

## Flower Bearers

Women of Memorial Presbyterian Church

## Pallbearers

Men of Memorial Presbyterian Church

## Honorary Pallbearers

Colleagues and Students  
of  
Johnson C. Smith University

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*Christ saw his footsteps falter  
When his heart grew weak and faint.  
He marked when his strength was failing;  
And listened to each complaint.  
He bid him rest for a season  
For the pathway was grown too steep  
And folded in fair green pastures;  
He giveth His loved one sleep.  
Weep not that his toil is over,  
Weep not that his race is won,  
God grant we may rest as calmly  
When our work like his is done.*

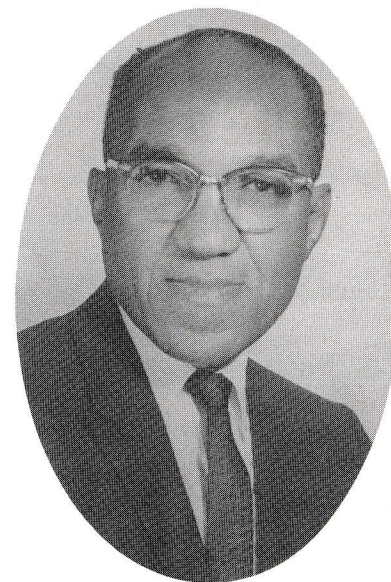


ALEXANDER FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
112 NORTH IRWIN AVENUE  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA — PH. 704/333-1167

## Eulogistic Service

for

Dr. Winson Ralph Coleman



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1984  
2:00 P. M.

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
2600 Beatties Ford Road  
Charlotte, North Carolina

REV. EDWARD B. NEWBERRY, PASTOR — OFFICIATING

## Order of Service

PRELUDE ..... Mrs. Blanche Oliver

CALL TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN ..... "Peace Perfect Peace" ..... No. 301

PRAYER OF ADORATION ..... Dr. Calvin A. Hood

SCRIPTURES:

Old Testament ..... Micah 6:6-8

New Testament ..... Romans 8:28-39

MEDITATION ..... Rev. Edward B. Newberry

PRAYER FOR COMMUNION OF SAINTS

HYMN ..... "God of Our Life" ..... No. 88

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT ..... Beatties Ford Memorial Gardens

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*The Family is most grateful for the love, concern and sympathy extended during these hours of bereavement. May God bless each of you in a special way.*

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**Memorials may be sent to the Winson R. Coleman Scholarship Fund, Johnson C. Smith University • 100 Beatties Ford Road • Charlotte, North Carolina 28216.**

## Obituary

WINSON RALPH COLEMAN, the son of the late Winson and Cassie Sanford Coleman was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa on September 10, 1905. He departed this life on Sunday, November 25, 1984 at his residence in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dr. Coleman was educated in the public schools in Oskaloosa, Iowa and at the local Oskaloosa Quaker Institution, Pennsylvania College, where he received the B.A. degree, with honors, in Greek and Latin in 1928. He was awarded a full scholarship to do graduate work at Haverford College, Pennsylvania, where he received the M.A. degree in philosophy in 1929. He studied under the well known quaker philosopher, Rufus Jones.

In the fall of 1929, Dr. Coleman joined the faculty of Johnson C. Smith University. He began as instructor of Greek. After a few years, he became professor of philosophy. In addition to his regular classroom duties, Dr. Coleman served as coach of the University tennis team. He served also as Director of summer school for over 10 years. After serving as a professor, he was appointed to the position of Dean at Johnson C. Smith University. As Dean, he supervised the curriculum and the general program of the college. He retired in May, 1974 after giving 45 years of service to Johnson C. Smith University.

During the period 1947-1950, Dr. Coleman received two General Education Board Fellowships to study at the University of Chicago in the field of philosophy. He became a Fellow in the department of philosophy during the year 1949-50. In September, 1950, he received the Ph.D. degree in philosophy from the University of Chicago.

He was a faithful and loyal member of Memorial Presbyterian Church, serving as Elder and Sunday school teacher of the adult class.

Dr. Coleman also served on the Council On Aging for several years.

He was elected to membership in the American Philosophical Association, western division, a national organization composed of scholars in the field of philosophy.

