

In Loving Memory of

Frederick Cole

Sunrise

September 12, 1937

Sunset

February 18, 2015

Service

Thursday, February 26, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

219 Myrtle Avenue • Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. Kortney L. Haigler, Officiating

Donovan Jackson, Organist

Obituary



Freddie Cole was born on September 12, 1937 in Passaic, New Jersey to Catherine and James Robert Cole. After the death of his mother, he was raised by his stepmother, Helen Lewis and attended the Passaic Public School System. He departed this life on February 18, 2015 from respiratory failure. He was seventy-seven.

A popular student and young man, Freddie excelled in sports and loved playing baseball, football and enjoyed swimming. At age seventeen, Freddie, an adventurous spirit, joined the United States Air Force, and left Passaic, New Jersey to enlist and go abroad. He served for twenty years in the Air Force and received numerous commendations for his service.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Freddie was assigned to a special rescue operation, and he received the Airmens Medal of Honor for his courageous rescues at Cam Rahn Bay. A skilled swimmer, the Passaic native was heralded as a hero by the United States Airforce for helping to save lives of fallen soldiers during the Vietnam War.

After serving in the United States Air Force, Freddie, a decorated military man, returned to his hometown and went into law enforcement. In 1976, he joined the Passaic Police Department, where he worked as a Passaic Housing Guard and served for nineteen years, retiring in 1995.

Freddie enjoyed exercising, swimming and watching sports in his later years. He also loved keeping up with current events and was regarded by his colleagues, family and friends as a great philosopher on life, politics and culture. A dedicated father, he was devoted to his son, "lil" Fredrick Cole.

He is survived by: a daughter, Adrienne Holt (the late Joseph), of Kennesaw, GA; a son, Fredrick Claude Cole, of Teaneck, NJ; a brother, Robert "Pete" of Port Charlotte, FL; a sister, Hattie Banks, of Pittsburg, PA; four grandchildren, Aqueelah (Omar), Quinea, Mariah and Jaala; four great grandchildren, a former wife, Alice of Passaic, NJ; a devoted cousin, Adelpia "Ms. Duffy" Lucas, of Bloomfield, NJ; special friend, Mary of Passaic, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Freddie was preceded in death by his dear step mom, Helen Lewis, one brother, Henry Jordan and one sister, Marguerite Jordan.

His family and friends will deeply miss his kindness, laughter, long conversations and deep love for his relatives. Freddie enriched the lives of all he knew and will be sorely missed.

Order of Service

Hymn of Worship #508..... “*Blessed Assurance*”

Invocation..... Minister Melanie Gleabes

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort..... Minister Melanie Gleabes

Selection Hymn..... “*Farther Along*”

Acknowledgements..... Aqueelah Dames

Remarks..... Minister Melanie Gleabes (10 minutes)
Family & Friends (2 minutes)

Poem..... Frederick “Claude” Cole and Mariah Holt

Obituary..... Caryl Lucas

Selection..... Jeffrey Holmes

Eulogy..... Rev. Kortney L. Haigler, Pastor
Union Baptist Church, Passaic, New Jersey

Benediction

Interment

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans

Memorial Cemetery

Wrightstown, Burlington County, New Jersey



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me,
for now I'm free I'm
following the path
God has laid you see.
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, to 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 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 hearts and peace to
thee God wanted me now; He set me free.*

Acknowledgements

*The family of **Frederick Cole** acknowledges with deep appreciation every thought and act of kindness extended towards them during this time. May God bless you all.*

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