



## Lonnie Colson

September 7, 1927 - March 15, 2003

Lonnie Colson Jr., son of the late Rev. Lonnie Colson Sr. and the late Bessie Thurgill Colson, was born on September 7, 1927 in Ansonville, North Carolina. He departed this life for a far better one on March 15, 2003. He received Christ at an early age at the Red Hill Baptist Church in Wadesboro, North Carolina and he continued to serve God until his death. Lonnie was educated in the North Carolina Public School System. As a teenager, he attended North Ansonville High School where he was a star basketball and baseball player. After completing school, he moved to Baltimore, Maryland where he worked for Bethlehem Steel. He later met and married Mary Colson and from this union they were blessed with one daughter, Bessie M. Colson. In 1951, Lonnie joined the United States Air Force where he served during the Korean War. While serving his country, Lonnie received several medals of honor. In 1957, he received an Honorable Discharge and returned to the states where he made his home in Austin, Texas. Lonnie had several jobs before beginning a career with the United States Treasury Department where he worked as a faithful employee until he was injured in March of 1981 and began his retirement. While retired, Lonnie opened his own barbershop where he could enjoy his favorite pastime of cutting hair. He leaves to mourn: his devoted and loving daughter, Bessie M. Colson-Alston; one brother, James E. Colson; one sister-in-law, Artraelle P. Colson; three grandchildren, Charlene Colson, Lynell Colson and Rassian Floyd (Lynette M. Harris preceded him in death); ten great-grandchildren, Darryl, Arielle, Shirell, Kiana, Shardae, Devin, Patrice,

Shawn Luke, Miquel and Davon; two great-great grandchildren, Damion and Nakaela; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lonnie Colson*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Lonnie Colson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ To the Colson Family: On behalf of the Bigsby family (Houston & Austin, TX), I send our condolences to you all during your time of bereavement. We thank God for the opportunity we had to share time and laughs with Lonnie. As a brother-in-law and son-in-law, he held a special place in our hearts. Upon learning of his illness, we often reminisced of the Christmas holiday in Houston when we sang songs of Zion together: Lonnie was in his element as he openly sang those old foot-stomping spirituals. What a time we had. I often asked my sister Phyllis how he was doing. She visited and talked with him during his stay in Temple. Amazingly, today (March 18), after car problems were repaired, she set out to Temple to visit him. A short distance from her house, she stopped at a store to get a soda for the trip when the spirit of God moved her to buy a newspaper. After returning to the car, she was lead by the Holy Spirit to go to the Obituary section where she saw Lonnie's name and learned of his passing on this past Saturday. While talking with her tonight, I happened to ask about him and if she visited recently. That's when she told me of his death and how she found out. God is awesome. We will always remember Lonnie. Know that we will keep you all lifted in prayer. As you think of Lonnie with heavy hearts, remember to look to God who is the source of your strength and understanding. Remember that Lonnie had a personal relationship with God. He knew, praised, worshipped, served and loved Him - that is what living is all about. Though we are saddened by his passing, we yet have a reason to rejoice because our faith (and Lonnie's faith) leads us to believe that there is eternal life after death. Lonnie's life has just begun. Praise God in and for all things. He is worthy! With love and prayer, The Bigsby Family###imported-begin###Sandra Bigsby Harvey###imported-end###

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