









Floral Bearers
Family and Friends

Pallbearers
Stacy Carter, Tyren Carter, Bernard Cole
Darryl Gregg, Tony Keels, Ronald Vereen

Repast in Fellowship Hall following the service

"May I Go?"

May I go now? Don't you think the time is right?
May I say goodbye to pain filled days and endless lonely nights?

I've lived my life and done my best, an example I tried to be.
So can I take that step beyond and set my spirit free.
I didn't want to go at first, I fought with all my might.
But something seems to draw me now to a warm and loving light.

I want to go-I really do. It's difficult to stay.
But I will try the best I can to live just one more day.

To give your time to care for me and share your love and fears.
I know you're sad and afraid, because I see your tears.

I will not be far I promise that, I hope you'll always know
That my spirit will be close to you wherever you may go.

Thank you so much for loving me, you know I love you too,
That's why it's hard to say goodbye and end this life with you.

So hold me now just one more time and let me hear you say,
Because you care so much for me, you'll let me go today.

Acknowledgements

Words cannot convey our deepest gratitude and appreciation for all the expressions of kindness and sympathy shown to us during this time of grief. Your visits, calls and flowers and other expressions of condolence were truly appreciated by the family. We also appreciate your presence here today and your prayers. May God Bless you all!

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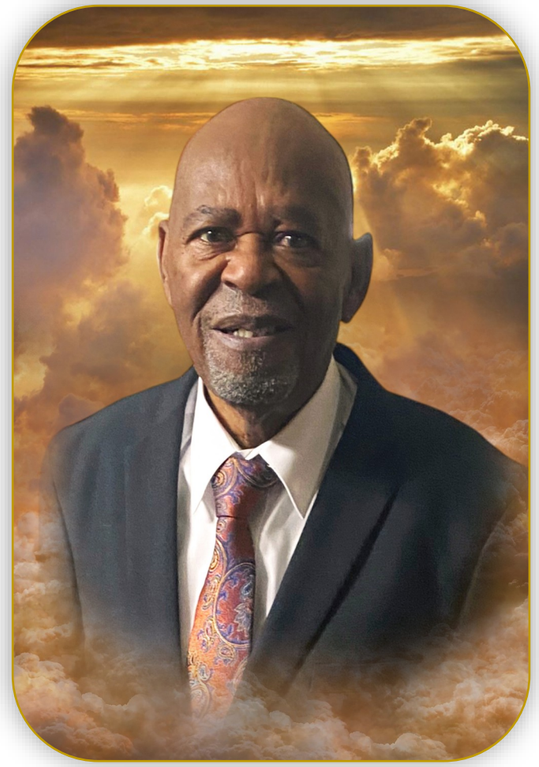
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Celebrating the Life of

James Edward Coles, Sr.

Sunrise
June 25, 1932

Sunset
September 26, 2026



Saturday, October 10, 2026
12:00 Noon

High Hills AME Church
6780 Meeting House Road
Dalzell, South Carolina

Reverend Philip Washington, Host Pastor
Reverend Linda Richbow, Officiant

Life Reflections

James Edward Coles, Sr. peacefully departed this life Saturday, September 26, 2026, at his home in Sumter, SC, surrounded by his children.

James was the son of the late William and Delia Grayer Cole. He was born on June 25, 1932, in Camilla, Georgia.

His formal education included Rockdale High School in Camilla, GA and he received his High School Diploma from Booker T Washington Technical and Trade School in Tampa, FL. James received a Tractor Trailer Driver Diploma from Driver Training Institute Inc. in Brooklyn, NY.

Earlier in his career, James was employed as an Inventory Clerk for Kane Miller Food Distribution Company. He was also a Cross-country Tractor Trailer Driver for various companies. Upon retirement, James was an Ambulette Driver for Medicab Co, in Yonkers, NY where he transported cancer patients to various doctor appointments. He was a member of the Local Teamster Union 445.

James was active in various Community organizations. He was a member of the Parents Council of Community Baptist Church where he was presented with a plaque for Outstanding Services to the Youth; Member of the PTA of Yonkers, NY Public Schools; NAACP; City of Yonkers and Sumter Police Benevolent Fund and various Political Action Groups.

James married the love of his life, Hattie Mae Keels Coles where they relocated to Yonkers, NY and had 5 children from this beautiful union. They were married for 70 years.

James accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of Union Missionary Baptist Church in Camilla, GA, where he was active with the Youth activities of the church.

After relocating to Yonkers, NY, James and Hattie became members of Community Baptist Church. He became a member of the Parents Council where he was very active in programs sponsored for the Youth and Senior Citizens of the church. James took on the role as the church Transportation Supervisor and transported church members to various programs and outside activities.

Upon retirement, James and Hattie relocated to Sumter, SC. He became a member of High Hills AME Church in Dalzell, SC, where he faithfully served God and remained an active member until his death.

James was affectionately known by his family and friends as Colesy Coles, Jim, PaPa, Grandpa and Uncle JC. He loved his family and adored his grandchildren whom he held dear and close to his heart. He was a giving person and would give you the shirt off his back.

James leaves to cherish his precious memories 4 loving children, James Jr, William, Barbara and John of Sumter, SC; grandson, John A. Coles, Jr, Sumter SC; granddaughters: LaSharraha Oliver, TeKeia Green, NaShae Brown, Shavonnia Coles and Brianna Coles, Yonkers, NY; brother, Johnny L. Cole (Connie), Decatur, GA; sisters, Bernice Jackson, Philadelphia, PA; Ophelia Bennett, Yuba, CA and a host of nieces, nephews, great grands, cousins and friends. Special thanks to Robin Gallishaw, Home Health Aide who took excellent care of James.

James is preceded in death by his wife Hattie Mae Coles, son Leo V. Coles, parents William and Delia Cole, brothers William Cole, Robert Cole, Sisters Rosa Paige, Lousie Pinkney, Sister-in-Law Pearl Cole.

Order of Service
Rev. Linda Richbow, Officiating

Prelude …….. Medley of Music

Processional …… Clergy and Family

Selection ……...…….. I'll Fly Away

Prayer ……..…… Deacon Harry Thompson

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading ……..…… Reverend Gogo

New Testament Reading …….. Minister Carl Beard

Reflections: (please limit to 3 minutes)

Wilgeena Carey Ruth

Reverend Robert L. Cole, Jr. / Cynthia D. Cole-Strickland

Johnny L. Cole

Acknowledgements/Obituary ……..…… Jawanda Stukes

Solo ……..……... Edna Wiley
I Won't Complain

Words of Comfort …….. Reverend Linda Richbow

Benediction

Recessional ……...…… Medley of Music

Interment
Oakland Cemetery
Yonkers, NY





















