



Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Honorary Pallbearers

*Vincent Coleman • Victor Coleman • Ellis Clayton
Kenneth Clayton • Walter Hargrove • Kenadee Noble*

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **James Coleman** would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for every act of kindness and hospitality shown to them during the illness and transition of their love one.*

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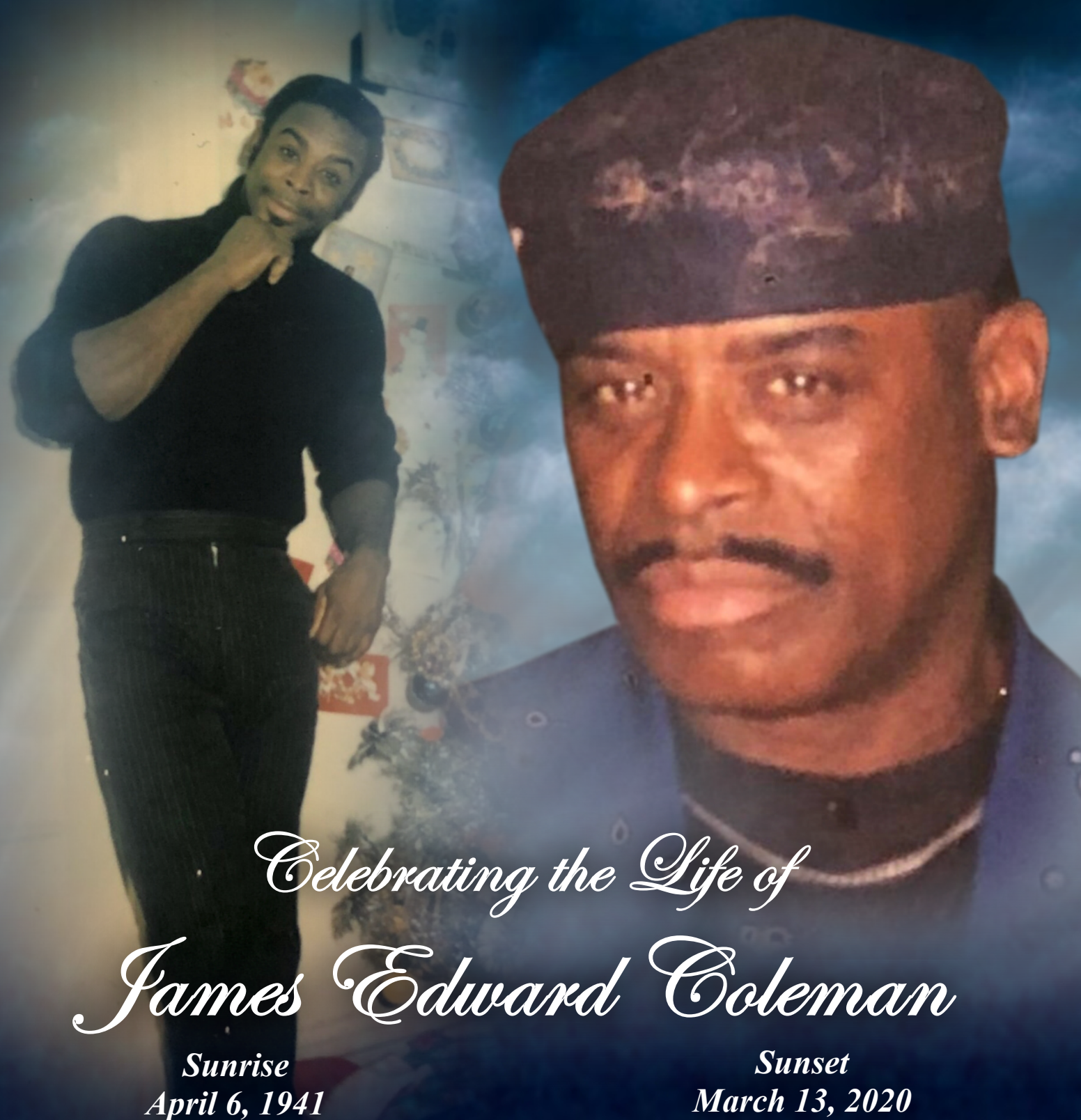
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Celebrating the Life of James Edward Coleman

*Sunrise
April 6, 1941*

*Sunset
March 13, 2020*

Service

Thursday, March 26, 2020 • 11:00 a.m.

