

*Home-Going Celebration
for*

*Sammie
L.
Coleman,
Jr.*



Sunrise
September 12, 1948

Sunset
April 22, 2011

Saturday, May 7, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

COTTON-PARKER FUNERAL HOME
37 Clinton Ave. • Jersey City, NJ 07304

Emory Lee, Organist

Obituary

Sammie Lee Coleman, Jr. was born on September 12, 1948, at Margaret Hague – Medical Center in Jersey City, NJ to Sammie L. Coleman, Sr. and Lucy Mae Lawrence Coleman.

Sam attended public schools in Jersey City and took college level courses in the area. A long-time and active member of Metropolitan Baptist Church as an adult, he came to Christ initially as the first of 34 grandchildren of his first pastor, his grandfather, the late Mel G. Lawrence.

Sam enjoyed bicycling with the other older boys in the neighborhood, he would often cross city and county lines in their travels. Sam was an affectionate man and had several marriages throughout his lifetime.

The legacy that Sam left us includes two extraordinary children. Doretha “Pebbles” who will meet him in heaven was particularly gifted and exuded many of the wonderful spiritual qualities of her paternal grandmother. Jeffrey L. Coleman has exceeded the expectations of his relatives and we only wish him the best as he carries on the legacy of the family. Our prayers are that he continues to bask in the peace that comes from understanding God’s unconditional love for us.

Sam distinguished himself at Erie-Lackawanna Railroad as a signalman. He retired early and continued his passion of tinkering with electronics.

For many years, Sam participated in the various local and grand lodges of masonry in New Jersey, his devotion to community service is highlighted with the many awards and commendations coming from that organization.

Sam was preceded in death by his sister, Delores Coleman Easley, his daughter, Doretha “Pebbles” Harvin and his mother, Lucy Mae Lawrence Coleman.

Sam leaves to mourn and cherish his memory: his son, Jeffrey L. Coleman; his dad, Sammie L. Coleman, Sr.; brother, Henry Mell Coleman; sister, Juanita Coleman Heard; grand-daughter, Xamara Nia Coleman; nephews, Eric Coleman, Jonathan Heard, Aaron Heard and Thurman Easley; nieces, Celeste Coleman and Debra Heard; aunts, Thelma Griswold, Ida Moon, Ethel Lawrence and Eva Ray; uncle, Henry Lawrence; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Peace Be Still!

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgement / Resolutions

Remarks

(2 minutes please)

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional



Private Cremation

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Sammie L. Coleman, Jr.** acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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