

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me,
I took His hand when I heard Him call:
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play,
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found my place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too shall miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow:
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my life seemed all too brief:
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free!

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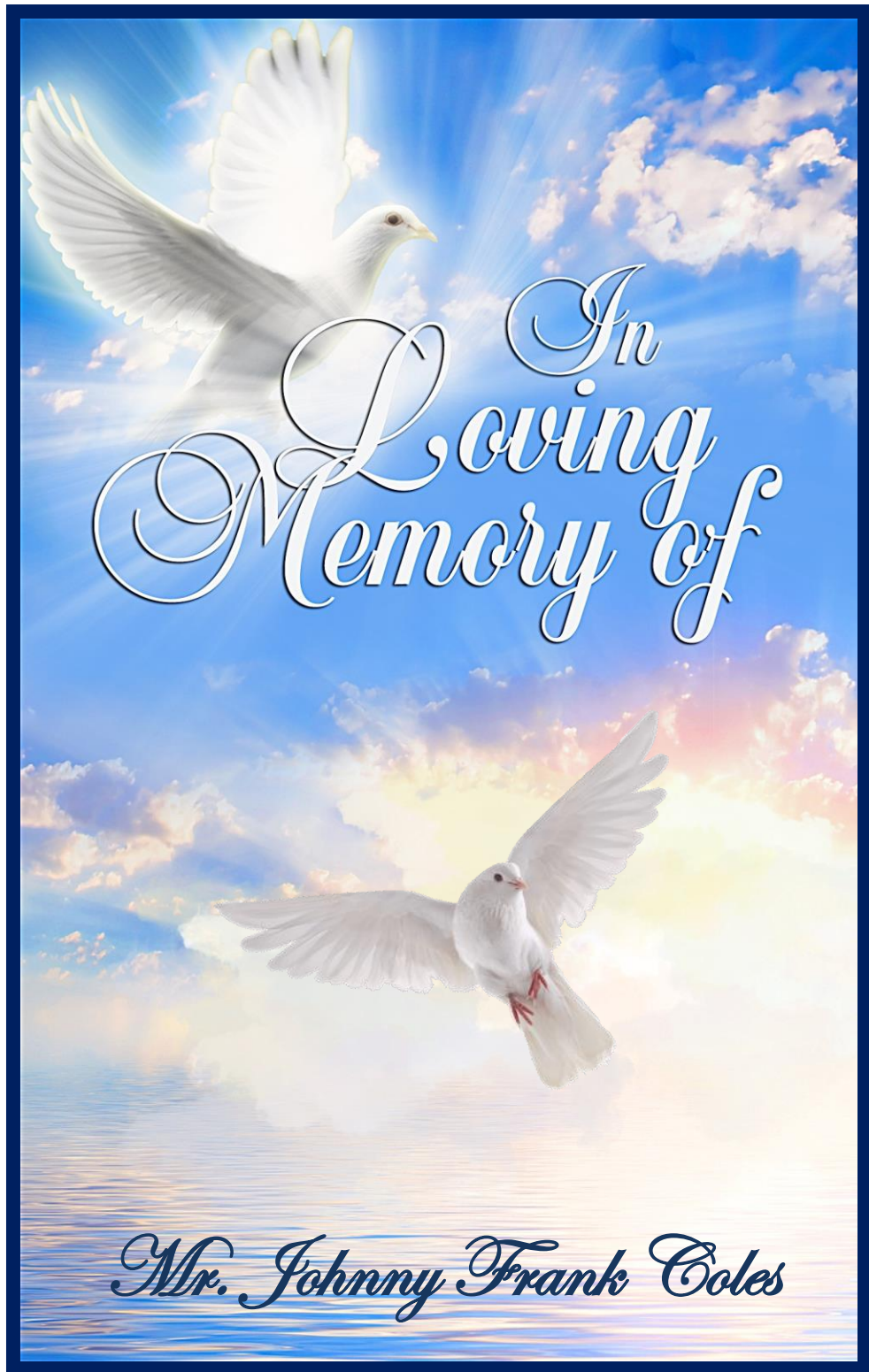
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Obituary

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11 (KJV)

Mr. Johnny Frank Coles was born on August 17, 1949, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the oldest child of the late Ella Mae Coles. He departed this life peacefully on Monday, October 31, 2022.

Mr. Coles was a 1969 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, where he is remembered as an exceptional athlete. Mr. Coles received his barber license in 1970 from the Lillywood, School of Barbering. He became a Master Barber in 1977. He was the owner and operator of Coles Barbershop, located in downtown Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Coles mentored and uplifted the lives of many men who considered him a lifetime friend.

He leaves his family and countless friends to mourn his loss.

Johnny,

"What moves through us is a silence,
A quiet sadness, a longing for one more day,
one more word, one more touch.

We may not understand why you left
this earth so soon, or why you left before
we were ready to say goodbye,
but little by little, we begin to remember
not just that you died, but that you lived.
And that your life gave us memories too
Beautiful to forget" -Author Unknown

We Love You!

YOUR FAMILY

Funeral Service

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 - 1:00 p.m.

Levy's Funeral Home Chapel

1831 Taylor Street

Columbia, South Carolina



Prelude

Processional....."No Looking Back"
Recording by Damita Haddon

Scriptures Reading.....Reverend Viola Etheridge
Friendship Baptist Church

Prayer.....Reverend Charles Epps
Haskell Height Progressive Baptist Church

Resolution.....The Honorable Leon Howard
House of Representatives, District 76

Remarks.....Mr. Perry Lancaster
Mr. George Parks
Mr. Anthony Jive Brown
Mr. Sterling Sharpe
Mr. Valeria Curry

Words of ComfortPastor Warren Bolton
Mount Zion Baptist Church

Committal and Benediction.....Reverend Dr. Travien L. Capers
Pastor, Zion Benevolent Baptist Church

Recessional



Acknowledgement

There are those whose lives death cannot diminish. Their love radiates forever in the hearts of family and friends. Johnny Frank Coles was one of those special people. We, his family, felt your love and kindness in all that you did and are doing to comfort our hearts during our loss. May the love, peace, grace, mercy, and kindness of God keep you and uplift you!