



## Leroy Anthony Coles Jr.

November 7, 1921 - December 8, 2012

LEROY ANTHONY COLES JR. the son of Leroy Anthony Coles Sr. and Alice Davis Coles, peacefully departed this life on December 8, 2012.

Leroy was born in Baltimore, Maryland on November 7, 1920. As a child he attended St. Peter Claver Roman Catholic Church where he received the sacraments.

Leroy was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System where he graduated from the Frederick Douglass High School in 1939. His studies at Coppin State (Teachers' College) University were interrupted by World War II.

Leroy served as a sergeant (communications specialist) in the United States Army during World War II in Italy and Africa. He was decorated with three campaign stars, European Victory Medal, American Theatre Medal and Good Conduct Medal. After receiving an honorable discharge from the army, Leroy completed his studies with an undergraduate degree in education in 1946. He later received his masters at Howard University.

Leroy married his college sweetheart Rita Veronica Pilgrim on March 2, 1946. Together they demonstrated years of ideal commitment to each other and community youths as scout leaders and leaders at the Druid Hill YMCA summer residential camp (Camp Mohawk).

Leroy taught in Baltimore City Public Schools for over thirty years. He retired in 1978 as a well loved and respected principal. He loved bowling, fishing and imparting wisdom upon his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren through long, well thought out stories.

Leroy was a member of St. Edward Roman Catholic Church. Recently honored as a trailblazer, Leroy was instrumental in the establishing the current organizational and fiscal structure of the church. Even after he “retired” from his church duties, he was frequently called upon as a “consultant.” Leroy was an active member of various organizations including the Holy Name Society and Fourth Degree Knights of Peter Claver, St. Martin De Porres Assembly No. 41.

Leroy was preceded in death by: his parents, Leroy Sr. and Alice; stepmother, Madella Storey; his beloved wife, Rita and his loving son, Leroy Anthony Coles III.

Leroy is survived by: his daughter, Angela Cecile Coles Parker; his daughter-in-law, Bettie Lu Coles; his stepmother, Stella Marie Coles; his brother, Marvin Mullen; grandchildren, Leroy Anthony Coles IV and wife Dawn Coles, Katherine Coles Ghant and husband Steve Ghant, Veronica Fowlkes and husband Tyrome Fowlkes Sr., Christopher Gee and embraced grandson, Kevin Dixon Jr.; great-grandchildren, Leroy Anthony Coles V, Tyrome Fowlkes Jr., Steven Ghant Jr., Lamont Fowlkes, Declan Coles, Taysean Fowlkes, Jaiden Ghant, Leiland Fowlkes and Rita Fowlkes; devoted cousin, Fannie Harris; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Affectionately known as Poppy to all who met him, Leroy will be remembered for his great love, guidance and mentoring to family, friends, students and the other lives he touched.



# Cemetery Details

## Crest Lawn Memorial Gardens

2150 Mount View Road  
Marriottsville, MD 21104

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC 14. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

DEC 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
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## Wake

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DEC 15. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St Edward Catholic Church  
901 Poplar Grove Street  
Balto., MD 21217

## Service

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DEC 15. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Dawn Coles** - March 19 at 12:12 AM



“ *Leroy Anthony Coles Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

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“ *I WISH TO GIVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF LEROY COLES AND TO LET YOU KNOW THAT DEATH IS SOMETHING THAT GOD ALMIGHTY SAID THAT HE WOULD WIPE OUT IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND HE WOULD TAKE AWAY THE PAIN AND THE SORROW THAT IT BRINGS PLEASE KNOW THAT I CARE AND WANTED TO SHARE A SCRIPTURE WITH YOU AT THIS TIME AS STATED IN REVELATION CHAP 21 VERSES 3 AND 4 PLEASE READ WHEN YOU CAN AND AGAIN I WISH YOUR FAMILY COMFORT AND PEACE TODAY .....*

**janis warmack** - December 16, 2012 at 11:28 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 4yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

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**Ms Springer** - December 15, 2012 at 04:37 PM



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**janis warmack** - December 16, 2012 at 11:24 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - December 14, 2012 at 02:31 PM