

*Celebrating the Life
of*



Douglas L. Coley

Sunrise
January 31, 1962

Sunset
November 23, 2021

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 - 12:00 Noon

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Kenneth Clayton, Officiating

Rev. Keith Oden, Organist

William Moore, Soloist

Obituary

Douglas Layfon Coley was born on January 31, 1962 in Cochran, Georgia. He was the beloved son of Shirley Coley and Douglas Smithson.

He relocated to Paterson, NJ at an early age along with his family and made New Jersey his home, residing in Hackensack for a few years returning to Paterson where he resided until he departed this life.

Douglas received his education in the Paterson Public School System, attending Public School No. 6 and Eastside High School.

“Lay” as he was affectionately known was a handyman, he could repair, build and paint anything. He was also a great cook, you would always find him on the grill at our family cook-outs.

He will also be remembered for his great sense of humor, there was never a dull moment when he was around, he loved telling jokes or relating stories about old times, he kept you entertained. Lay enjoyed being the life of the party.

Lay accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour and joined the Community Baptist Church, Englewood, NJ.

He was preceded in death by his beloved sister; Cathy Coley-Yough and nephew; Reginald Coley.

Douglas Layfon Coley transitioned this life on Tuesday evening, November 23, 2021 at St. Joseph’s University Regional Medical Center in Paterson, NJ.

He leaves to cherish fond memories, his mother: Shirley Coley, father; Douglas Smithson, son; Dashawn McDaniel, two brothers; Alvin (Iris) Coley and Lamont “Mook” Coley, one sister; Lana Royal, two grandchildren, nephews; Donald, Ronald, Jerron, Jae’won, Marcus and Gabriel, nieces: Tameka, Kwanafa, Amya, Chantel and Sabrina, aunt; Mary Randall, devoted friend; Felisha Taliaferro and a host of great nieces, great nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Invocation.....Reverend Kenneth D.R. Clayton

Musical Selection.....Reverend Keith Oden

Scripture Reading

Old Testament – Psalm 23.....Reverend Donnie Walton

New Testament – John 14: 1-4

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Anthony Cureton

Solo.....William Moore

Acknowledgements/Remarks

Solo.....Constance Leverett

Reflections of Life.....Marcenia Cofield

Solo.....William Moore

Eulogy.....Reverend Kenneth D.R. Clayton, Pastor
St. Luke Baptist Church,
Paterson, NJ

Recessional

Interment

Fair Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

*Repast: St. Luke Baptist Church
139-145 A.M. Tyler Place (Carroll Street)
Paterson, NJ 07501*

A Light From Our Household

A light is from our household gone,
A voice we loved is stilled
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.
We have to mourn the loss of one
We did our best to save.
Beloved on earth, regretted still,
Remembered in the grave.
'Twas hard to part with one so dear,
We little thought the time was near
Farewell, dear one, your life is past,
Our love for you till the end will last.
-Author unknown



Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Douglas L. Coley** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.
May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

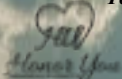
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