

*Home Going Celebration for  
Willie-Bell Coleman*

*"Mother Coleman"*



*Sunrise*  
June 4, 1925

*Sunset*  
July 22, 2015

*Service*

Friday, July 31, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

*New Ephesus Baptist Church*

175 Brookwood Avenue • East Orange, New Jersey

**Reverend John Shore, Jr., Officiating**

## *Obituary*

**Willie-Bell Coleman** (“**Mother Coleman**”) was born June 4, 1925 in Dublin, Georgia to Willie Jones and Lizzie Jones. Mother Coleman accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She joined New Ephesus Baptist Church as one of the **Original Members** of the church in 1958.

**Mother Coleman** proudly attended and completed high school, while her oldest granddaughter, Yvonne, was also attending high school. She continued her education at Essex County College. Mother Coleman was employed by University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey for over twenty-five years, until the time of her retirement. She resided in the City of Newark for most of her adult life.

**Mother Coleman** was a doting Mother to her only child, Elizabeth. The mother-daughter bond was unique and unbreakable. Anyone who knew Mother Coleman would tell you that her daughter and grandchildren were the apple of her eye.

**Mother Coleman** was very active in her community. She served as District Leader in the Central Ward of Newark. In the 1960’s, she was also active in the Civil Rights movement, where she participated in the historic March on Washington. Although she was proud to serve her community, both locally and beyond, she was **most** proud to serve the Lord. Any of her remaining children would tell you that she was the exact same person on Sunday and every other day in between.

**Mother Coleman** was the mother of one daughter, the late Elizabeth Jean Ballard. She was the Grandmother of the late Elizabeth Yvonne Evans and the late Yakima E. Ballard. She was the sister of the late(s) Alzeta, Nettie Mae, Bessie Kate and Willie Marcel. She was also the mother-in-law of the late Thomas Sim Ballard.

**Mother Coleman** leaves to cherish her memory: **three grandchildren**, Twanda Floyd, Terry Willenia Floyd and Tosheia Nichelle Ballard, Esq.; **thirteen great-grandchildren**, Ayeisha, Kalief, Omar, Arkeia, Jamar, Khalea, Quianah, Jhakeyda, Shaquanah, Safiyah, Zakiyah, Bashei and Yahkeem; **twenty great-great-grandchildren**, Briana, Khamar, Rasaan, Al-Shaquan, Nigel, Keziah, Iviana, Jaziah, Khamyah, Jordan, Kaliana, Shah, Zion, Leilani, Jaden, Kaya, Shawn, Kylie, Justin and Olivia; **Godson**, Anthony Hunter; several nieces and nephews; **Honorary son**, Deacon Lawrence Waters; **Honorary daughter**, Deaconess Katie L. Waters; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Officiating

Processional

Congregational Hymn

Scriptural Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

The Selection.....New Ephesus Baptist Choir

Words to the Family.....Tosheia N. Ballard, Esq.

Acknowledgements/Obituary

Solo.....Deaconess Katie L. Waters

Eulogy

Closing Prayer

The Recessional

## Interment

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

*\*Repast will be held at New Ephesus Baptist Church*



## *Psalm 23*

*The LORD Is My Shepherd  
A Psalm of David*

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth  
me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he  
leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's  
sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod  
and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table  
before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest  
my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness  
and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I  
will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

## *Autumn Rain*

*Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there; I do  
not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the  
diamond glints on snow, I am the sun on ripened grain, I  
am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the  
morning's hush I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds  
in circling flight. I am the soft star-shine at night. Do not  
stand at my grave and cry, I am not there; I did not die.*

*~Mary Frye~*

*Rest in peace eternal, Grandmother!  
We will always love you!*

*\*Selected by great-granddaughters,  
Safiyah & Zakiyah*

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family of the late **Willie-Bell Coleman** (“**Mother Coleman**”) acknowledges with sincere appreciation the kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their hour of bereavement. May God bless each of you!*

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