

*In Loving Memory of
Curtis Coleman, Sr.*

*Sunrise
August 12, 1958*

*Sunset
October 16, 2024*



Obituary

Curtis Coleman, Sr., was born on August 12, 1958, in Hackensack, NJ. He was the son of the late Thomas and Mattie Elmore. Curtis was raised, educated and a life-long resident of Passaic, NJ, where he absolutely enjoyed every day of his life.

As a child, he loved being the "little brother" to Marie and Jerome and the "big" brother to Terry; under the loving watchful eyes of his late parents and late, maternal grandparents, Luther and AnneMarie Coleman. As a young man he enjoyed participating in community activities and events and developed a passion and talent for drawing and running track. As a teenager, he worked for the CETA Program (IYKYK) starting out a Counselor, and as an adult, turning it into a full-time job, under the direction of his long time and supportive friend, the late Henry Opalka. His desire to provide for his family led him to a career working in chemicals for Pantasote, Okonite and Glasco Smith & Kline Pharmaceutical Company until his retirement.

Curtis never met a stranger and will always be known and loved for his "corny" jokes to everyone he knew. Truth be told, him telling the jokes were funnier to him than anyone else and you couldn't help but laugh at him, laughing at his own jokes, even if you didn't get it! Curtis was always known as a social butterfly and servant in his Masonic family, the Silver Star Lodge No. 45 F&AM, PHA, where he enjoyed serving in his brotherhood as Past Master and Secretary, and wherever and whenever he was needed. He loved family gatherings and often attended his family church, Calvary Baptist Church (Garfield, NJ) where his late maternal grandparents were very active.

Curtis loved life and loved all in his life, his greatest joy was that he was the proud, loving Daddy to, Monique Taylor (TX), Shanique (Idris) Wells (GA), Kiara (Dale Andrews) Coleman (NC), Gerard Coleman (SC) and the late, Curtis Coleman, Jr., grandfather to DeAndre, Monae, Taylor, Jelen, Maurod, Curtis III, Iden and Dale III, and one great-grandson, DeVonne Curtis. A father-figure to Tyrone Elmore, and he also shared a special relationship with Dr. Lottie Meticia Watson and Robert Watson.

He was predeceased by his son, parents, grandparents, and sisters. Curtis will be sadly missed as he was deeply loved!

He was called from labor to reward on October 16, 2024.

Curtis also leaves to cherish his powerful memories, brother; Jerome (Jeanette McGriff) Coleman, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, his co-parents; Ramona Adams and Theresa Watson; and his extended family; his beloved partner Carmen Arroyo (the Juliette to his Romeo), Paul and Aba Hicks, Yvonne Santana, Evelyn and Emily Arroyo and Lizette Santana; and a host of other relatives, lodge brothers, and friends.

Sleep peacefully Daddy/Curtis, take your rest, we loved you dearly, but God loved you best!

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 - 6:00 pm

Roger Williams Baptist Church

362 Oak Street, Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. William Davidson, Officiating

Johnetta Bush, Organist

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

Rev. William Davidson

Recessional

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

255 Main Avenue

Clifton, New Jersey

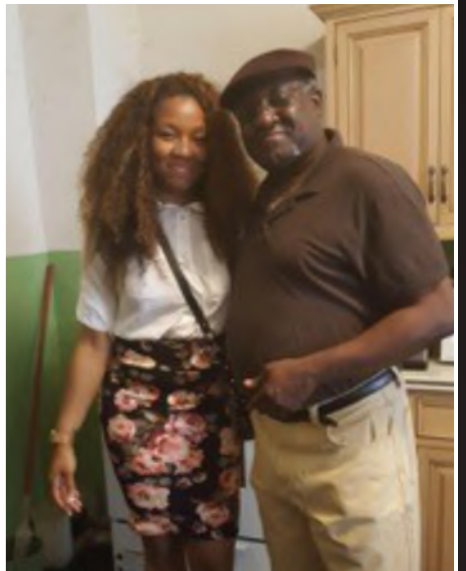
Precious Memories





*You can shed tears
that he is gone,
Or you can smile
because he lived*

Forever In Our Hearts





*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one*

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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