

*In Loving Memory
of*

A portrait of Clarence L. Colbert, an elderly man with a grey beard and mustache, wearing a dark sweater over a white collared shirt. He is smiling slightly. The portrait is set against a background of a bright sun in a blue sky with white clouds.

Clarence L. Colbert

Sunrise

October 12, 1942

Sunset

October 20, 2013

Service

Monday, October 28, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

GREATER HIGHWAY DELIVERANCE

132 East 111th Street • New York, NY

Obituary

2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith

Mr. Clarence Lee Colbert (AKA) “PA”, was born on October 12, 1942 to the late Geneva Wilson and the late Clarence L. Colbert, Sr.

“PA” was loved by everyone on the 119th Street and Lexington Avenue Block. All family and friends greeted him by the names “PA”, “Pop” or “Poppa”. Pa did not meet any strangers. He was kind and respectful to everyone that he came in contact with no matter the race or age.

“PA” attended the Upchurch High School in Raeford, North Carolina and later migrated to New York City. He was employed at Rosenberg and Corn Garment Distribution where he retired. PA being the hard worker that he was decided to go back to work. He was then employed by the City of New York Parks and Recreation, as a seasonal worker, working in the Maintenance Department, until his health failed.

“PA” confessed Christ and joined the Greater Highway Deliverance Church where he was a member of the Usher Board, Deacon Board and Choir.

“Pa” was united in holy matrimony to the late Lena Belle Colbert on August 26, 1979.

“PA” leaves to cherish his memories: one daughter, Deidrea Shaw-Hamilton of Raeford, North Carolina; one son, Tony Hodge (Kim) of Columbia, South Carolina; five step daughters, one preceded him in death (Barbara Jean Cagle), Betty Jean, Judy, Joyce and Brenda Cagle all of New York; three adopted sons, Anthony, Christopher, and Eric Colbert of New York; two step-sons, James (Clara) Cagle of Raeford, North Carolina, Steven Cagle of New York; three granddaughters, Arica Shaw of Raleigh, North Carolina, Shahara Evans of Raeford, North Carolina and Toni Hodge of Columbia, South Carolina; four great-grandchildren, Wahledge Lyfe and Wisdom Shaw-Stephens of Raleigh, North Carolina and Lauryn Essence Evans who embraced this earth as her great-grandpa departed this life; six brothers, Harold Lee Colbert of Bridgeport, Connecticut, Joseph Davis of Raeford, North Carolina, Donald Lee Porter (Sharon), Bishop Jerry V. Porter (Nora), Floyd Porter, all of Fayetteville and James Porter (Pat) of Jackson, Mississippi; six sisters one preceded him in death, Lillie Simmons (Eddie) of Queens, NY, Marcia Anne Denson of Brooklyn, NY, Shirley Davis of Jacksonville, Florida, Rosa Gallon (Felton) of Browns Mills, New Jersey, Donella Porter of Fayetteville, North Carolina and Cynthia Porter-Roach (Wayne) of Fort Washington, Maryland; one brother-in-law, James Morrissey of Raleigh, North Carolina; two cousins raised as sisters, Rita Shaw (Marvin) and Barbara Graham of Raeford, North Carolina; twenty six grandchildren; thirty-two great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. A very special son and friend, Hosea Dalarza (Jessie).

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort.....Dr. Hazel Page

Selection

Remarks2 minutes

Selection

Acknowledgements of Cards

and Obituary..... Deidrea Shaw-Hamilton

Selection

Eulogy.....Bishop Liston Page, Sr.
Pastor

Final Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Highland Biblical Garden
Raeford, North Carolina

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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