

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
WILLIE COLEY



Sunrise: July 18, 1937
Sunset: February 23, 2022



FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022 - 10:00 AM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

OBITUARY

William Coley, he proudly served in the US Navy from 1954 until 1958, aboard the USS Beatty DD756, a destroyer out of Newport RI. He also served in the NEW JERSEY ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, FORT DIX, NJ, as an Operations Master Sergeant from March 1990 to March 1994, in charge of personnel in the 50th Armored Division of the Nuclear Biological and Chemical Warfare Operation Section. He is a Command Master Chief with the NJ Naval Militia. He was an excellent Investigator with extensive practical experience in industrial security and investigative work. He served as a Detective with the NEWARK, NJ POLICE DEPARTMENT, where he began his career in 1964. Additionally, he lectured at community relations meetings, organized by blocks, and neighborhood coordinated by the City of Newark. He earned a degree Majoring in Political Science, Minor in Public Administration, at KEAN COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY, in 1979.

William is pre-deceased by his mother and father, Margaret and Albert Coley, sisters, Anita Stokes, Marilyn Coley, Elaine Coley, Karen Teel, wife, Arnetta Coley, his son, Alphonso Davis, and daughter, Pamela Coley.

He leaves to cherish his memories his devoted children, his son Randolph Davis, daughter-in-law Renetta Davis, his daughter Zenobia Renee Harris, son-in-law Frederick Harris, his son Daren Coley, daughter-in-law Charlynn Coley, his long time companion, Lula Mitchell, her daughter Djuna Coleman, 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude - Zephaniah West

Reading of Scripture - Pastor Tiffany Marrast

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort - Minister Karton B. West

Poem - Keep Sailing - Granddaughter, Kalita Cox

Reflections

Eulogy

REPAST

FERNANDES STEAK HOUSE II

158 FLEMING AVE., NEWARK, NJ 07105

INTERMENT
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THE BROKEN CHAIN

We little knew that morning that
God was going to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly; in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone.

For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide,
and though we can not see you, you are always at our side.

Our family Chain is broken, and nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one, the Chain will Link again.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern. Special thanks to George Murphy, Daddy's neighbor.

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