

# Obituary

Mr. Talmadge Coleman, Sr. was born in Columbia, South Carolina, son of the late John Coleman and Lucille Ferguson Coleman. He was called to eternal rest on Saturday, October 12, 2024.

Mr. Coleman graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, where he was a standout linebacker on the varsity football team for four years, never losing a game. He earned the nickname "Raddy 14" because his jersey was frequently torn during games due to his tenacity on the field.

After high school, Mr. Coleman proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, a time when the Army was in the early stages of integration. Upon his return to South Carolina, he married Jannie Davis, and together they had one son, Talmadge Coleman, Jr. His passion for football remained strong as he supported his son's athletic pursuits. He was a dedicated fan of South Carolina State University football, attending both home and away games.

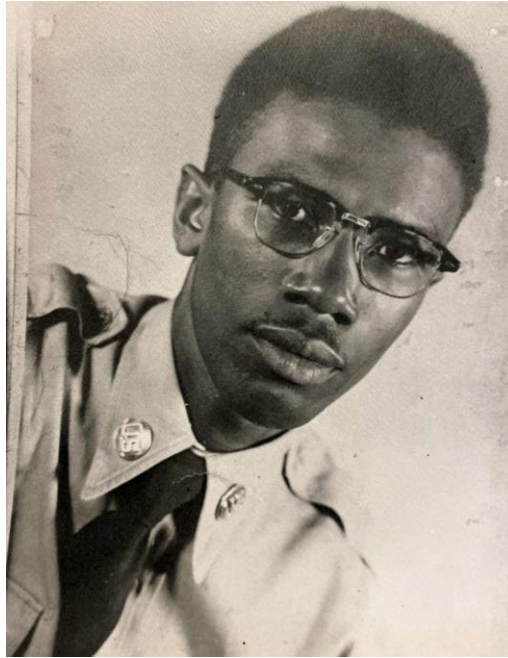
Mr. Coleman's spiritual journey began at Jones Memorial AME Zion Church, where he served faithfully on the Board of Trustees for many years. He was deeply committed to serving his church and community.

Known for his many skills as a plumber, mechanic, and handyman, Mr. Coleman was always ready to help his neighbors with home improvement projects and car repairs. After retiring from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, he continued to enjoy working with his hands through gardening, lawn care, and maintaining and improving his family home.

As a devoted grandfather to three grandchildren, Mr. Coleman poured much of his time and love into their lives. Whether supporting their activities like swimming, dancing, football, and baseball, or transporting them to school events, his unconditional love for his family was always at the forefront. His grandchildren were a source of immense pride and joy.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his son, Talmadge Coleman, Jr. (Angela), of Columbia, South Carolina; three grandchildren, Kamilah Coleman McCray (Joshua), Talmadge Edward Coleman, and Kedrick Elliott Coleman, all of Columbia, South Carolina; one sister, Nadine Anderson, of Columbia, South Carolina; one sister-in-law, Wilma McCoy, of Orangeburg, South Carolina; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other loving relatives and friends who will dearly miss him.

# Memories



# Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Hymn..... "Blessed Assurance".....Congregation
- Scripture Readings..... PE Reverend Dr. Reid White, Jr.  
   Old Testament – Psalm 90:1-10  
   New Testament – I Corinthians 15:50-58
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Carolyn Dixon
- Solo...“The Last Mile of the Way”...Reverend Sandra Walker
- Reflections:           (Two Minutes, Please)  
                                   Class Leader – Mrs. Elsie White  
                                   Community Representative – Ms. Joan Mobley  
                                   Family Member – Mrs. Kamilah Coleman McCray
- Acknowledgements/Resolution.....Exhorter Annie Williams
- Hymn of Preparation.....Jones Memorial A.M.E.Z. Choir
- Eulogy.....Reverend Thelma Gordon
- Medley of Songs.....Jones Memorial A.M.E.Z. Choir
- Recessional
- Postlude



## Interment

11:00 A.M., Monday, October 21, 2024  
Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, South Carolina

## God's Garden

God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew that you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you did not go alone...  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

## Pallbearers

Family and Friends

## Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Talmadge Coleman, Sr., would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to each of you who has extended comforting expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers, during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

## Services Entrusted To:

<b>Taylor Street Chapel</b> 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	<b>Leevy's</b> FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	<b>Lower Richland Chapel</b> 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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Celebration of Life

*Mr.*  
*Talmadge Coleman, Sr.*

Friday, October 18, 2024  
11:00 A.M.

Jones Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church  
2400 Barhamville Road  
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Thelma Gordon  
-Pastor-