

In Loving Memory of



Mrs. Mary Halley Cole

Sunrise
June 16, 1931

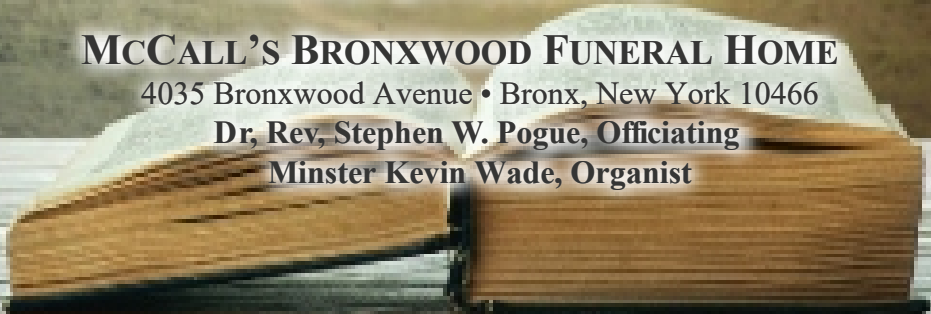
Sunset
April 2, 2020

Service:
Thursday, April 9, 2020 - 1:30 pm

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Dr, Rev, Stephen W. Pogue, Officiating
Minster Kevin Wade, Organist



Obituary

Mrs. Mary Halley Cole was born June 16th, 1931 in New York City to the late Laura Ferguson and Benjamin Halley. Mrs. Cole was the second youngest of four children: Benjamin Halley, Jr., James, and Samuel, all of whom preceded her in death. She was born and raised in Harlem, New York and received her formal education in the New York City Educational System.

An elegant lady of grace and tradition, she preferred to be called Mrs. Cole and not by her first name Mary. Mrs. Cole was also acknowledged by her loved ones as Gangsta Ma, Mama Cole, GG, Big Ma and most affectionately as Nannie by her little sister Jimmie.

Mrs. Cole met the handsome, most debonair Richard Daniel Cole at Wadleigh Evening College where she received her Associates Degree. As the beautiful couple later married and started their union, they purchased their wonderful home in the Bronx, NY in January 1976. It was at their loving home where they raised their three beautiful children Laura Laverne Halley Cole, Rosalind Cole-Waring, and Richard Daniel Cole, Jr. Mrs. Cole was preceded in death by her only son Richard "Richie" D. Cole Jr. in 1989 and her husband for more than forty years, Richard, Sr. in 1992.

Mrs. Cole retired from Bronx Lebanon Hospital after serving forty years as a Senior Accountant. Within those four decades at BLH, Mrs. Cole was blessed with an amazing friendship and sisterhood with Vernessa Bishop and Charmaine Montgomery. The three lovely women were characterized as the Three Musketeers. Mrs. Cole's leadership qualities continued to exist after retirement as she joined and became an active member at Boston East Rain Senior group. She quickly became a member of the advisory board, serving many years as the President. She often lovingly referred to her position as her "non paying job." As had been her responsibility when employed, Mrs. Cole was known for her ability to organize the Rain Center's various outings for the seniors to go bowling, to Broadway plays, casinos excursions, movies, wine tasting, etc. Mrs. Cole enjoyed bringing joy to others. On February 19th of this year, Mrs. Cole organized her last event, a most informative, outstanding Black History Month Program which was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. The excitement of the seniors in attendance could be seen on their faces as they learned new facts of the achievements and contributions of African Americans to the United States. After the program, a delicious lunch was served followed by dancing to the music of a steel band Master and his young son. Serving others, loving others, being kind to others is what gave Mrs. Mary Halley Cole her Christ-filled joy and thirst for life.

Mrs. Cole was a member of St. Paul Baptist Church at 249 West 132nd Street in Harlem, New York for over sixty years worshipping there with her family, her Mother, Laura Halley, her Brother, The Rev. Benjamin Halley and generations of Family members. For the last five years Mrs. Cole attended Greater Centennial AME Zion Church with her daughter Rosalind also known as Bootsie.

Mrs. Cole enjoyed traveling domestically and internationally with her friends and family, creating great, loving memories with her loved ones. In her later years, many of her best times were spent gambling at the casinos with her friend, Ms. Sonia Palmer and having great conversations while playing Bingo with the ladies at the Center. Some of her outstanding traveling memories were with her children; going to Paris with Laura and Alaska and Las Vegas with Rosalind.

Mrs. Cole leaves to mourn her baby (puppy) LJ, two daughters Laura Laverne Halley Cole and Rosalind Cole-Waring; her only grandchild Amanda S. Waring; her little sister Dr. James Etta Halley-Boyce, her Brother Benjamin's daughter who was raised by their Mama and a host of nieces, grand and great-grand nieces, nephews, grand and great-grand nephews, and a host of family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

“He's Able” (Deitrick Haddon)

Prayer of Comfort

Pastor Randolph Hillary Boyce

Scripture Reading

Dr. Rev. Stephen W. Pogue

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Pogue

Greater Centennial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Selection

“Take me to the King”

Obituary

read by Amanda Waring (Granddaughter)

Acknowledgements/Reflections

Final viewing

Committal

Dr. Rev. Stephen W. Pogue

Benediction

Dr. Rev. Stephen W. Pogue

Recessional

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park
Paramus, New Jersey

A Mother's Love

A mother's love is everlasting though the flesh is gone.

*The memories of joy and laughter will
still live on I will always miss your
voice and your presence I will
remember all of the times we shared.*

*Don't worry I will move on as I get in my car listening
to your favorite song, "I Got Love On My Mind" -
I know life still goes on as I start my days and end my
nights my mother's love will embrace me tight.*

*Feeling your presence and knowing
you're there letting me know I have nothing to fear.
I will then close my eyes and squeeze real tight
then I will have a good sleep.*

Acknowledgments

**The family would like to express their deep appreciation and
sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during
their time of bereavement.**

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