



Mr. Clarence David Coleman, Jr.

February 15, 1942 - April 12, 2026

Clarence was born on February 15, 1942, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, the son of Mary Bell Coleman and Clarence D. Coleman, Sr. He earned his master's degree from Southern University and went on to receive his doctorate from Penn State University. Over the course of his distinguished career, he served as Vice President of Norfolk State University until his retirement. Clarence was also a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Marion S. Coleman.

Clarence leaves to cherish his memories: brother, James A. Coleman, Sr. (Ronda); special friend, Bernadette Smith; nephews, Myron Coleman, James Coleman, Jr., and Barry Williams; nieces, Tameka Coleman and Katrina Jones; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Natchez City Cemetery

2 Cemetery Road
Natchez, MS 39120

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

West Gate Funeral Home (Natchez)
409 N Martin Luther King Jr Street
Natchez, MS 39120
(601) 445-2008
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Funeral

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

MAY 1 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Lonnie Bonham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence David Coleman, Jr.*



Lonnie Bonham - June 01 at 09:34 PM

LB

So very sorry to hear such sad news. C.D. was an inspiration and guide in my efforts to lead the Student Virginia Education Chapter at Norfolk State University. We served together in Academic Affairs where he was Vice Provost...I was a member of his first class of lifetime members in his Honor Society at Norfolk State University. We sold flowers to raise money for the two student pre-professional organizations at commencement for a few years. He helped me to start an endowment fund. In my best U.S. Navy tradition..."Fair winds and following Seas."

Lonnie Bonham - June 01 at 09:38 PM

PS

“ *I extend sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Clarence Coleman, who I have known for @50 years; first as a skilled physics teacher, then a Dean and finally as a well-respected colleague and administrator, all at Norfolk State University. Please know that he left his mark in many ways upon countless students and the University. May God bless your family as you honor this giant of a man!*

Paula Shaw

Paula Shaw - May 29 at 07:47 PM

BL

“ I wish to offer to the family of Clarence Coleman, Jr., my deepest sympathy.

May God continue to bless and keep you as you remember Mr. Coleman.

Dr. Bennie L. Lundy

Bennie Lundy - May 27 at 07:09 PM

EH

“ Deepest sympathy and prayers to Dr. Coleman's family and firends. He was my Physical Science professor at Norfolk State College. I enjoyed being in his class as he was an excellent instructor. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He did very awesome work at Norfolk State University for many years. May his work speak for him.



Estherine (James) Harding, NSU Retiree

Estherine J. Harding - May 22 at 11:42 AM

HA

“ I remember that stormy morning in Baton Rouge, where we were fighting for Civil Rights, not glory seeking. Unsung hero of the Movement

Hagan - May 08 at 08:47 AM

WJ

“ As a classmate from high school thru college, I witnessed the growth of a special person. We enjoyed rewarding school & social experiences. Clarence had wheels to match personality & scholarship.

While attending Southern University(SU) Baton Rouge, we traverse the two cities, until our parents group & Woodville MS police urged us to dramatically reduce frequency.

Our first two years at SU were enjoyable, except for ROTC, the Monday drilling. Clarence decided to circumvent, suggested we're join a specialty unit. He chose the rifle team & won a spot. Be came President of the Omega fraternity & excelled as a Biology major.

Our careers took us to Norfolk & Houston, however we never lost contact. We last worked on a record of our class for the Natchez Museum of African American History and Culture.



Walter Jones - May 04 at 12:34 PM

RC

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Roslyn D Carter - May 01 at 05:42 PM

SB

“ *Susan Brice lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence David Coleman, Jr.*



Susan Brice - May 01 at 04:19 PM

JC

“ *My brother, friend, and the Best Man at my wedding, thanks for all the love and support that you showed me over the last six decades. Simply incomparable. The love and memories will never die. Rest in peace. Joe L. Copes.*

Joe Copes - May 01 at 01:06 PM

CD

“ *Cynthia Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence David Coleman, Jr.*



Cynthia Dixon - April 30 at 08:12 PM

LJ

“ *Leo James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence David Coleman, Jr.*



Leo James - April 29 at 01:58 PM

JC

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Joe L. Copes.

Joe Copes - April 30 at 12:56 PM

ED

“ Elizabeth Dunham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence David Coleman, Jr.



Elizabeth Dunham - April 29 at 11:12 AM

RJ

“ Ralph Milan Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence David Coleman, Jr.



Ralph Milan Jones - April 29 at 10:51 AM

NR

“ Nita Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence David Coleman, Jr.



Nita Robinson - April 29 at 12:03 AM

JJ

“ *John T McFarland Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence David Coleman, Jr.*



John T McFarland Jr - April 28 at 10:38 PM

LJ

“ *I take pause to honor and remember my classmate, Clarence Coleman.*

As class president of S.V. Thompson High School Class of 1960, Clarence stood as a true leader. He carried himself with dignity, purpose, and a sense of responsibility that reflected not only his character, but the spirit of our entire class.

Clarence was an outstanding student and a proud representative of what we often call “the most revered class to ever graduate from Thompson.” He helped set a standard of excellence that lived on long after we walked those halls.

But beyond titles and accomplishments, I remember Clarence for the way he brought people together. He was someone we respected, someone we listened to, and someone we were proud to stand beside. His leadership was not just about position—it was about heart, integrity, and commitment to his classmates.

As I say goodbye, I give thanks for his life, and for the memories. Clarence will always remain a part of the legacy of the Class of 1960.

May he rest in peace, and may his memory continue to inspire me and my classmates.

Leo James

Leo James - April 28 at 09:31 PM

SM

“ Shirley Mazique lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence David Coleman, Jr.



Shirley Mazique - April 28 at 06:47 PM

RV

“ Rosie Varnado lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence David Coleman, Jr.



Rosie Varnado - April 28 at 11:28 AM

YB

“ Lit a candle in memory of Mr Clarence David Coleman Jr.



Yvonne Blanton - April 27 at 12:31 AM

GG

“ Georgia Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence David Coleman, Jr.



Georgia Green - April 26 at 07:34 AM

WH

“ *West Gate Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence David Coleman, Jr.*



West Gate Funeral Home - April 25 at 10:04 AM