In 1966, Dr. Coleman was one of thirteen Mecklenburg residents whose name was included for the first time in "Who's Who In America", in its 34th edition.

Those remaining to cherish his memory are: his loving and devoted wife, the former Theodora Dugas; a son, Dr. Winson R. Coleman, Jr. of Columbia, Maryland; two daughters, Mrs. Grace Mauvene Edwards of Prospect, Kentucky and Mrs. Edwina Clark of Fayetteville, North Carolina; one sister, Mrs. Grace Carter of Los Angeles, California; one aunt, Miss Grace Frederick; and one uncle, Mr. Harold Frederick, both of Chicago, Illinois; nine grandchildren, a host of other relatives, many former students, co-workers, and professional associates will always remember his support for academic excellence and the kind of selfish discipline which yields productive performances and continued growth.

Dr. Coleman will be greatly missed.



### **Floral Bearers**

*Memorial Presbyterian Church Members*

### **Hall Bearers**

*Memorial Presbyterian Church Members*

### **Acknowledgment**

*The family, with much love and deep appreciation, would like to thank you for your presence at this service and your expressions of love and sympathy during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you.*

### **Interment**

*Beatties Ford Memorial Gardens  
Charlotte, North Carolina*

**Service Entrusted To:**  
**Wiseman Mortuary, Inc.**  
*431 Cumberland Street  
Fayetteville, North Carolina*

*and*

**Alexander Funeral Home, Inc.**  
*1424 Statesville Avenue  
Charlotte, North Carolina*

## **Celebrating the Homegoing** *of* **Theodora Dugas Coleman**

**March 3, 1907 ~ June 26, 2004**



*Thursday, July, 2004  
1:00 P.M.*

*Memorial Presbyterian Church  
2600 Beatties Ford Road  
Charlotte, North Carolina*

*Reverend Edward Newberry, Officiating*



## Obituary

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.*

**II Timothy 4:7**

**Theodora Marguerite Dugas** was born to the late Mamie Coles and Henry Clayton Dugas on March 23, 1907 in Augusta, Georgia. She was the second of five children.

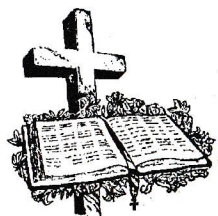
She attended Haines Institute in Augusta and Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia, where she received her Bachelors Degree. She joined Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

From her marriage to Winson R. Coleman in 1933, three children were born, Grace Mauvene, Winson Ralph, Jr. and Edwina Elaine. They celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 1983. She was a dedicated member of Biddleville and Memorial Churches, holding several offices and teaching Sunday School.

Mrs. Coleman received her Masters Degree from Columbia University in New York and taught at Double Oaks Elementary School in Charlotte, North Carolina until 1963. Though teaching was her profession, her special joy was in her talent for sewing.

Preceding her in death are: her husband, her sisters Mauvene and Leola, and her brother, Henry Coles Dugas.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her sister, Edwina Elliott of Decatur, GA; her three children and their spouses; nine grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, June Dugas; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



## Order of Worship

Organ Prelude .....Mrs. Jocelyn P. Thompson

Call To Worship ..... Reverend Edward B. Newberry

Hymn .....

Prayer of Adoration

*Eternal God of grace and glory, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may worship your glory and serve you with grateful hearts. In this hour speak to us of eternal things and bless us with a reverent sense of your divine presence. Even in the midst of our grief may we find peace. This we pray through Jesus Christ our living Savior. Amen*

Choral Response ..... "Hear Our Prayer O Lord

Tribute .....

Solo ..... "His Eye On The Sparrow" ..... Sharon Harris-Johnson

Prayer For Illumination

*Holy God, source of all true wisdom, calm the trouble waters of our hearts. As the scriptures are read and heard, still all other voices but your own. Bless us so graciously, that we may hear and obey what you tell us in your Word. Our prayer is through the power of your Spirit. Amen.*

'The Scriptures ..... Reverend Garfield Warren, Jr.

Old Testament ..... Psalm 24:1-5

New Testament ..... John 5:24-29

Hymn ..... "Softly and Tenderly"

Prayer of Intercession ..... Reverend Edward B. Newberry

"The Lord's Prayer"

Confession of Faith

*In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one divine God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ, Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

Hymn ..... "How Great Thou Art"

Benediction

Recessional ..... "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"