

*Celebration
of Life
for*



James Ralph Coley
"Rattlesnake"

Sunrise
August 5, 1934

Sunset
May 3, 2016

Reflections of Life

James Ralph “Rattle Snake” Coley, GOD created man and woman to multiply. In the mist of this blessing Jim (Joseph) Allen and Rose Coley was blessed with a beautiful, light brown eyed baby boy James. James was born on August 5, 1934 in Cochran, GA. One early morning OUR LORD and Savior returned to receive our dearly beloved James Ralph Coley into eternal rest on May 3, 2016.

James received his education through the Cochran School system. James was the youngest African American Male to obtain his driving license in Cochran, GA. He was so proud of this.

James spoke of how brutal racism was growing, voluntarily enlisted in the United States Army. He served in the Korean War. Leaving the physical realities of war behind, emotionally war left its footprints in his life. He never forgot his experiences and often in our presence spoke of lost and wounded friends; and Thanked the LORD for bringing him home. James spent time in Chicago, and NYC but he made his permanent home in Paterson, NJ; where he resided for sixty-one years. He worked as a tractor trailer driver and retired as a NJ Transit Bus Driver. A man who’s work ethic was “A MAN WHO DOESN’T WORK DOESN’T EAT” continued on into his retirement. James worked as a driver for the Paterson School system. He also could be found serving as a Private Armed Security Guard.

James’s passions were fishing, gun and knife collecting and shopping. He shopped by phone mostly ordering through catalogs. His is known for his gadgets, tricks, and comedic costumes. He enjoyed making people laugh. He was known for his Manly and Blunt demeanor. “Telling it like it is”. He did not bite his tongue. James was best known for his Cowboy boots and they were a part of his daily attire. He enjoyed old western movies. The Motown music sound along with country and blues. James was his own cook. His first love was grilling and gardening. He loved gathering family and friends. Conversation with dad made it known that he was Saved and Baptized at an early age”.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maggie B. Coley, mother, Rose Coley, father, Jim Joseph Allen, brothers, Wilbert Coley and Leroy Johnson, sisters, Eva Johnson Paige, Lennie Mae Frederick, Ruby Donaldson, Varis Smith, son, Ronnie Pernell Coley, and nephew, Wright Harold.

Left to cherish fond memories: his daughters, Georgia Ann Mosley of Alabama, Linda Faye Lewis of Warner Robbins, GA, Brenda Coley and Patricia Clark of Elmira, NY, Cynthia Coley Stokes of Basking Ridge, NJ, Linda Gene Gamble, and Rose Coley-Brown of Paterson, NJ; sons, Bernard Hill and James Coley of Paterson, NJ and Jerome Coley of Fruitland, MD; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and ex-wife, Mildred B. Coley.

Saturday, May 14, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.

CHRIST TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

38 Hopper Street, Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Brian Collins, Interim Pastor

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Invocation

Hymn of Celebration

Scripture Reading.....“God Speaks To Us”
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Song Celebration..... Bernard Hill

Reading of Acknowledgements
& Reflections of Life Rose Coley-Brown

Remarks from Family and Friends (2 minutes please)

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Brian Collins

Benediction

Recessional

<p><u>Interment</u> Fairlawn Cemetery Fair Lawn, New Jersey</p>
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Repast

Immediately following the interment family and friends are invited for a repast at the church.

Walking

Today I decided to take a stroll, it was really without plan.
Before I knew it I looked around, GOD had me in his hand.

The Word of God said he would come back for me,
I just did not know the day or time it would be. I felt such joy,
no worries, all of my pain left behind. I was blind but now I see
he's truly one of a kind. Please don't worry about me:
I'm in the best place I can be. I've made it past the crossroads,
now I sit with the Trinity. Cry if you must, but not for long,
never forget that I cared. Remember it was God's bloodshed
and the cross he bared. He shed his blood on the cross way
back on Calvary. Carried the load, they stretched him wide,
high upon the tree. I've gone to the mansion, I'm walking on
roads of Gold. I'll see you all again if you prepare yourselves
now. Put aside the nonsense; kneel before him, bow. Don't
forget you have memories of me and I have of you.
To my family and friends, Love really is forever, it's true.....
Forever it's true, Your Children

Acknowledgement

The family of the late James Ralph Coley wishes to
acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of
love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this
time of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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