



Pallbearers

Deacon J. C. Patrick, Jr.
Cederick Colson
Donald Beal
Herman Beal



In Appreciation

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation, all acts of kindness rendered to us during the passing of our beloved. The many telephone calls, prayers, floral offerings, cards of condolence, and other sympathetic gestures are deeply appreciated. May God bless and keep each of you.

The Vanester Corbin Colson Family

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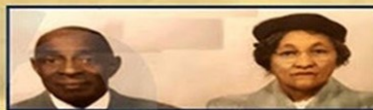
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Mother
Vanester
CORBIN
COLSON



Sunrise
November 18, 1933

Sunset
June 2, 2026

The Obituary

Mother Vanester Corbin Colson was born on November 18, 1933, in Cordele, Crisp County, Georgia, to the late Andrew Corbin, Sr. and Pearl Adkins Corbin. She received her formal education at the historic Northside School, establishing a foundation of community and connection that she would carry throughout her life.

A woman of profound faith, Mother Colson was a lifelong and faithful member of the St. James Missionary Baptist Church in Cordele, Georgia. Over the years, she served her church home in many capacities with unwavering dedication. In recognition of her deep spiritual wisdom, grace, and devotion, she was given the honor of being named the Mother of the Church.

Outside of her sacred duties, “Van” as she was loving called by family and friends, found great joy in the simple pleasures of life. She loved talking on the phone with family and friends, shopping, and preparing delicious meals—her cooking being a true expression of her love for her family.

She shared a beautiful life of love and devotion with her husband, Deacon Willie B. Colson, Jr., walking hand-in-hand in faith until his peaceful passing on January 7, 2024.

On Sunday, May 31, 2026, Mother Colson answered the call of her Heavenly Father and transitioned from labor to reward, leaving behind a legacy of love, faith, and service that will never be forgotten.

Mother Colson is reunited in eternity with her beloved “Junior”; her parents, Andrew Corbin, Sr. and Pearl Adkins Corbin; her grandchildren: Avenia "Abby" Stubbins and Sebastian "Pete" Corbin, and her siblings: Earnestine Corbin, Sarah Corbin, Ida Pearl Corbin, and Andrew Corbin, Jr.

Her life, love, and legacy will be forever remembered and celebrated by her devoted son, Reverend Ivory Joe (Dorothy) Corbin of Cordele, Georgia; her grandchildren: Yolanda Corbin of Jacksonville, Florida, and Jarrett (Dayzha) Harper of Yucca Valley, California; seven great-grandchildren; two great, great grandchildren; her sisters-in-law: Brenda (Greg) Fedrick and Ruby Colson; her devoted nieces: Justine Stembridge, Mary Stembridge, Lillian Stembridge, and Denise Stembridge; her devoted nephew: Edward (Audrey) Butler; her devoted cousins, Linda White, Diane White, Margie Hamm, and Bobbie James; her special friends, Michael & Mary Starks, and Teresa Doster; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and the St. James Missionary Baptist Church family.



We Loved You Too Much to Say Goodbye



*We cried when you left us
but they were aching tears of love.
At least we no longer have to worry,
because we know you're living in peace.
The many years we spent with you
were years that shall never de cease.
They were years for us to treasure forever
that will always last,
and the pain will eventually ease.
The memory of you is like an undying fire
which never seems to end.
And those are the same feelings of our heart
because you were not just our
Mother and Granny, but our friend.
So although you've gone from our presence
we still say, "See you later"
and never ever bye-bye.
Because Momma we loved you too much
to just come out and say goodbye.*

The Home Going Celebration

Saturday | June 6, 2026 | 4:30 PM

J. W. Williams Funeral Home Chapel

407 West 17th Avenue | Cordele, Georgia

Reverend James Stokes | Officiant

Reverend Nelson Mainor | Eulogist

Pastor | Saint James Baptist Church | Cordele, Georgia

Musical Prelude

Brother Curtis Mathis

Processional

Led by Reverend James Stokes

The Final Viewing

The Final Sealing of the Batesville M39 Carnation Casket

Hymn

Deacon Sammie McGill

Prayer of Comfort

Reverend James Stokes

Old Testament Scripture

Reverend Johnny Dean

New Testament Scripture

Reverend Lorenzo Harris

Musical Selection

Sister Gloria Barrett

Reflections

Mr. Harry Hurt

Deacon Michael Starks

Mother Margie Hamm

Deacon Ronnie Ray

Musical Selection

Deacon Kenneth Smith

Eulogy

Reverend Nelson Mainor

Acknowledgements, Heirloom Bible

and Memorial Blanket Presentation

J. W. Williams Funeral Home Staff

Recessional & Postlude

The Committal Service

Bethel Cemetery

Joe Wright Drive | Cordele, Georgia

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