

In Loving Memory of
Lorraine Elizabeth Coleman
"Ms. Doll"



Sunrise: February 23, 1934

Sunset: July 18, 2016

Service

Sunday, July 31, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Minister Alia Akili, Officiating

Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

Lorraine Elizabeth Coleman (aka Ms. Doll), was born on February 23, 1934 to Robert and Florence Gray in Cincinnati, Ohio. Lorraine grew up with her two brothers, Robert, Jr. and Johnny, and she played a significant role in their upbringing.

Lorraine moved to New York City in her teen years in the early 1950's, where she worked miscellaneous jobs to support herself. Shortly after arriving in New York, Lorraine met John Coleman, and the two were married in July 1955. Lorraine and John resided in the heart of Harlem in the General Grant Houses where Lorraine dedicated many years of service.

Lorraine was known for her quick wit, keen sense of style, warm heart and sharp tongue! Everyone who knew Lorraine knew that when she spoke to you, she was always going to be honest in her opinion. She never let her illness or age stop her from doing the things that she loved to do, like taking bus rides to Atlantic City, cooking for her family and shopping! Ms. Doll had an addiction to buying new bags and new wigs!

Lorraine knew how to make a house a HOME, and all were welcomed! Most people would stop by just to say "hi" because apartment #16B was always welcoming. She kept the same home telephone number for over 40 years just in case anyone needed to reach her! No one ever left hungry, because Lorraine was known for her big holiday and Sunday dinners. Most people considered Lorraine to be like a second mother or best friend, as a child she was rightfully nicknamed "DOLL".

Lorraine raised five children, Gregory (who preceded her in death in Feb. 2009), Ronald, Linda, Derrick, and Michael. She also had a hand in raising her two stepsons, Bruce and Bryant. Ms. Doll taught her children the importance of family and sticking together, she leaves them with the values they were raised with. Ms. Doll also leaves behind 22 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren (and counting), and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Lorraine (Ms. Doll), you were a gem! There was no one like you and no one who will ever compare to you!

Order of Service

Processional.....Minister Alia Akili....."Pass Me Not"

Prayer of Comfort

Scriptural Reading

Words of Reflection.....Zakkiyya (Kia) Richardson
granddaughter

Obituary Reading

Poem.....Crystalia Coleman
granddaughter

Words of Reflection.....Rasheeda (Piggy) Richardson
granddaughter

Musical Selection.....Minister Alia Akili

Remarks (2 min only please).....Family/Friends

Eulogy.....Minister Alia Akili

Committal

Recessional.....Minister Alia Akili....."Take Me To The King"

Interment

*Monday, August 1, 2016
Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York*

*The repast will be held at: 327 Saint Nicholas Avenue,
Basement (Between 126th & 127th Street)*

You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow, because of yesterday
You can remember her and only that she's gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on
Remembering Lorraine "Doll" Coleman, Wife, Mother, Grandmother,
Great Grandmother, and Friend!

Acknowledgement

The Coleman Family would like to thank the staff of nurses, doctors, and support personnel at Lenox Hill/North Well Health Hospital for the continuous care and support they provided to Mrs. Lorraine Coleman and her Family.

The family would also like to thank all of the family, friends and neighbors of 430 West 125th Street, and others around the Grant Houses both near and far for the outpouring of love, generosity, words of encouragement and support they have shown to the family via in person, calls, text, and social media as they get through such a trying time. Your love and support is immensely appreciated!

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