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INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF  
GLOVER L. COATS**

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**WHEREAS**, his hard work and dedication were recognized and rewarded as an employee of the United States Post Office on several occasions as well as from the Orange City Schools where he received an Employee of the Year award. Even after retirement, he continued to be active by working as a groundkeeper and caddy at the Canterbury Golf Club in Shaker Heights, Ohio as spending time outdoors brought him great joy; and

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**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approved by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: January 12 2021  
Debra L. Hladky  
Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

Johnnie A. Warren  
Johnnie A. Warren, President of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor January 13. 2021

Approved: January 15 2021  
Gary J. Gottschalk  
Mayor – Gary J. Gottschalk

I, Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2021-02 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 12 day of January 2020.

Debra L. Hladky  
Clerk of Council

#### POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Resolution 2021-02 was duly posted on the 15 day of January 2020 and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers and in not less than (5) of the most public places in the municipality as determined by the Council of the said Village.

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Council President Johnnie A. Warren

Council-at-Large Elaine Y. Gaither

Councilperson Ward 1 Chris Callender

Councilperson Ward 2 Eloise Hardin

Councilperson Ward 3 Melanie Sanders

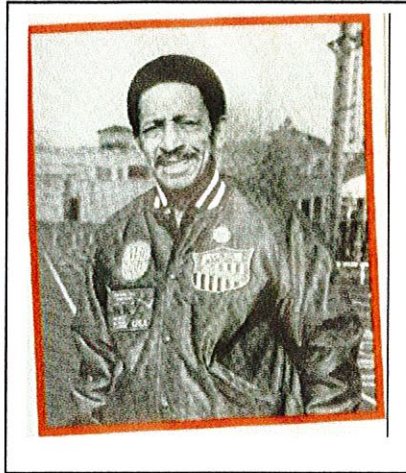
Councilperson Ward 4 Patricia Rogers

Councilperson Ward 5 Candace Williams





Ward 1



Glover L Coats 1938-2020

Age 81, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 12, 2020. Devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend of many. Wake Saturday, December 19th, 9:30 am at the E. F. Boyd & Son Funeral Home, 25900 Emery Rd. followed by the Celebration of Life service at 10 am. Family Visitation Friday, December 18th, 3-6 pm at the funeral home. Proud US Marine Corps

Korean War Veteran. [www.efboyd.com](http://www.efboyd.com)



E. F. Boyd & Son Inc.

Reggie Coats

216.316.2505

26380 Morning Glory.

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### MEMORIAL EVENTS

#### Wake Dec 19

09:30 AM

[E. F. Boyd & Son Funeral Home](http://www.efboyd.com)

[Send Flowers](#)

#### Celebration of Life Dec 19

10:00 AM

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[Send Flowers](#)

Funeral services provided by

[E. F. Boyd & Son Funeral Home](http://www.efboyd.com)

[25900 Emery Rd](http://www.efboyd.com)

[Warrensville Heights, OH 44128](http://www.efboyd.com)

[\(216\) 831-7906](http://www.efboyd.com)

*In Loving Memory  
Of  
Trustee Grever Coats*



Sunrise  
11/19/1938

Sunset  
12/12/2020

Wake 9:30A.M.

Saturday, December 19, 2020

Service 10:00A.M.

E. F. Boyd & Son Funeral Home  
25900 Emery Road  
Warrensville Heights, OH 44128

*Rev. Dr. George O. Stewart, Officiating*

## *~~Order Of Service~~*

9:30 A.M. Family Hour

December 19, 2020

10:00A.M. Service

Rev. Dr. George O. Stewart, Officiating

Organ Prelude

Processional

Family and Friends

Scripture Old & New Testament

Rev. Ricardo Peoples

Prayer

Rev. Dr. George O. Stewart

Musical Selection

Acknowledgments & Resolutions

Special Remarks Over The Hill Track Club Representative

Remarks (limit to 2 minutes)

Friends and Family

Obituary

Read Silently

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Reginald Coats

Recessional



## *Obituary*

*Grover Lee Coats* was born on November 19, 1938 to the late Grover and Everlena Coats and grew up in Gadsden (Turkey Town), Alabama. Filled with energy and blessed with speedy athleticism, he grew to develop a passion for playing baseball and specialized in tracking down and catching long-hit baseballs from center field. His love for baseball eventually led to the development of a love of a different kind as Bernice caught his attention while sitting under a shade tree at Forest Hill Park in Cleveland, Ohio.

As their relationship flourished, Grover took Bernice to her high school prom and eventually asked her to marry him. In February of 1971, the couple joined Zion Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where Grover would later serve as a faithful Trustee. Through Grover and Bernice's union, the Lord brought Angela and Reginald into His world. Grover and Bernice taught their children about the Lord and grew spiritually with them as they attended Zion Chapel. Angela and Reginald also came to the point of putting their faith in Jesus Christ for forgiveness and the gift of God's salvation. Grover delighted in treating the family to either ice cream at the ice cream place (Binky's) or a delicious dinner at York Steakhouse after service each week.

A second-to-none work ethic was readily apparent in all that Grover did, which includes: honorably serving in this country's Marine Corps, competing in track and field events such as the 100, 200, and 400 meter dash, pentathlons, relays, hurdles, and the long and triple jump as a member of the Over The Hill Track Club. He won national championships in some of his events. His hard work and dedication were recognized and rewarded as an employee of the United States Post Office on several occasions as well as from Orange City Schools, where he received an employee of the year award.

Years after moving to Ohio, Grover learned that through a previous marriage union, the Lord had brought into His world another son, Gregory, who had also served admirably in the Marine Corps and shared a passion for track and field. Some of their best times together were at track meets in Cleveland as well as different cities throughout the country.

Grover was the second oldest of four dear siblings: Berta Hughes (Nathaniel Sr.), Clarence (Mildred) Coats, Forrest Coats and Frances (Joseph) Huff. Their love and support of one another was essential as God shaped each of their lives.

Later in life, Grover found new friends, working as a groundkeeper and caddy at the Canterbury Golf Club in Shaker Heights, Ohio. Staying active and being outdoors brought him great joy, which the Lord affectionately used him to pass on to others!

Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family