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Order of Service

Processional

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Scripture - Psalm 23:1-6

New Testament Scripture - 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Prayer of Comfort

Bishop Dale Smith

*Pastor of Restoration and
Deliverance Center, Wilmington, DE*

Solo

“I Won’t Complain”- Elder Tasha Smith

Restoration and Deliverance Center, Wilmington, DE

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Sis. Thelma Lyles,

Corresponding Secretary of

Greater New St. Paul, F. B. H. Church, Newark, NJ

Selection

“Bye and Bye When the Morning Comes”

Special Remarks

Rev. Roger Hambrick

Pastor of Green Pastures Baptist Church, Bronx, NY

Tributes

“The Sons”: Carl Atkins & James Claiborne

Obituary

June Coleman

Solo

“His Eyes Are On The Sparrow“ - Elder Tasha Smith

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Lowell Richard Coleman

Pastor of Greater New St. Paul F. B. H. Church, Newark, NJ

Recessional

“I’ll Fly Away”



Obituary

James Edward Coleman was born in Talladega, Alabama on April 6, 1941 to parents, the late Maxie Coleman and Dennis Coleman. James was affectionately called “Bobby” by family and friends. Bobby was reared in a God-fearing home and confessed Christ at an early age at the Grove Street Church of God in Christ.

He attended Eastside Elementary School and continued his secondary education at Westside High School. Bobby later migrated to the bright lights of New York City in a quest for greater economic opportunities. He then connected with other family members who were already residents of this bustling metropolis. Bobby soon became employed as a dietician at New York University where he worked for over 40 years. He also additionally worked at a variety of other business establishments.

It was there in the Big City where Bobby met the love of his life, Pauline Claiborne and two hearts became one. Bobby was the father of five sons, James, Karl, Latif, Charles (Bumbo), and John; and one daughter, Keisha.

Bobby was gifted with some powerful vocals. One of his favorite songs was ‘A Change Gonna Come’ by the late Sam Cooke. He was a diehard Mets fan and frequently bragged about his favorite team to family and friends.

Bobby’s nickname was “Tough Bird”. In the year 2000, Bobby was seriously injured in a car accident and was hospitalized for more than nine months. Despite this unfortunate incident, Bobby truly personified his nickname “Tough Bird“ with his unparalleled perseverance. God’s grace and mercy miraculously brought Bobby through this traumatic experience. He later encountered other medical challenges but confronted each situation with intestinal fortitude and endurance.

Bobby loved God with all his heart. He was a member of the Green Pastures Baptist Church in Bronx, New York under the pastorage of the dynamic Rev. Roger Hambrick. As Bobby’s health began to decline, he started attending the Soundview Presbyterian Church in Bronx, New York under the esteemed pastoral leadership of Rev. Cleotha Robinson which was closer to his home. He attended this great church until he confronted more medical challenges. Despite his many obstacles, his faith did not waver and he held on to God’s unchanging hand.

On Friday, March 13, 2020, at 7:34 am, at the Jack D. Weiler Hospital in Bronx, New York, God saw that Bobby had grown tired of the toils and tribulations of this life; so He sent one of His holy angels to Bobby’s bedside and whispered, “Come home, my child; rest from your labors and enter into the joy of the Lord.”

Bobby is preceded in death by his mother and father, Dennis and Maxie Coleman; his companion, Pauline Claiborne; two sons, Charles (Bumbo) Claiborne and John Claiborne; four sisters, Shirley Ann Coleman, Ruby Millender, and Minnie Coleman Ervin; and two brothers, Joel Coleman and Walter Parker Coleman.

Bobby leaves to cherish his precious memories: three sons, James Claiborne (Tashona) of E. St Louis, Missouri, Carl Atkins (Sheila) of Bronx, New York and Latif Coleman, also of Bronx, New York; one daughter, Keisha Coleman; three sisters, Lola Clayton of Atlanta, Georgia, Sara Coleman of New York City, and Ann Coleman of Bronx, New York; two brothers, Paul Coleman (Jody) of Anniston, Alabama and Rev. Dr. Lowell Richard Coleman of Fort Salonga, New York; fifteen nieces; nineteen nephews; a plethora of cousins and other relatives; and a host of very dear friends.

Sleep on Bobby, take your well deserved rest; we love you and will see you on that great Resurrection Day.

*Sorrowfully submitted,
The Family*