



Mr. Ronald James Coleman

September 4, 1942 - February 27, 2024

Ronald James Coleman transitioned from earthly life to spend eternity with the Lord on February 27, 2024.

Ronald was born on September 4, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan to the union of City Coleman and Addie Neal. He was the oldest of three children, Lawrence and Richard. Those who preceded him in death were his parents, brother Richard and Linda Arnold.

Ronald received Christ at an early age and was a life long Catholic.

Ronald was educated in the Detroit Public School system. He graduated from U of D Jesuit High School in 1960. Then he attended Central State University for two years. He then enlisted in the United States Air Force and served a total of eight years. While in the Air Force he met and married Lucile Key on September 19, 1965. To that union two children were born, Kevin and Nikki. Later in life, he remarried Linda Arnold, to that union one son was born, Brandon.

After leaving the Air Force, he returned home to Detroit where he completed his bachelors degree in Accounting from Wayne State University. He became a certified public accountant and continued his education receiving his masters degree in Business Administration from Walsh College. After Walsh, he spent time working for Arthur Anderson Accounting Firm and also as Chief Accounting Officer for the City of Detroit. Ronald was one of the founders of one of the first black CPA firms in Detroit - Barrow, Coleman and Aldridge. He also worked at Burroughs, Unisys, Citibank and Nonprofit Focus Hope. He

then relocated to Washington, D.C. working as chief financial officer for a hospital. After 10 years, he returned home to Detroit to retire.

Although he retired, he continued to stay busy. He did his clients taxes during tax season. Other things he enjoyed doing included landscaping, gardening, home improvement on a small scale, running marathons, traveling, sailing on his boat, fishing, reading and listening to smooth jazz. Most importantly, he loved helping people. This included going to food pantries, and distributing food throughout the local community. To our family and friends, he was often mistaken Lionel Richie, but he was always our Lionel Richie.

Ronald will always be loved and cherished by his brother Lawrence (Jacquelyn); his children Kevin, Nikki and Brandon; adopted daughter Lauren Sweet (Lonnie); two grandchildren Corinne and Lonnie III; Lucile Key Coleman; special cousin Gail Conley; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Grandlawn Cemetery

23501 Grand River
Detroit, MI 48219

Previous Events

Visitation

Thursday, Mar. 7. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour / Visitation

Friday, Mar. 8. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life

Friday, Mar. **8**. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I met my friend Ron at the locate store by our homes. He drum up a conversation with me and was excited to know that I was a master gardener. Over the next 9 years Ron would till my backyard, prune me roses and help out in my garden. Ron only accept meal as payment. Whenever I had a gathering everyone would ask where is Ron. My boys and I will truly miss Ron for he was a blessings to me and my family. This year I will place a plaque with Ron's name on it in my rose bushes. We always called them Ron Roses. Sending my love to the family from Jo and the Boys. North Rosedale resident.

Jaquetta Lee - March 28, 2024 at 06:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald James Coleman.



March 05, 2024 at 02:52 PM

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“ Dear Family

My sincere condolences to Kevin who I recently met over the phone, and to Brandon, who I met when he was about 12 years old. Ron has earned his wings and may he rest peacefully in God's loving arms.

I first met Ron at Citibank in the 1990's in Chicago. He was hired as the first Black Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the bank. We were so proud to see our brother occupying that corner office behind that great big desk! When he first arrived in Chicago, Citibank sent him to Bahrain, a country in the middle east, off the coast of Saudi Arabia. The bank has been present in Bahrain since 1969 and has played an active role in their financial sector, and Ron was there to monitor the bank's activities.

Ron was witty, dapper, smart and dependable. He was always there, willing to do whatever was necessary, at just the right time. Ron was community minded, and was involved in many organizations while in Chicago. See picture below taken at the Museum of Science and Industry's Black Tie Gala. We stayed in touch over the years, and I'm gonna truly miss him.

*Anita Green
Marietta, Ga*



Anita Green - March 05, 2024 at 09:32 AM

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“ Wishing the Coleman family peace and comfort during this time of grief. I only knew Ronald as a classmate of mine at the University of Detroit High School from which both of us graduated in 1960. He was a great guy!

Lester j Berlin - March 04, 2024 at 12:49 PM

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“ Oh my! I remember Ron so well—fiery! as I recall! He was so tall that the fieriness and height were sort of intimidating! BUT, he was the consummate professional and committed to our community and growing its CPAs and experience in the finance world! A door-buster for sure! So happy to have met and known him in the business. Ron was an inspiration to us 70's graduates for sure. He has earned his rest! God bless Ron and his family. In love, Ramona Henderson Pearson, CPA, Past National President of NABA ('85).

Ramona Pearson - March 02, 2024 at 07:45 PM