

I Never Left You

by Melissa McKenzie

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I watch you every day, I am always very near.

I know deep in your heart, you realize I am here.

I watch you while you sleep, in your bed at home.

I hear you when you speak to me, when you are on your own.

You cannot understand the reason why I've gone.

But I will never leave you I am there to keep you strong.

Talk to me, I hear you, though you may not see.

We share an unbroken bond that will always be.

Death will not keep us apart, for our love is forever.

Just remember me in your heart,

and one day we will be together.

Live your life and live it full, don't waste a single day.

Remember I am always with you every step of the way.

Honorary Pallbearers

Jordan Colston

Elijah Colston

Isaiah Rodney Thomas

Rodney LaVon Thomas

Lester Jermaine Hammock

Bryan Williams

Active Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Repast

1714 28th Street

Orlando, Florida 32805

The Family's Message of Gratitude

We are indeed honored by your presence here today as we assemble to celebrate the life of our beloved *Marvin Colston*. While not having him here with us will be difficult to bear, we find comfort in knowing that he is now at peace with the Lord. Your calls, cards, florals, food, visits and prayers have all served as sourced of strength for us as we endeavor to accept God's will. It is our fervent prayer that God will continue to keep you in His grace and loving care.

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Marvin Colston

Day of Joy
March 16, 1950

Day of Peace
January 20, 2024

THE CELEBRATORY HOUR OF HOMAGE
Sunday, February 4, 2024
High Noon

POSTELL'S MORTUARY CHAPEL
811 North Powers Drive
Orlando, Florida 32818

Mrs. Wendy Hammock-Silungwe, Celebrant

J.P. Moore Undertaking Company, Directing

Life Story

MR. MARVIN COLSTON
MARCH 16, 1950 – JANUARY 20, 2024

*“Teach us to number our days that we may gain the heart of wisdom”
~Psalm 90:12*

Marvin Colston, the son of Matthew Colston, Sr. and Annie Adkins Colston, began his first chapter of life on March 16, 1950, in Quincy, Florida. Together with his siblings, he was brought up under the watchful eyes of his community of concerned supporters who prepared him for life experiences. He was a resident of Orlando, Florida.

Preceding him in death were both parents, his loving wife of nearly 40 years, Betty Jean Niblack Colston; siblings: Louise (Jessie) Johnson, Audrey (Chester) Jackson, Oscar Colston, Sr., Mildred (Leroy) Green, Matthew (Catherine) Colston, Jr., Willie Colston, Pauline (Rudolph) Collins, and Horace (Minerva) Colston; and brother-in-law: Eddie Dyer.

Marvin walked in the favor of God. Earlier in life, he received in faith what Jesus offered in grace. Because of his personal relationship with Him, he easily put others' needs ahead of his own and treated them with compassion.

Marvin was quiet-natured – a man of few words, but when he spoke, others respectfully listened. He never interfered, but whenever his advice was requested, he assessed the situation with discernment and godly wisdom before he addressed it.

Employed by the acclaimed Peabody Hotel-Orlando for many years, **Marvin's** outstanding work ethic enabled him to level up for promotions. His last position was that of efficiently supervising the laundry and housekeeping staff.

Just as much as he enjoyed his employment career, **Marvin** also valued his pastime activities. He loved watching the series of westerns in syndication, especially Gunsmoke. Likewise, he loved being the armchair umpire as he watched baseball games on television. He was a dedicated, #1 Atlanta Braves fan.

Marvin served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War Era. At the end of his tour of duty, he was honorably discharged with the following commendations: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Army Commendation medals.

On Saturday, January 20, 2024, **Marvin Colston** concluded the final chapter of his life story when he gently closed his eyes for the last time and opened them on the other side -- where he found joyful rest beyond the River.

The key to immortality is living a life worth remembering. The same is true of **Marvin Colston's** life. Loved ones who will cherish his special memories until they will meet again are his sons: William Greg (Dorian) Thomas of Jacksonville, FL, Rodney (Kawanda) Thomas and Kendrick Thomas, all of Orlando, FL; daughter: Wendy (Dennis) Hammock-Silungwe of Orlando, FL; daughter/granddaughter: Britney (Brian) Robinson of Orlando, FL; sisters: Mary Lee Dyer and Eula (Eddie) Gallon; 17 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren; together with many other sorrowing relatives and loving friends.

Precious Memories



The Divine Order of Service

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.” ~Philippians 1:21

Prelude

Processional..... Celebrant, Clergy, Mortician & Family

Parting Glance & Seating of the Family ... The *J.P. Moore* Staff

The Prayer of Consolation..... Brother *J.P. Moore*

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:

Old Testament Brother Donald Senior

New Testament Brother William Thomas

Selection

REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES..... Two Minutes Each, Please

As an Uncle..... Brother James Colston

As a Brother..... Sister Eula Gallon

As a Father..... Brother Rodney Thomas

Acknowledgements & Resolutions The *J.P. Moore* Staff

Selection..... Sister Cora Shuler

Words of Comfort Sister Wendy Hammock-Silungwe

Mortician's Brief..... Mr. Jamarien "*J.P.*" Moore, LFD

Recessional..... Clergy & Family

Earthly Bed of Slumber

Monday, February 5, 2024 | 1330 Hours

Hymn | Committal | Mortician's Brief | Final Presentations

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

5525 U.S. Highway 1 North

Mims, FL 32754