



*Deborah Jean*  
**COLEMAN**

JULY 12, 1962 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Funeral: 10:00 A.M.

Greater New Bethel COGIC

2801 E. Mobile Lane

Phoenix, AZ 85040

# THE LIFE STORY OF

## *Deborah Jean Coleman*

Deborah Jean Coleman was born July 12, 1962, in Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona, to Elder A.C. and Missionary Effie Jean Coleman. She was the second daughter of seven siblings, and the first granddaughter of Pastor Ernest and Missionary Thressa James of Zent, Arkansas. Deborah was often referred to as “Deborah Jean” by her mother, aunts, uncles, and especially her grandfather. The strong resemblance to her grandmother in likeness and in singing frightened some and made others weep.

Deborah attended and graduated from Booker T. Washington Elementary School, attended and graduated from Phoenix Union High School (Class of 81), and was admitted to Arizona State University, graduating with dual Bachelor’s degrees in History, and Political Science. After graduating college, Deborah became an employee of American Express, Inc., where she worked in various leadership roles for 32 years. At the time of her retirement, she was hailed as an exemplary leader receiving many awards and accolades.

Deborah was a “PK” (a Preacher’s Kid) born into the Churches of God in Christ, Inc. Her first pastor was the late Bishop J.W. Taylor, succeeding him was the later, Elder Henry Shepherd. As an adult, she attended Faith Tabernacle COGIC, under the late pastor, Supt. Arthur Strong where she did what she loved most, sang and sang. She was gifted at singing, and she could remember most songs that many had forgotten. She was considered a “Walking Songbook.” She also taught Sunday School and loved her church family. In her latter years, she attended Spirit and Life World Ministries Church under the leadership of Pastor Bryant L. McNeal where she remained active until her transition.

Deborah was known for being “Auntie” or “Tia” since she was fluent in Spanish. “Tia Debo” attended every birthday party, graduation, plays and shows, baby showers, and ordination services. Even if she could not attend she would harass her nieces and nephews for every photo and every detail.

Deborah loved to read and travel. Her love for reading included reading many major newspapers, including the New York Times and Washington Post, 8 major business magazines, and 11 blogs faithfully. She also made frequent trips to Barnes and Noble. If she was not reading, she was traveling, and she read about traveling. She was an international traveler as evidenced by her passport with stamps reaching as far as the Greek Isles, Spain, Italy, France, Bahamas, and Mexico, just to name a few. She was an exotic foodie. She would prepare Korean, Japanese, and other Asian dishes where the ingredients were bought from the most authentic markets.

It cannot go unsaid, Deborah was **THEE BIGGEST COWBOYS FAN!!!! EVER! GO COWBOYS!!!**

The sun went down in the life of Deborah Jean Coleman on September 1, 2024 in Las Vegas, Nevada, where she spent the last month of her life. She was surrounded by those who comprised her “happy” place. Her beloved nieces and nephews brought her so much joy.

Deborah Jean Coleman was summoned by the Heavenly Father to come home and end the battles of this life in eternal rest. Deborah is joining her father, National Evangelist, Elder A.C. Coleman, and her mother, Missionary Effie Jean Coleman (namesake); her three brothers, A.C. Coleman, Bobby Joe Coleman and Timothy Duane Coleman, Sr. who preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish her loving memories: Her oldest brother, Pastor Joel Coleman, Sr (Boise, Idaho – Miracle Temple COGIC), her two sisters, her eldest, Mother Lorraine Coleman-Baker (OKC, Oklahoma) and her youngest, Pastor Kimetta Coleman, Phoenix, AZ -Kingdom Philanthropy Ministries). Deborah waves and blows kisses to a large host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who love her dearly, whom she called family.

# *The Many Faces of Deborah*



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## Order of Service

Welcome & Prayer.....Pastor Bryant L. McNeal

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament.....Joel Coleman Jr.  
New Testament.....Eva Hunter

Deborah's Favorite Songs.....Pastor Bryant McNeal

Obituary Reading.....Minister Loretta Glass

### I Knew Her As:

A Sister.....Collette Simmons

An Aunt.....Emma Debora James  
Timothy D. Coleman, Jr.

A Niece.....Deacon Elluard "Bunny" James

A Friend.....Ms. Beverly Anderson

Reflections (2 minutes).....Family & Friends

Solo.....Lady, Missionary Diana McCowan

Eulogy.....Pastor Kimetta A. Coleman  
Pastor December James

Closing Prayer.....Superintendent, Pastor Robert Overstreet



**Repast**  
*Immediately Following*  
(Greater New Bethel COGIC)



# *Nieces and Nephews*



*Gone, But Not Forgotten*

*Don't think of her as gone away  
Her journey's just begun,  
Life holds so many facets  
This earth is only one.*

*Just think of her as resting  
From the sorrows and the tears  
In a place of warmth and comfort  
Where there are no days and years.*

*Think how she must be wishing  
That we could know today  
How nothing but our sadness  
Can really pass away.*

*And think of her as living  
In the hearts of those she touched  
For nothing loved is ever lost  
And she was loved so much.*

# *Family and Friends*





*Acknowledgements*

The Family of Deborah Jean Coleman would like to express our sincere appreciation, and gratitude, for your thoughts, outpouring of love, acts of kindness, and prayers we received during this exceedingly difficult time.

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