

Pallbearers

Donald Crumby
Ethan Cole
Jason Cole

Sidney Cole
Caleb Cole
Reginald Cole, Jr.

Interment

Ottawa Hills Memorial Park Cemetery
4210 W. Central Ave, Toledo, Ohio

Arrangements Entrusted To

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Acknowledgement

The family of the late Rev. Robert D. Cole acknowledges, with sincere appreciation, your understanding, your prayers, and all acts of kindness shown at this time of bereavement.

The Cole family would also like to thank the MICU unit at Promedica Hospital for caring for our loved one in his time of need.

In Loving Memory

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Pastor Robert David Cole

November 17, 1930 - March 23, 2018

Funeral Service

Saturday, March 31, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Tabernacle of Praise

1217 Prouty Ave. Toledo, Ohio

Reverend Carl Russell Booth

Eulogist

Obituary

Elder Robert “Bobby” David Cole, 88 was born under the union of Armie & Mary Cole on March 17, 1930 in Toledo, OH. The devoted father, grandfather, brother, & friend departed this life on March 23, 2018 with confirmation that all his family loved him. Born and raised in Toledo, OH, he was a 1949 graduate of Jesup W. Scott High School. While he was in high school, he worked at his mother’s business Mary’s Flower Shop where he created beautiful flower arrangements for any occasion. After he completed high School he was hired at National Supply where he worked alongside his father. In 2004 he graduated from The University of Toledo with his Associate of Technical Studies at the age of 74.

After National Supply went out of business, Robert was hired as the 1st African American insurance agent at Metropolitan Life insurance Company in Toledo. He was so good as a salesman for Metropolitan, that he earned a seat at the Millionaire’s Table which was the highest distinction for the company. After he retired from Metropolitan he took a job as a part-time Membership Services Salesman at the Toledo Zoo & Aquarium until he became too ill to work. Throughout his life Robert was an entrepreneur, and had his hands in many ventures. He owned his own dump trucks and worked with his brother-in-law LeRoy Dunlap at Dunlap Trucking. Robert was also a hero, receiving a medal from The City of Toledo for saving three children in a house fire on Tecumseh Ave.

Robert was baptized in Jesus name at an early age and he kept the Lord with him throughout his life. He began as a member of Emmanuel Apostolic Tabernacle under the late Bishop Ida M. Wright, where he was the bus driver. He and his brother Armie traveled to many conventions with Bishop Wright where he also sang and preached while Armie played the organ. When his mother founded Temple of Truth Apostolic on 19th street, he went to work in the ministry with her and took over the church after her death in 1984. He never hesitated to pick up the neighborhood children and bring them to church. His youngest son Stanford came to help him keep the church going as he continued to be a Solider in the Lord’s Army.

Robert met his former wife Hazel Cole (Moss) and they raised their four sons in their West Woodruff home. After their separation they remained friends as they moved forward in their lives. He later married his longtime friend Ann Cole who preceded him in death. Robert was a friendly, open, & an honest man who was liked by many. Robert may be absent from the body, but he is now present with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Robert was preceded in death by his Wife Ann Cole; loving parents Armie & Mary Cole; Brothers, Armie Cole Jr., and Norman Cole; Sister, Doris Calloway. He leaves to cherish in his loving memory four sons Reginald Sr. (Deborah) of Columbus, Oh, Rodney (Mary) of Indianapolis, IN, Darrell (Terrina), and Stanford; Brother, Samuel (Sonny) Cole; Sister, Rosemary Spencer; 8 grandchildren, Paris, Jason (Jennifer), Reginald Jr., Shealaurietta (Donnell), Erika, Roxsanne, Angelina, & Christina; 10 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives who loved him dearly.

Order of Service

STANFORD COLE		OFFICIANT
PROCESSIONAL FAMILY VIEWING		THE LAST MILE OF THE WAY
SCRIPTURE	OLD TESTAMENT	91ST PSALMS
SCRIPTURE	NEW TESTAMENT	ST. JOHN 14: VERSES 1-6
PRAYER		PASTOR SYLVESTER AWLS
SONG		I'M GOING THROUGH
SELECTION	PRECIOUS LORD	CHARLENE RANSOM
REMARKS	(2 MINUTES)	VISITING MINISTERS
RESOLUTIONS		PARIS RABB
OBITUARY		
SELECTION		DONALD JONES
POEM		FELICIA GIBSON
MUSICAL SELECTION		THE RANKINS SISTERS
EULOGY	REV. CARL RUSSELL BOOTH - COLUMBUS, OHIO	
RECESSIONAL	THE EMMANUEL APOSTOLIC CHURCH PRAISE TEAM	I'M GOING UP YONDER
MUSICIAN		ELD. C. CHANDLER
MUSICIAN		CHARLES WALKER