

If Tears Could Build a Stairway



If tears could build a stairway
And memories were a lane
I'd walk right up to heaven
And bring you home again.

No farewell words were spoken
No time to say goodbye
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why

Our hearts still ache with sadness
And secret tears still flow
What it meant to lose someone like you
No one can ever know

But now, we know you want us
To mourn for you no more
To remember all the happy times
And the ones life has in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten
we pledge to you today
A hallowed place within our hearts
Is where you'll always stay

Honorary Pallbearers

Jared Lewis Lacey Lewis
Carlos Rodriguez Kerry Lewis
Zeke Coley

Acknowledgement

Words are inadequate to express the humbleness and gratefulness we feel toward all of our friends who have consoled us during our bereavement. Your prayers, love, presence and service has sustained us. Your cards, emails, flowers and gifts of food were warmly appreciated. We saw all of these as God's love expressed through you. Whatever you did to console our hearts, the members of our entire family thank you so very much. May God bless each of you.

The M. C. "Doc" Coley Family

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In Remembrance
of our beloved



Mr. M. C. Coley
"Doc"

Sunday | June 21, 2026 | 12:00 PM

J. W. Williams Funeral Home Chapel
407 West 17th Avenue | Americus, Georgia

Reverend Travis Johnson | Officiant
Pastor | Piney Grove Baptist Church | Rochelle, Georgia

Escort Courtesy of
Wilcox County Sheriff's Office
Crisp County Sheriff's Office

The Obituary

Mr. M. C. Coley (Doc) was born April 15, 1941, in Rochelle, Georgia, to the late Mrs. Pearlean Coley and the late Mr. Ike Coley.

He was educated in the Wilcox County school system at an early age where he attended Excelsior High School.

For many years he worked in the logging industry and the chemical industry. His previous employers include Clary Logging Company in Seville, Georgia, Martin Resources in Rochelle, Georgia, and Lamb Well Drilling in Rochelle, Georgia.

M. C. treasured his family. He enjoyed laughing and talking about old memories he shared with them. He also enjoyed listening to old music and talking about a dance he used to love, called "The Four Corners". He was a shining light, a beacon to those he met, and a ray of sunshine to all that he knew. He was the true definition of a father, companion, friend, brother, grandfather, and uncle.

On Friday, June 12, 2026, M. C. departed this life while a patient at the Crisp Regional Hospital in Cordele, Georgia. He was preceded in death by his parents, Pearlean Coley and Ike Coley; his sisters, Lorene Glee and Francis Mae Grace, and his brother William "June" Coley.

M. C. leaves to cherish his memories, three sisters, Olene Coley of Pineview, Georgia, Mattie Rene Coley, and Julia Mae Powell of Albion, New York; his brother, Ray (Debra) Coley of Rochester, New York; his sister-in-law, Ida "Lou" Coley of Rochelle, Georgia; four children, Jessie (Mary) Jackson of Rochelle, Georgia, Cathie (Calvin) Youngblood of Pitts, Georgia, Debbie (James) Woods of Valdosta, Georgia, and Beverly (Don) Dennard of Ashburn, Georgia; nine grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; two great, great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Also his devoted sister, nephew, and niece, who were there for him at all times until death, Olene Coley of Pineview, Georgia, James Grace of Pineview, Georgia, and Diane Coley of Cordele, Georgia; a lifelong companion and common law wife, Willie Bell Lawson of Pitts, Georgia. He also reared Lacey Lewis of Pitts, Georgia, from birth as a son/grandson.

In My Father's Arms



*Rejoice upon my passing
I'm where I've long to be
Wrapped inside my Father's arms
His loving embracing me*

*No words come close describing
This peace and love I feel
It's washed me of my sorrows
Allowed my scars to heal*

*I can't contain my gladness
Oh how I wish you knew
His endless understanding
His depth of love, for you*

*So dry your tears of sadness
Let tears of joy flow down
I'm with our Lord and Savior
At last I have been found*

*Take comfort, for I promise
He's waiting for you too
Yearning to embrace His child
Like all good fathers do.*

The Order of Service

Reverend Travis Johnson | Officiant

Musical Prelude
Brother Curtis Mathis

Processional
Led by Reverend Travis Johnson

The Final Viewing
The Final Closing of the Casket

Prayer of Comfort
Reverend Tim Burns

Old Testament Scripture
Reverend Fred Peavy

New Testament Scripture
Mother Cornelia Taylor

Musical Selection
Pastor Tim Burns

Reflections
Family & Friends
(Limit Two Minutes, Please)

Musical Selection
Deacon James Woods, Jr.

Eulogy
Reverend Travis Johnson

**Acknowledgements, Heirloom Bible
and Memorial Blanket Presentation**
The J. W. Williams Funeral Home Staff

Recessional and Postlude

The Committal Service

Pine City Church Cemetery
Rochelle, Georgia

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