



Ms. Pearlene Cole

August 24, 1947 - June 3, 2022

Pearlene Bills Cole, age 74, was born on August 24, 1947, in Medon, Tennessee to the late Mrs. Flossie Mae Bills Donnell and the late Mr. William Henry Newsome, Sr. She was the firstborn of two through her maternal lineage; as well as the oldest of eight through her paternal lineage.

Ms. Cole lived a beautiful Christian life and entered peacefully into eternal rest. In the early morning of June 3, 2022, at The Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Pearlene accepted Christ at the early age of 12, was baptized and united with Medon Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Medon, Tennessee. In 1974, she joined the Saint James Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. Homer Gatlin. She was a dedicated member for over 48 years and served diligently. She loved her church and Pastor, Rev. Ernest Polk, whom she faithfully supported. She was heavily involved with her church. She was formerly the Sunday school record keeper and coordinator for all of St. James' Sunday evening singing programs. She loved good foot stomping, hand clapping gospel singing; so much that she also sang with The Spirit of St. James and The Lovettes singing groups.

Pearlene was a member of W.R. Bell Temple #1249 Daughter of Elks, The Court of Calanthian, and The Order of Eastern Star. She also loved traveling and meeting people through the Pioneers Travel Club. Pearlene and her mother had the opportunity to travel all over the country, as well as many cruises. She participated in several other organizations and groups.

Pearlene attended Jackson Madison County Schools and graduated from Merry High School. While attending Merry High School she majored in Cosmetology and received her Beautician License. She continued her education at The Jackson State Community College, until she accepted employment at The Jackson Clinic where she retired after 45 years of service as an Instrument Technician.

Pearl was a generous and caring person who dedicated her life to giving and caring about people. She was truly loved and will be greatly missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, one paternal sister and brother, and adopted sister Alfreda (Darwin) Parker.

Pearlene leaves to cherish her loving memory, her sister, Bobbie Bills of Jackson, TN; two sons: Brandon (Kerry-Ann) Nathan of Jackson, TN, and Andre' Neal of Nashville, TN. Godmother, Catherine Morton; paternal sisters: Mary Ann (Darnell) Pirtle of Denmark, TN- Jean Willis of Jackson, TN- Debora (Gernot) Halliburton of Milwaukee, WI; two brothers: Algier Newsom of Jackson, TN, and Roscoe (Rosie) Newsom of Springfield, VA; aunt: Lydia Sue Hunt; grandchildren: Natalie, Jason, and Kya Nathan of Jackson, TN; nieces: Melissa (Jacob) Ragland of Clarksville, TN, and Delora (James) Bond of Jackson, TN; nephew: Marty (Callessia) Smith; great niece: Marlisa Smith; great nephews: Julian Baker, Jeremy Jones, and Montae' Smith, and a host of great-great nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Parkway Memorial Gardens

2839 Paul Coffman Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **10**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
807 N. Hays Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301
(731) 427-7411
info@stephenson-shaw.com
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

Service

JUN **11**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James Missionary Baptist Church
278 Preston Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Pearlene Cole*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Angela Cole lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlene Cole*



Angela Cole - June 13, 2022 at 09:28 AM



“ *Ms Pearlene you were the sweetest lady I've ever known. Thank you for being there for me during my days as an undergraduate. I will always cherish the days of me you and mama Bobbie driving down to Memphis to eat at chow time. May flights of Angels sing thee to thy rest 🕊️*

Jacques Miller - June 10, 2022 at 01:30 AM



“ *Jackie Ross lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlene Cole*



Jackie Ross - June 09, 2022 at 04:42 PM



“ *Belinda Givens lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlene Cole*



Belinda Givens - June 09, 2022 at 02:21 PM

KS

“ So sorry to hear of your passing Ms. Pearlene we worked together for many years at the clinic you will be missed. Your family are in my prayers.

Kathy Shaw



Kathy Shaw - June 07, 2022 at 06:52 PM

JP

“ Remembering the first time I asked you if you wanted a ride home from Church. From that day on for 14 years you were my riding partner to Church every Sunday, every Revival we went to and wherever we were going. Going to miss you dearly but I know God has bigger plans for you. You were a part of the Polk Family. St James will miss you my friend. Peace Always.

Lady Jewel Polk, St James MBC

Jewel Polk - June 07, 2022 at 06:18 PM

EH

“ Evelyn Lake Harris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlene Cole



Evelyn Lake Harris - June 07, 2022 at 08:16 AM

EH

“ To God be the Glory for the life lived and the love shown!! Taylor and I will miss you dearly, the phone calls and laughs, the memories will linger near! Rest well, until we meet again ❤️🌸❤️

Evelyn Lake Harris - June 07, 2022 at 08:13 AM

DP

“ To be absent from the body to be present with the Lord. You're with your family and the God of all things. No more sickness, pain, sorrow or death. Live on forevermore cousin. We all love you very very much.
Your Atlanta family. ❤️



Darwin Parker - June 06, 2022 at 08:42 AM

JW

“ So sad to hear of your passing. I am grateful for the many years we got to work together. You were always very kind and sweet person.

James White - June 04, 2022 at 03:04 PM

AN

“ Andre Neal lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlene Cole



Andre Neal - June 04, 2022 at 11:01 AM

AN

“ I will miss this great woman of god. I've known her my entire life and she has kept me in line since I can remember. Thanks for everything that you've done for me ,including keeping me grounded, teaching me about church, giving me the longest Easter speeches, providing all of my birthday cakes from age 3 to 13, attending my awards day programs at Washington-Douglas and high school graduation, wishing me happy birthday every year no matter where and how old I was, calling giving me the 12th degree of questions(lol) and most of all being the best God-mother one could ever have in this life! Rest on Ms. Pearlene and tell Grandmama and Big Daddy I said Hello!

Your God son

Andre (Boo)

Andre Neal - June 04, 2022 at 10:42 AM

BN

“ *Brandon Nathan sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Pearlene Cole*



Brandon Nathan - June 03, 2022 at 09:48 PM

BN

“ *My heart is aching and torn. However, I am at peace with knowing that you are with the Lord. I will forever cherish the fond memories and laughter that we shared. You will be forever missed. However, we will meet again. Hallelujah! You made it over.*



Love your son,

Brandon

Brandon Nathan - June 03, 2022 at 09:48 PM

DM

It broke my heart to hear of your life no longer here. Peace to know you no longer suffering. You are with your mother. Going to miss you and your conversation.

Doris McDonald - June 07, 2022 at 11:27 PM

BN

“ *My heart is aching and torn! However, I will cherish the fond memories and especially the laughter we shared. You taught me so much and I am forever grateful for you! I love you forever.
But I assure you that we will meet again.*



Love your son,

Brandon

Brandon Nathan - June 03, 2022 at 09:28 PM

SG

“ Sarah Goyer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlene Cole



Sarah Goyer - June 03, 2022 at 06:41 PM