

To Those whom I Love and Those who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do,

You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,

But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess

How much you've given me in happiness.

I thank you for the love that you have shown,

But now it is time I travelled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It is only for a while that we must part,

So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.

And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,

All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home."

Pallbearers

Andre Allen
Paxton Allen
Gary Colbert

Joshua Elliott
Alex Jefferson
Jimmy Lawrence

Honorary Pallbearers

Chuck Colbert
Carlton Green
Wayman Jessie

Emmanuel Johnson
David Rumph
Monroe Simmons

Flower Bearers

Friends & Family

Interment

Fairview CME Church
3274 Taylors Mill Road
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

Acknowledgements

We, the Family of **Willie L. Colbert**, wish to thank everyone for their love and support shown during our time of bereavement. It is comforting to know that in our time of need, there are special people like you. We thank you for the calls, prayers and words of comfort. May God bless each of you.

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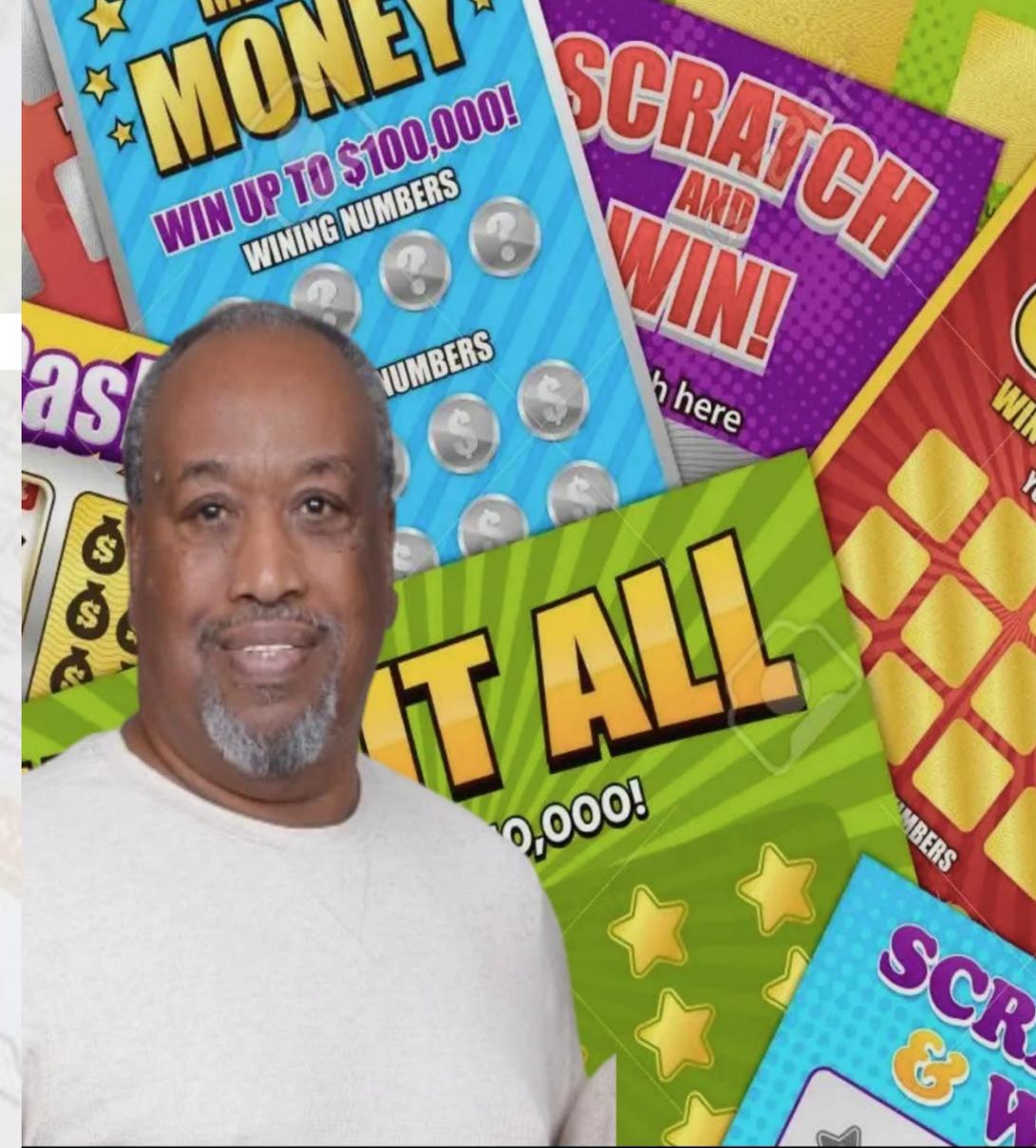
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

MARCH 14, 1960 - NOVEMBER 3, 2025

Willie L. Colbert, Jr

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025 AT 11.00AM

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A Life Remembered...

But God will redeem my life from the grave; he will surely take me to himself.” –Psalm 49:15

Mr. Willie Louis Colbert, Jr. was born on March 14, 1960, in Montezuma, Georgia, to the late Clara and Willie L. Colbert, Sr. On **November 3, 2025**, Willie peacefully entered eternal rest, surrounded by his loving family.

He graduated from Macon County High School in 1979 and went on to attend Fort Valley State University. Willie later began his career with Blue Bird Body Company, where he worked faithfully for more than 30 years until his retirement in 2022.

In 1989, he married the love of his life, **Jacqueline**, and together they built a beautiful life in Fort Valley, Georgia.

Willie was a kind-hearted man who deeply valued family, friendship, and laughter. He enjoyed working on cars, watching sports, playing the lottery, and traveling with friends. His bright spirit, easygoing personality, and warm smile made a lasting impact on everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Brittany Colbert, and his sisters, Vanessa and Gloria Colbert.

Willie leaves to cherish his memory: his son, Cortney Allen, Sr. (LaToya); daughters, Alexis and Ashley Colbert; grandsons, Da’Von Jackson, Cortney Allen, Jr., De’Marian, and De’Corian Allen; and granddaughter, Keri “Berry,” whom he lovingly reared as his own. He is also survived by his brother, Gerald Colbert; sister, Cassandra Colbert; brothers-in-law: John Henry Allen, Jr. and Leonard Allen; sisters-in-law: Lillian and Angelia Allen; lifelong devoted friends: Wayman (Ann) Jessie, David Rumph, Alice Wolmack, Monroe (Ruby) Simmons, and Emanuel (Kim) Johnson; honorary daughter, Amanda Johnson; and a host of loving aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will miss him dearly.

Willie’s legacy of love, laughter, and dedication will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew him.



THE CELEBRATION

Officiant: Rev. Leon Williams
Fairview CME Church

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Bro. Eddie Lowe

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

New Testament

REFLECTIONS

Bro. Wayman Jessie

Bro. Monroe Simmons

MUSICAL SELECTION Min. Dexter Davis

HOMEGOING MESSAGE. Rev. Leon Williams

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REPAST

1488 Rolling Hill Road
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