



Robert Coats

September 29, 1935 - February 28, 2011

Robert \"Big Bob\" Coats, 75 of Ardmore, Tennessee died on Monday, February 28, 2011, at Ardmore on Main in Ardmore, Tennessee. Born Sunday, September 29, 1935 in Elkmont, Alabama, he was the son of the late Charley Coats and the late Myrtle Hamby Coats. He was a lifelong resident of the Elkmont area and was a member of Elkwood Baptist Church. He loved fishing, hunting for arrowheads, and just being outdoors. Surviving are sisters: Gladys Dunn of Elkmont, AL, Jennie Rogers of Elkmont, AL, and Peggy Colwell of Elkmont, AL. There will be no public services planned.

Tribute Wall

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“ *When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too;*

*But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand,*

*And said my place was ready,
In heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.*

*But as I turned to walk away,
A tear fell from my eye
For all my life, I'd always thought,
I didn't want to die.*

*I had so much to live for,
So much left yet to do,
It almost seemed impossible*

That I was leaving you.

*I thought of all the yesterdays,
The good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared,
And all the fun we had.*

*If I could relive yesterday,
Just even for a while,
I'd say good-bye and kiss you
And maybe see you smile.*

*But then I fully realized,
That this could never be,
For emptiness and memories,
Would take the place of me.*

*And when I thought of worldly things,
I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did,
My heart was filled with sorrow.*

*But when I walked through Heavens Gates,
I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me,
From His great golden throne,*

*He said, "This is eternity,
And all I've promised you.
Today your life on earth is past,
But here life starts anew.*

I promise no tomorrow,

*But today will always last,
And since each day's the same way
There's no longing for the past.*

*You have been so faithful,
So trusting and so true.
Though there were times you did some things
You knew you shouldn't do.*

*But you have been forgiven
And now at last you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand
And share my life with me?"*

*So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart.*

I am so sorry. My Dad has been gone close to 10 years. I came across this poem and the more I read it, the more it helps. This poem , since I found it, has been sent to all states, some overseas countries, read at services, put in frames for the family, and even on headstones. I pray it will comfort you and your family , as much as it has helped us . God bless and keep you strong and safe. I am so sorry.. Janice Tomerlin-Finley

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