

I Barry Lynn Coates was born on May 23 1969 to Barry and Nancy Coates. Although from the age of six months I was raised by my grandparents Clyde and Edith Coates. My grandfather was a prisoner of war in World War II and gave me my love of the military.

During high school I was in the ROTC and was the captain of the rifle team. I graduated from North Central High School in 1988. After school I went to work at Spring Textile Manufacturing Company in November 1988 where I was employed until I joined the Army in February of 1990. After my wife gave birth to my first son in December of 1990. After getting injured in basic training I was discharged and returned to work at the mill. After nine years I worked at Spring Textile Manufacturing Company until the plant closed.

Then I worked many other jobs including pawn shops, selling used cars, mobile homes and many other sale jobs and during these times I welcomed two other sons into this world. The last job I had before I was disabled was driving trucks. I have seen a lot of this wonderful country and have been blessed to do so.

December 13, 2011 I married my high school sweetheart and now have a total of five children of four boys and one girl, they in return have blessed my life with four beautiful grandchildren of two boys and two girls.

Sincerely,

Barry Lynn Coates