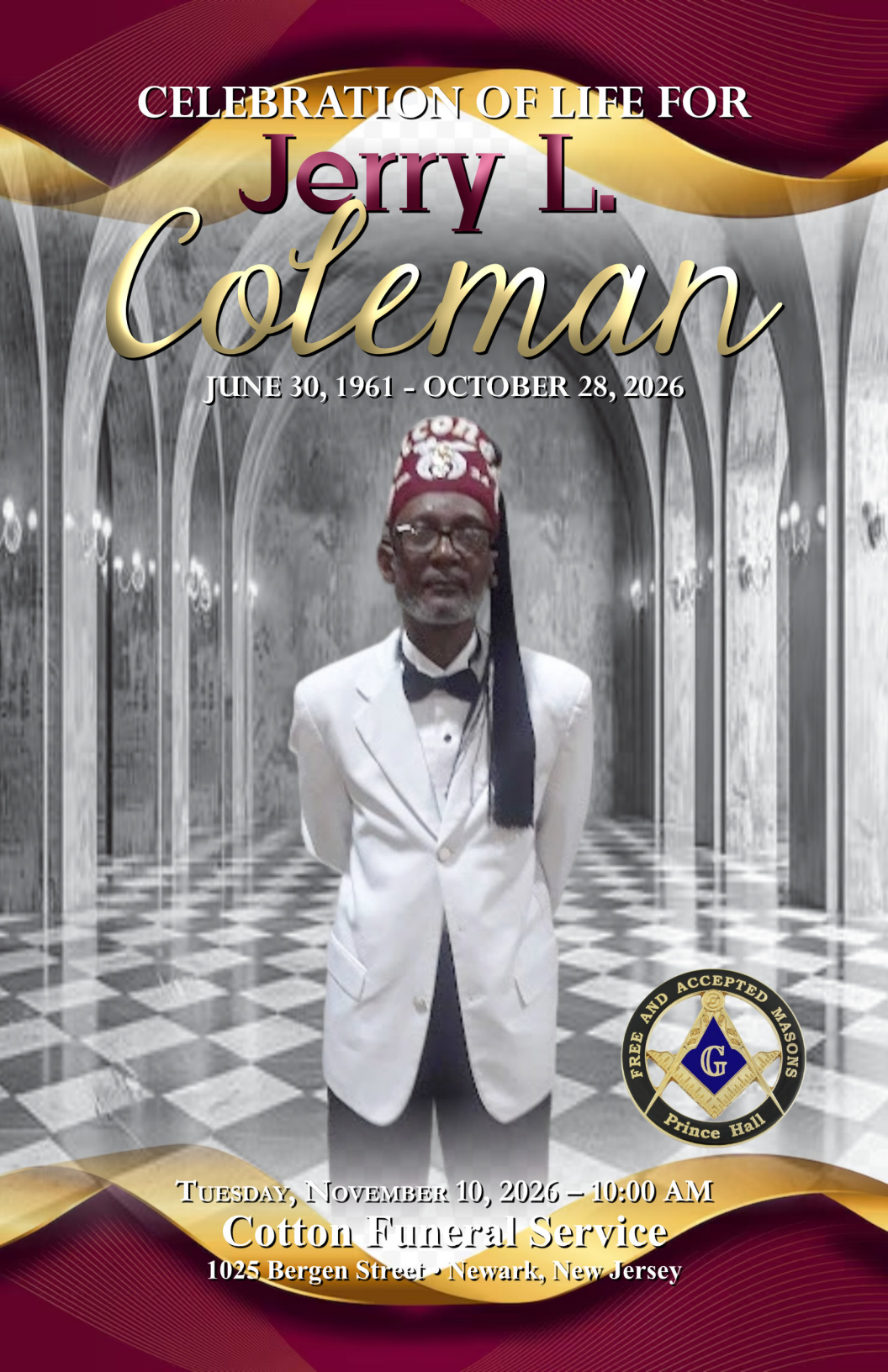
CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Jerry L. Coleman

JUNE 30, 1961 - OCTOBER 28, 2026



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Jerry L. Coleman, age 65, of Newark, New Jersey, passed away peacefully on October 28th, 2026 surrounded by family after a courageous and noble battle with an internal illness.

Pastmaster Coleman was born on June 30th, 1961 in Newark, New Jersey to the beloved Pearl Coleman and Theodore "TC" Coleman. Jerry attended St. Benedict's Preparatory High School and graduated from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. After many years serving stints at Newark Motor vehicle, TruGreen and Newark Parking Authority, Jerry went on to retire and celebrate his leisure time with family and friends.

Jerry was known for his infectious sense of humor, charismatic style, and dedication to his loved ones and work. He had a passion for sports, Shaw University, and his two sons. He could often be found celebrating any of those above.

He leaves behind an extended family of deeply cherished colleagues and friends from his Shaw University family, his New Jersey Department of Motor Vehicles family, his TruGreen family, his Newark Parking Authority family, and the countless lifelong friends he made over the years.

A dedicated Prince Hall Freemason, Jerry was a 3 time Past Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 62 F.&A.M. He was deeply committed to his journey through the higher bodies of the order, elevating to the Red House (Holy Royal Arch), achieving the 32nd Degree within Sardonias Consistory No. 41 (Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Newark), and walking as a Noble of Golconda Temple No. 24 (Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine).

Jerry is survived by Valencia Coleman, the mother of his two children, Jerrell Coleman, Jerome Coleman and his spouse Evelyn Coleman; grandchildren, Jaylynn, Nyasia, Kylie, Eva and Kobe and siblings Delphine, Juanetta, Letwana, Alexis and Austin. He was preceded in death by his mother, Pearl Coleman, and father, Theodore Coleman.

Family, friends, and others whose lives Jerry touched are invited to the services to reminisce, grieve, and support each other.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Jerry Coleman's memory to Jerry Coleman at 239 Park Avenue, East Orange, NJ, 07017.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Cremation

Evergreen Cemetery
1137 N. Broad St.
Hillside, NJ 07205

Repast to follow held at
St. John's United Methodist Church
230 Park Avenue, East Orange, 07017

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones:
Oh, so happy and bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed:
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread:
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?
Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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