Jean" Regina Coates.*



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**Jessie and Ryan Forrest** - August 19, 2021 at 08:34 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Bertha "Jean" Regina Coates.*



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August 17, 2021 at 05:55 PM

AP

“ *Jeannie ,will miss you so much miss seeing your smiles and hearing your voice when you call Bobby BJ and Besty you have my deepest sympathy.love and God Bless Ann and family.*

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**Ann Proctor** - August 16, 2021 at 07:14 PM

MB

“ When I joined the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts in 1983 Jean was one of the first people I met. She introduced me to the General Counsel staff and told me, "Don't worry, they're just a bunch of lawyers, they won't bite." During the next 20 years I never saw her in a bad mood. She was always cheerful and ready to look on the bright side. My condolences to all of her family and friends; I know she will be greatly missed.

*Michael Burke*  
*Fountain Hills, Arizona*

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**Michael Burke** - August 16, 2021 at 05:27 PM

JE

*I worked with Jean at the Administrative Office of the US Courts. Jean was one of the first of staff that I met outside of my office. Jean welcomed me to the AO and was always so kind and helpful - she knew the organization inside/out and could tell you exactly which office handled servers issue. My condolences and prayers are with the family. Janette Evans-Lee*

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**Janette Evans-Lee** - August 21, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Bertha "Jean" Regina Coates.



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August 16, 2021 at 12:10 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Bertha "Jean" Regina Coates.*



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August 16, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ *The Zdobysz Family purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Bertha "Jean" Regina Coates.*



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**The Zdobysz Family** - August 15, 2021 at 11:43 AM



“ *This is so very sad. I have never known anyone more loving,loyal,decent,selfless and kind.Jeannie was a dear and much loved friend of our family for many years. Her devotion and above and beyond caring for my sister,Beth left me humbled. Although weary and tired herself,she would dismiss any thanks or concerns,she truly was a saint. Her kind,gentle and caring demeanor calmed and comforted. Her loyalty was inspiring. She was truly a gift to all.*

*I know she will be missed and grieved by many. We were lucky to have had her in our lives. I can only imagine the joy,smiles and laughter of those presceeding her upon her arrival.I know there was much joy and celebration!*

*RIP dear,sweet,caring Jeannie.*

*Anne Brooke Bowling  
Hollywood,Maryland*

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**Anne Brooke Bowling** - August 14, 2021 at 07:37 PM

BL

“ From the day I first set foot in OGC in 1983 until her retirement 20 years later, Jeannie was the heart and soul of the office. She worked not only for the General Counsel personally, but also supported all the attorneys and staff in the office. She was able to resolve questions or problems of any kind, always with a smile and cheerful word. John's story about her tripping over a phone call is classic Jeanie.

*But more important than her professional contributions were her personal ones. She understood the primacy of family, and was always happy to share news about Bobby and the girls, and eager to hear about all of our families' comings and goings. She was also selfless and giving, as demonstrated by the many nights she spent caring for Beth Bowling in her final days.*

*I am so sorry that I will not be able to attend her funeral next week, but please know that she will always have a special place in my heart.*

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**Bob Loesche** - August 14, 2021 at 03:38 PM

AM

“ Jean was always kind and helpful in helping me with my work at the Administrative Office. I was never reluctant to ask her help because I knew that I would get a pleasant response. May she Rest In Peace.

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**Abel Mattos** - August 14, 2021 at 01:22 PM

PW

“ Regina and I went to school together, got our first job together, and shared our first apartment together. Regina always wrote the most beautiful cards, she had a way with saying just the right words. She was a beautiful person inside and out. She was like a sister to me.

*I feel blessed to have known her.*

*Patsy (Blackburn) Welch*

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**Patsy Welch** - August 14, 2021 at 10:24 AM

JS

*I ditto everything Parsy wrote. Classmates, first job together at thr National Archives and apartment together. How innocent the three of us were and how wonderful the memories. Regina not only wrote those beautiful words but she meant every word she said. We were brought together by circumstance, but remain bonded together for eternity. She was truely an angel on earth. Until we meet again. Janey Walters Swanson*

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**Jane Swanson** - August 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JC

“ Back in the days of primitive telephone "conference calls," Jeanie spent over 30 minutes setting up the electronics and connecting all the remote participants to those of us in the conference room at the Administrative Office in DC. After several tries, she had the whole shebang up and running... and then, as she turned to leave the room, she tripped over the phone cord and tore it out of the wall.

*As I recall, she laughed... then set the whole thing up all over again!*

*Just a funny, fond memory. Rest in peace, Jeanie.*

*John Chastain*

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**John Chastain** - August 13, 2021 at 10:50 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Bertha "Jean" Regina Coates.



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August 13, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ *Jean was the most kind, sweet, considerate person I have ever known. I am so fortunate to have known her and worked with her at the AOUSC (Administrative Office of the United States Courts). Jean helped me on many occasions, going as far as mentoring me when I was a new employee. Best of all, she became a good friend. I will miss her daily and she will remain in my heart forever. I wish peace and comfort to her family. May happy and loving memories sustain you in your time of grief.*

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**Sandy (Sandra) Schwarz** - August 13, 2021 at 04:43 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart* was purchased for the family of Bertha "Jean" Regina Coates.



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August 13, 2021 at 03:51 PM