



Melvin Harris Coleman Sr.

October 24, 2023

Melvin Harris Coleman Sr. died on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. He was 68 years old. Services will be held at 10:00am, Friday, November 3, 2023, at Rhodes Funeral Home, 1020 Virgil Street, Gretna, LA.

Melvin was born on May 5, 1955, in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is the son of the late Milton Coleman Sr. and Antoinette Taylor Coleman. He is survived by three children: Mick Coleman, Melvin Coleman Jr, and Justine Coleman; three grand-children: Marcus Coleman, Tyler Coleman and Ze-Khi Tillman; four siblings: Dorelia Harrison, Milton Coleman, Jr., Lee Coleman, and Antonia Coleman Brown; sister-in-law: Cynthia Coleman; brothers-in-law: Sandy Brown and Rodney Harrison, Sr; nieces: Ferron Harrison, Taylor Stephens, Sasha Brown, Andrea Warren, Billie Warren, Kim Warren, Knakhea Coleman, Erin Coleman and Laverne Coleman; nephews: Imani Coleman, Rodney Harrison, Jr. and Brenton Bryson; his god-mother, Cleo Fulton, who he gingerly called, "Mama Too" and a host of cousins and friends.

Melvin graduated from O. Perry Walker High School where he played basketball. He loved sports and was a fierce chess player. Additionally, he was a fervent Saints fan. There were not many days when you would find him without wearing Saints paraphernalia.

As a young child Melvin was a prankster. Throughout his life he was known for his ability to make everyone laugh and smile. Anyone around him for a short period of time, would certainly find themselves engaged in a hearty belly laugh.

Melvin was a talented artist who loved to draw and work with his hands. He was also passionate about his children and grandchildren and would find joy whenever he was able to spend time with them.

Melvin loved to quote scripture. He turned his life over to Christ and recently became a member of Macedonia Pentecostal Church in Jackson, LA under the late Pastor Lulamae London.

After a yearlong fight, Melvin lost his battle with liver cancer. The family would like to extend special thanks to the staff at Grace Rehabilitation Center for their loving care.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Funeral Service at D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 1020 Virgil Street, Gretna, LA 70053 on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 10:00 am. Visitation will begin at 9:00 am. Officiating: Elder Allen P. Leonard. Interment: Tropical Bend Cemetery, Empire, LA. Arrangements entrusted by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 1020 Virgil Street, Gretna, LA 70053. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook, share memories, and condolences.

Cemetery Details

Tropical Bend Cemetery

Empire, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Gretna
1020 Virgil St.
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Funeral Service

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