

*In Loving Memory of*



*George Everett Colley*

December 25, 1927 - June 1, 2020

Saturday, June 20, 2020 - 12:00 Noon

**Chapels of Eden Funeral Home**

110 South Munn Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07018

**Officiating: Pastor Allen Simmons**

**Organist: Elder Derrick Wyche**

# Obituary

**George Everett Colley** was born December 25, 1927, in Ludowici, Georgia; to James Colley and Rubye Colley Baker. George attended school in Ludowici, before moving to Summit, New Jersey to live with family.

George graduated from Summit High School in 1947 and entered the United States Army in October of 1950. Following Basic Training and Infantry School at Fort Campbell in Kentucky, P.F.C Colley was assigned to the 23rd Infantry Regiment, in the 2nd Infantry Division, with duty in the Republic of Korea. According to 2nd Infantry reports from January 1952, P.F.C Colley's unit was one of four regiments designated to defend the Missouri Line in the area known as the "Iron Triangle." These units faced extreme cold weather and heavy barrages of enemy fire, while conducting "extensive and aggressive patrolling" against determined North Korean forces. The report goes on to list 1,605 'negro personnel' were assigned to the division during this time, with P.F.C Colley being one of 118 soldiers awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Heroic Achievement in a Combat Zone. On January 2, 1952, P.F.C Colley received the prestigious Purple Heart Medal, for wounds sustained due to artillery attack. P.F.C Colley's awards also include the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Ribbon, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

After his service in the United States Army, George earned a B.S. in Business Administration and began a career as a Civil Service employee until his retirement. He enjoyed the fellowship of friends and acquaintances in the New Jersey area, especially at Parkwood Diner in Maplewood, New Jersey where he often "held court".

George is preceded in death by both his loving wife Jeanette and parents, as well as the following siblings: Mary C. Nevels, Thomas Colley, Edythe C. Bynum, Arthur Colley, Ruth C. Byrd, Walter Colley, Samuel Colley, Jimmie C. Randel, and infant Adolph Colley.

Left to cherish his memories are his siblings Herbert Colley and Juanita B. Neal (Richard), along with numerous nieces and nephews including Rene King, Jimmy Colley, Brig Gen. Reginald Neal, Dr. Regina N. Streetman, Father Harry Nevels, Dr. Harold Nevels, Thomas Nevels, Gloria B. Smith, Sandra B. Hawes, Karen Colley, Walter Colley Jr., Sandra Clark, and Rev. Theodore Calhoun; along with his caregiver Mrs. Fernandez, longtime friend Debra Darrisaw-Howell, and the many patrons of Parkwood Diner and a host of other relatives and friends.

***Then I heard a voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said, "Here Am I, send me" Isaiah 6:8***

# Order of Service

## **Processional**

### **Scripture Reading - Pastor Allen Simmons**

Old Testament 90:1-12

New Testament 1 Cor 15:51-58

## **Prayer**

Pastor Allen Simmons

## **Selections**

Elder Derrick Wyche

## **Obituary & Acknowledgments**

### **Selection**

Elder Derrick Wyche

### **Eulogy**

Pastor Allen Simmons

## **Recessional**

*George Everett Colley will be laid to rest at the  
Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.*

**We have been able to set up a college scholarship in  
my uncle's name.**

**In lieu of flowers, you can donate to the newly  
established college scholarship in honor of George  
Everett Colley at the Zion Union Heritage Museum  
276 North St, Hyannis, MA 02601.**



# To Say Goodbye

*To say goodbye is not the end  
To all my family and friends  
For life goes on, you must endure  
For my eternity is sure.  
Remember all the good times  
The memories we've shared  
The precious jewels of laughter  
The tender love and care.  
I found my resting place  
God's peace surrounds my soul  
Let love abound in all your hearts  
Let heaven be your goal.  
-Author unknown*

## Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere  
thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow.  
May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.*

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