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## Dorie Miller Coleman

<b>BIRTH</b>	28 Jul 1943 Jamestown, Smith County, Texas, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	8 Jul 2019 (aged 75) Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	Pine Hill Cemetery Jamestown, Newton County, Texas, USA
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	201061870

Dorie Miller Coleman  
July 28, 1943 - July 8, 2019

Prominent businessman, Dorie Miller Coleman, age 75, native of Jamestown, Texas and owner of Coleman's Mortuary passed away on Monday, July 8, 2019 at Lufkin Memorial after battling a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. Coleman will be as follows: A wake will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Greater New Bethel Baptist Church in Jasper. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Jasper. Burial will follow at the Pinehill Cemetery in Jamestown, Texas under the direction of Coleman's Mortuary.

Dorie Miller Coleman was born on July 28, 1943 in Jamestown, Texas to Roosevelt Coleman and Madgie Peacock.

Mr. Coleman was a member of the Greater New Bethel Baptist Church in Jasper. He graduated from Wiergate High School in 1961 and attended Prairie View A&M University where he graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor's of Science in Kinesiology and Biology. After graduating from college, Mr. Coleman entered the army in 1966 and was deployed to Vietnam in 1967 where he spent 13 months in active duty with the 100th Amour Division. Mr. Coleman was a noncommissioned officer and a Tank Driver. He received many honors and medals. After his discharge from the Military, Mr. Coleman enrolled in the Commonwealth School of Mortuary Science, Houston, TX, where he graduated Summa cum laude with an Associate Degree in Mortuary Science and Funeral Directing.

He was actively involved in all aspects of college life including: Member of the ROTC, Member of the Persian Rifles Drill Team, Member of the Science Club and Member of the Upsilon Phi Beta Sigma non-Greek Fraternity. He did his Student Teaching at the then Rowe High School. During his Senior Year at Prairie View, he was voted the "Most Likely Couple to Get Married" (Joyce McBride) and married they did.

Dorie and Joyce were united in Holy Matrimony on June 18, 1966. To this union, three children were born, Rodney, LaDora and DeLora. They were blessed with the privilege of rearing their granddaughter, Vanessa. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman enjoyed a fruitful and

productive life together as husband and wife for 53 years. The totality of their relationship, courtship and marriage, totaled 58 years. When you speak of Joyce, you speak of Dorie and when you speak of Dorie, you speak of Joyce; truly the twain became one.

After moving back to Jasper, Mr. Coleman became the CEO and Manager of the Coleman's Mortuary Inc. with branches in Jasper, Newton and Kirbyville. Coleman's Mortuary was the first Black Funeral Home in Jasper and Newton County. Coleman's also had the First Black Insurance Agency and the first ambulance company ever in Jasper and Newton County. At the tender age of 33, Mr. Coleman had the awesome responsibility of managing all three companies. These roles did not keep him from becoming active in the community and in giving public service. He exhibited leadership skills and abilities. He served in various community capacities including: Minority Representative for Jasper County, Member of the Deep East Texas Board of Directors, Member of the Kiwanis Club of Jasper, Charter Member and member of the Board of Directors of the Lone Star Youth Council, Member of the Apollo Service Club, Member of the NAACP, a coach for the Lone Star Little League Association and Worthy Master of the Pride of Jasper District 7 Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Coleman was preceded in death by his parents, Roosevelt and Madgie Coleman; brother, Coolidge Coleman Sr.; sisters, Faye Coleman and May Ester Wright. He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife of 53 years, Joyce Coleman; three children: Rodney Coleman (Renee), LaDora Boatner (Cecil) and Delora Randle (Raphael); five granddaughters; Vanessa Bryant (Jaimoy) whom he raised and accepted as his own daughter, Brittney Coleman-Jones (Tim), Taylor Coleman, Amy Coleman and MyKayla Leach; seven great-grandchildren; Jaidorian Coleman-Bryant, Kennedy Bryant, Michael Bryant, London Bronson, Joyciline Bronson, Amina Jones, and Aubri Davis. Two nephews, Dr. Coolridge Coleman Jr. and Herman Wright; two nieces, Dr. Arvis Scott and Yolanda Celestine and one sister in law, Arnette Coleman.

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### Family Members

#### Parents



Roosevelt Coleman  
1905–1976



Madgie Vera *Peacock* Coleman  
1905–1978

#### Siblings



Coolidge Coleman  
1927–1995



Fay Coleman  
1930–1936



Mae Earlester *Coleman* Wright  
1931–2012

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