



## Horace Dewitt Coleman

January 19, 1928 - September 1, 2023

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

Horace Coleman, 95, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 1, 2023, at his residence in Hernando, MS. A visitation will be held Wednesday, September 6, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Southaven Church of Christ followed by the service at 1:00 p.m. (681 Church Road East, Southaven, MS 38671). Interment will follow at Memphis Memory Gardens. Robert Jefferies will officiate the service. In honor of Mr. Coleman's service to our country, the flag of the United States Navy, where he served as a Medical Corpsman, will be flown at Coleman Funeral Home. Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Coleman was born in Toccopola, Lafayette County, MS, in January 1928, and was the 5th of 8 children born to Sidney and Mary Coleman. His mother, Mary raised two children of her son James's, Donald and Bill Coleman then Donald's daughter, Donna. Growing up with a large family, he embraced togetherness and time spent with his parents and siblings, a gift he passed down to his own children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He was definitely a family man in every sense of the word. While growing up, he had a nickname "Rooster", because he was a scraper. He loved traveling, fishing, watching Ole Miss ballgames, and attending all sporting events and extracurricular activities of his grandchildren.

Mr. Coleman was a Godly man with a servant's heart and held a devout love for God and His word. He grew up in the Church of Christ and instilled those values in his family until the day he left us. He was a member of Southaven Church of Christ and loved his church deeply. His love of God, family, and people was evidenced daily as he faithfully served everyone around him. He was involved in programs at his Church for many years: Faith and Action and The We Care Program.

Mr. Coleman was married to his wife Billie for 46 years and was her fulltime caregiver during the last years of her life until her passing in 2016. The years they spent together and the love they shared was an inspiration to so many. They traveled to every State and 3 Continents in their camper where they made lifelong memories and friends.

He was a maintenance supervisor at The Kellogg's Cereal Corp., where he retired after more than 30 years of service. He continued to attend luncheons with retirees and kept up with many of his friends and old co-workers. He was a hardworking man who loved his job and provided above and beyond for his family.

In addition, Horace was a Regular at the Sweet Potato Farm in Senatobia MS and a watermelon field just East of Hernando, he called "The Patch". He truly enjoyed delivering sweet potatoes and watermelons to many of his Church Members and neighbors especially those who were unable to get out. He was a giver and helper to all he knew.

He leaves behind his daughters; Deena Coleman, of Hernando, MS, Leah (David) Smith, of Coldwater, MS; a son, Jerry Spillman, of Greenfield, MO; and stepson, Larry Spillman; grandchildren, Ashley (Anthony) Fuson, of Vicksburg, MS, Dennis Ruby Jr., of Nesbit, MS, Austin Kyle Ruby, of Terry,

MS, Jeremy (Jessica) Spillman, of Columbia, MO, Rachel (Damon) Chott, of Columbia, MO, Bobby (Melanie) Spillman, of Memphis, TN, Michelle (Mitchell) Carter, of Collierville, TN; great-grandchildren, Aubrey Ruby, Avery Fuson, Becca (Wesley) Love, Reese Ruby, Riley Ruby, Emma Spillman, Brooklyn Spillman, Noah Spillman, Jordan Chott, Hudson Chott, Caden Chott, Brice Fuquay, Autumn Carter, Tyler Carter, Cade Carter; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Billie Coleman; parents, Sidney and Mary Coleman; three sisters, Robbie Shipp, Hilda Carlock and Nida Douglas; four brothers, John Roland Coleman, Sr., James Sidney Coleman, Robert (Toolie) Coleman, and Billy Jack Coleman; and one great-grandson, Caleb Nunnery.

Honorable mention to Sue Johnson, April Lark, and Rona who took excellent care of him in his home as caretakers.

Donations and memorials may be made in Horace Coleman's honor to Southaven Church of Christ, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis School of Preaching, Paragould Children's Home, Wounded Warrior Project, and The Alzheimer's Association. He was a regular supporter of these, in addition he attended the Paragould Children's Home Fish Fry each September with a tradition of stopping at the same place each year to buy a case of muscadine jelly from the same man.

Online condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Memphis Memory Gardens

6444 Raleigh Lagrange Rd  
Memphis, TN 38134

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Southaven Church of Christ  
681 Church Road E  
Southaven, MS 38671

## Funeral Service

SEP 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

Southaven Church of Christ  
681 Church Road E  
Southaven, MS 38671

## Committal

SEP 6 (CT)

Memphis Memory Gardens  
6444 Raleigh Lagrange Rd  
Memphis, TN 38134



# Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven created a Tribute Video in memory of Horace Dewitt Coleman



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - September 05, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - September 07, 2023 at 10:12 AM

LB

“ This Is Ladean Bland, Horace And I went fishing at Sardis lake a bunch of years ago and I was so proud of my big ole bass boat. The water was real rough, Horace had his minnow bucket setting by him and boy!! I took off and spilled all his minnows and I felt really bad but we fished a little while and with his kind and easy way of saying things, he said "you know, I think it is too windy to do any fishing don't you?" I wonder why he and I never went fishing together anymore?

*He sure could have some good fish fries.*

*We never got to visit much any more.*

*We will all miss him.*

*Donald and Bill, I know you were close but you will see him again.*

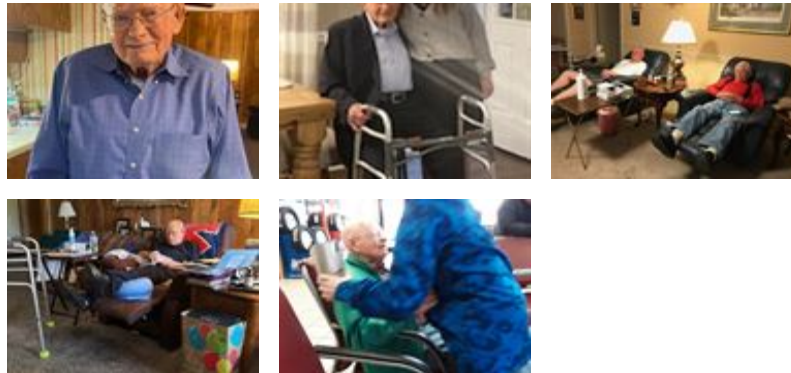
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**Ladean Bland** - September 05, 2023 at 11:19 PM



“ 77 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - September 03, 2023 at 09:17 PM

JS

“ *Horace always greeted every person with cheerfulness and love. He spoke the most beautiful prayers I have ever heard. All of my family recognizes the tremendous blessing to our lives. We will cherish all of our memories forever. A special prayer for Deena and Leah is in our hearts.*

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**Janet Shepherd** - September 02, 2023 at 07:30 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Horace Dewitt Coleman.*



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September 02, 2023 at 07:14 PM

FL

“ *He will be greatly missed .One of the nicest Christian men I ever knew..*

*In Christian love, Fran Langston*

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**Fran Langston** - September 02, 2023 at 04:36 PM

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“ *Fran Langston lit a candle in memory of Horace Coleman*



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**Fran Langston** - September 02, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Horace Dewitt Coleman.* ”



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September 02, 2023 at 04:10 PM