

The Measure Of A Man

Not - How did he die? But - How did he live?
Not - What did he gain? But - What did he give?
These are the things that measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.
Not - What was his station? But - had he a heart?
And - How did he play his God-given part?
Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer?
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?
Not - What was his church? Not - What was his creed?
But - Had he befriended those really in need?
Not - What did the sketch in the newspaper say?
But - How many were sorry when he passed away?
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Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the

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In Loving Memory
of

Kenneth W. Cole, Sr.

Sunrise
September 13, 1922

Sunset
May 28, 2013

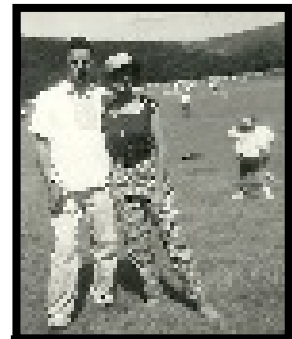
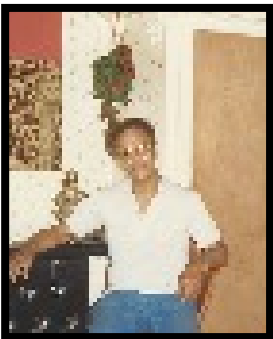
Service
Wednesday, June 5, 2013 - 12:00 Noon

Salem Baptist Church

50 Clinton Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	
Processional	Clergy & Family
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor Gregg Curry
Scripture	
Old testament: 23rd Psalm	Bernice Davis
New Testament: 1st Thessalonians 4:15-18.....	Makala Pettway
Selection.....	Minister Ericka Streeter-Adams
Obituary and Acknowledgements.....	Frances McDonald
Poem.....	Najee Trice
Tribute to Kenneth	2 minutes Please
Selection	“I Won’t Complain” - Renee Walker
Words of Comfort.....	Pastor Gregg Curry
Selection.....	Renee Walker
Final Viewing.....	Cotton-Parker Home
Recessional	



Repast:

Mary Bethune Center – 140 Martin Luther King Drive

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Obituary

Kenneth Winfred Cole Sr. was born on September 13, 1922 to John and Estelle Cole in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The family moved to Hoboken, New Jersey when Kenneth was about nine months old. While living in Hoboken the family grew as more children were born to John and Estelle. Kenneth had three sisters, Mary, Marcelene and Marva and two brothers, John and Lester.

Kenneth spent his formative years in Hoboken’s School system attending Hoboken High School. After High School he went into the Navy which afforded him the chance to be able to see places he would not have gotten to see in that day and time. He went in during Peace time and was caught up in World War II. He came home with an honorable discharge.

Not long after he came home he married the beautiful young lady that had captured his heart. Carleen Taylor, Carleen also grew up in Hoboken and their families were friends. Through that union they had eight children, three sons and five daughters. Kenneth Jr., Gary, Marsha , Marcelene, Glenda, Andrea, Renee and Glenn.

Kenneth and Carleen and all of their children were members of New Bethel Baptist Church for many years. Kenneth was also a trustee of the church. Life happens, and there is a season and a reason for everything. His season was over with New Bethel and Kenneth drifted from place to place trying to find a comfortable place to worship God and his journey brought him to Salem Baptist Church where he attended as much as his illness would allow him.

Kenneth worked for the postal service until his retirement. He was a mail handler/group leader. His fellow workers remember him fondly with his cigar and his cup of coffee. His favorite saying to the employees was “tighten up”.

He loved to play chess, bowl and dance. His kids would love to see him and their mother, Carleen cut a rug! When his children were young he had two favorite songs that he would sing to them “The Five O’clock Whistle” and “Hey daddy, I want brand new car champagne caviar, you oughta get the best for me”. Even though he had eight children of his own, you would think that as he got older he wouldn’t want children around him, but he loved the little ones, especially his grandchildren. He could sit and watch them play with a big smile of wonderment on his face.

Kenneth left this life on Tuesday, May 28th at 12:30 PM in Bayonne Hospital. He leaves to celebrate his life with so many loving memories his wife Carleen Taylor Cole, daughter’s Marsha Cole- Trice, Marcelene Cole, Glenda Cole , Andrea Cole and Renee Cole-Sinkler. (Leon Sinkler) One son Glenn Cole (Mona Ellerbee-Cole). His special special loving sister Mary Doris Ellis. He was predeceased by his two sons Kenneth Cole and Gary Cole. Son in law Watson Trice Jr. His mother and father Estelle and John Cole . His brother’s John and Lester Cole and his two sisters, Marcelene Cole and Mary Cole-Robinson. He knows that he is surrounded with love from his many grandchildren (18) great grandchild children (22) and one great grandson. Also a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. He will also be missed by his care givers: Saleem Trice, Tyeisha Bowers, Akida Jones, Marquita White, Larry Wade and Reggie Gaskins.

KENNETH W. COLE