



*Homegoing Service  
In Loving Memory  
of*  
**MR. LESTER COLLINGTON**



**Acknowledgement**

We, the family of Mr. Lester Collington, would like to thank each of you for your prayers, love and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026  
1:00 P.M.

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# Obituary

One of 7 children, Lester Collington, was born on March 22, 1946, to Edward and Mary Lena Collington of Brooklyn, New York.

He was raised in Bedford Stuyvesant Brooklyn, also known as Bed-Stuy Do or Die and attended schools in the NYC Public School System, that being P.S. 137, Junior H.S. 73 and Franklin K. Lane High School.

Bed-Stuy is also where Lester met and married Laura Collington, where their union welcomed their daughter, Maia (pronunciation- MY-E-A), before divorcing a couple years later.

Twelve years later from a different union, he was blessed with his second daughter, Regan (pronunciation- REE-GAN) and bonus daughter, Paige.

Characterized as a sensitive, prideful, funny, athletic, laid back, cool, and handsome ladies' man, Lester always took pride in his appearance. He enjoyed Martial Arts, (Haketo to be specific), handball, playing cards, paddle ball, running, walking, exercising and the sweet sounds of jazz.

Lester had several jobs throughout his life from delivering windows and doors with the Steelbuck Co., to operating printing machines at Wall Street, but his longest term of employment was with the Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority (MaBSTOA), as a transit Bus Driver.

In the late 1980's, Lester made a life-changing decision to move to South Carolina, the birth state in which his parents were born and where his family history began.

It is here, where after working several jobs, he met his future lifelong partner and companion, Linda Collins at the Babcock Center, at Kensington One. Lester was a Mental Health Specialist and Linda was his supervisor. Not classified as a romantic "Romeo & Juliet" story but rather a Cat & Mouse game that ended with 36 years of Friendship, Love and Life\_Partnership, the two have been inseparable.

This union also brought Lester a bonus family consisting of 2 daughters, Chelsea and Bridgette and 2 grandsons, Colavito & Christian.

Lester was diagnosed with Head & Neck Cancer in 2021 and was successfully treated and taken care of by Linda throughout the entire process with periodic visits and assistance from his daughter Maia. Unfortunately, the cancer returned as metastasized stage 4 Lung Cancer in 2024, which was confirmed in 2025.

He fought a long, hard battle which he could not have done without the help of Linda, who was by his side every step of the way. She took care of him from sunup to sun down, until he could not fight anymore.

Lester was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Mary Lena Collington; sister, Wilhelmina Hogans, and brothers, James & Edward Jr. Collington. Left to mourn are his sisters, Elaine Langhorn and Yvonne Collington; brother, Anthony Collington; his life partner and companion, Linda Collins, his daughters, Maia Collington and Regan Brown; his grandson, Andre Awon; his bonus family, daughters, Chelsea Shell, Bridgette McKie, Paige Brown; grandsons, Colavito and Christian McKie; granddaughter-in-law, Deondra McKie; great-granddaughters, Nylah and Zahria McKie; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection

Old Testament.....Elder David Johnson, Jr.

New Testament.....Elder David Johnson Jr.

Prayer .....Elder David Johnson, Jr.

Remarks .....Mr. Colavito McKie  
Ms. Maia Collington

Reading of the Obituary.....Mrs. Elaine Hogans-Jones

Selection.....Ms. Caroline Canty  
"A Long Walk"

Words of Comfort.....Elder David Johnson, Jr.

Committal

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

Postlude

