



Willie Avon Coles, Jr.

November 8, 1956 - February 20, 2014

Willie Avon Coles Jr., the baby son born to the late Willie Avon Coles Sr. and Mosceal Weaver, departed this life quietly on Thursday, February 20, 2014. Many of his family and friends called him "Vonnie".

He received the Lord Jesus Christ at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church and later joined Faith Landmark Church, Richmond, Virginia where he served on the Usher Board until he had to relocate for his job.

Willie was born November 8, 1956 in Richmond, Virginia. He grew up and was educated in the Richmond Public School. He graduated from John Marshall High School. He attended several construction school programs that earned him the highest construction certificates. From there, he was employed by the United States Government as an Insulator at the Naval Research Lab, Washington, DC.

Willie had a gift that would allow him to meet strangers and become friends with them after the encounter. He loved all types of music especially jazz. He was willing to help anyone with a problem and especially with obtaining a job in the construction industry. He was sometimes outspoken and very witty. You never knew what he might say, but one thing you knew is that it would be the truth, and most likely filled with his strong position on the subject. Willie would debate an issue until you were convinced that he was right. He was a loyal

Oakland Raider Football fan and supported the team regardless to the final season record. He loved the black and gray colors. He enjoyed watching sports events on television and especially playing basketball. He loved the ocean. Willie loved his kids and would reach out to other children whenever there was an opportunity. He enjoyed vacationing with his wife and searching out all the good eating places. He loved to dress and always could make you laugh, enjoyed entertaining and was inspirational. Not to mention his good hospitality. Willie was known to figure out other ways to perform a task or complete a work assignment.

He is survived by and leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife, Vanessa Tee-Coles whom he loved for over 40 years; son, Darius L. Coles; five daughters, Davon M. Coles, Angela M. Coles, Kiarria M. Coles, Akilah J. Fletcher-Coles and Aaliyah M. Coles; five grandchildren, Michael A. Coles, Muriel A. Coles, Kendall D. Coles, Element Coles and Meionie Brown; one brother, Alvin "Al" Coles; two sisters, Nikol Whittington, (Antonio) and Eartha Brown (Red); father-in-law, Woodrow Tee; two sisters-in law, Glenda S. Derricott, Suzanne Mallory Parker and Kayla Spriggs; four brothers-in-law, Bob Derricott, Gerald Knight, Edward Tee (Mandy) and Phillip Tee; uncle, Robert Vincent; two aunts, Sylvia Craighead (William) and Annette Thorton (Elte); four nieces, Genesis Tee, Graciella Tee, Chaka King (Shawn) and LeAndra Knight; three nephews, Kevin Coles, Jamye Knight and D. Knight; nine cousins, Manuel "Tony" Baskerville, Ervina Allen, Valeria Holt, Michael Mills, Margaret Weaver, Martha Weaver, Alberta Weaver (James), Tom Weaver Jr., and Daisy Weaver (Ed), and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Previous Events

viewing

FEB **26**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

FEB **27**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
4247 Creighton Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Avon Coles, Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To my longtime classmate and friend AI, my condolences for the loss of your little bro Wille. I remember the times that you and I walked up Fendall and Hanes Ave. leaving Chandler Jr High and would talk. Bless you and you family during these difficult times.*

*Kenny Cooper
Chandler Jr High Class of 1969
JMHS Class of 1973*

Ken Cooper, Sr - March 02, 2014 at 10:14 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May "the God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) comfort and soothe your heart. His promises, found in the Holy Scriptures, can offer much hope. It assures us at John 5:28,29 that our loved ones will be remembered and brought back to life in the resurrection. Please allow God's Word to strengthen you and help you to endure this most difficult time.*

Natalie Prosser McCoy - February 28, 2014 at 10:00 PM



“ *Vanessa you and your family are in my prayers. Love you!
Cousin Dale*

Dale Jennings - February 26, 2014 at 10:04 PM

WJ

“ *Can't remember not knowing you. Going to miss you. Peace bro*

willie C Jones - February 25, 2014 at 07:57 PM

ER

“ *As you share your stories of how he lived his life and how very much he meant to you, your family, and friends, I pray that you all will find comfort in knowing that you all meant just as much to him. Vanessa, may God carry and hold you during this time of sadness.*

Environmental Response Unit

ERU - February 25, 2014 at 02:25 PM

LF

“ *Our family would like to express condolences to your family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible. He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.*

linn & family - February 25, 2014 at 12:29 PM

AS

“ *I send my deepest condolences to your family at this most difficult time. May you be comforted by the promise of the resurrection, and the end of sickness and death forever. God makes these wonderful promises to us at Isaiah 25:8 and Rev 21:3-4. May you find comfort in these wonderful promises from Jehovah God.*

A. Sollers - February 25, 2014 at 12:28 PM

CO

“ Dear Vanessa, my deepest sympathy to you and your family for your loss. Sending prayers and love to you during this difficult time.

Catherine OBrion

Catherine OBrion - February 25, 2014 at 08:59 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.

March Funeral Homes - February 24, 2014 at 04:02 PM

RW

To Al and Family ,my deepest sympathy,Al, I feel the same pain with the lost of my baby brother Fish this past august,Al we will see them again,hanging out, like we use to do,back in the day.Al Coles stay strong my brother,I will keep you and the family in my prayers.Roger Williams

Roger Williams - February 25, 2014 at 10:38 PM