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— *Pallbearers* —

Royal Serenaders



*God saw you getting weary
So He did what He thought best.
He came and stood beside you
And whispered "Come in and rest."*

*You bid no farewell,
Nor ever said goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why.
We loved you, but God loved you best.*



— *Acknowledgments* —

With deep appreciation, we thank you for your prayers and other expressions of kindness and concern shown during the life and passing of our loved one.

— *The Family*

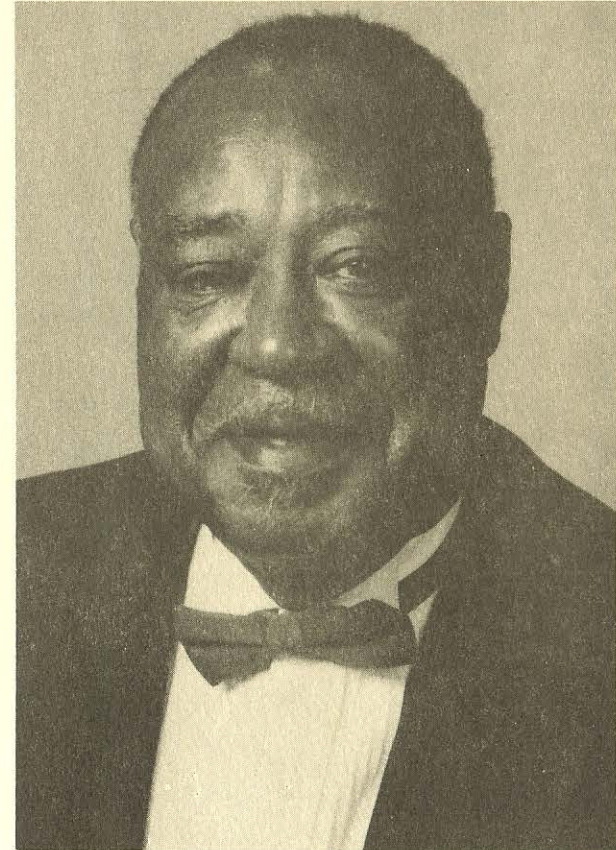
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In Loving Memory
of

Melvin Coley, Sr.

March 12, 1928

January 22, 1996



Saturday, January 27, 1996 • 11:00 a.m.

NEW COVENANT CHURCH

459 Clinton Street

Buffalo, New York 14204

Reverend Will Brown, Pastor

Reverend Phillip A. Smith, Officiating

— *Obituary* —

*God saw the road was getting rough,
The hills were hard to climb.
He closed those loving eyes,
And whispered, "Peace be thine."*

Melvin Coley, Sr., was born March 12, 1928 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to Lemmie Coley and the late Seeb Coley. He was a graduate of Howard High School in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

He moved to Buffalo, New York where he met and married his wife, Audrey, on October 3, 1949. He joined St. Peter's Church which later merged with New Covenant United Church of Christ, where he remained a dedicated and faithful member until his death. He was a diligent worker for his church. He served on the Board of Spiritual Concerns, Trustee Board, Part Time Custodian Services, Food Pantry Committee, and a faithful member of the New Covenant U.C.C. Adult Choir.

In 1946, he joined the Royal Serenaders, also known as the Chanters, with Hadji Temple No. 61, where he performed 50 years of singing. This group traveled throughout the United States and received national recognition and awards for their performances.

He is survived by: his loving wife, Audrey; three sons: Melvin, Jr. (Ellen), and Ronald of Buffalo, New York, and Kenneth of Norfolk, Virginia; one daughter, Charlene of Buffalo, New York; his mother, Lemmie Terrell; and sister, Lena Styles of Chattanooga, Tennessee; five grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

— *Order of Service* —

Visitation 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Selection Royal Serenaders

Scripture

Prayer

Selection Royal Serenaders

Acknowledgments and Obituary Betty Kimble

Selection Motley Sisters

Eulogy Rev. Phillip A. Smith

Recessional

— *Interment* —

ACACIA PARK AND REST HAVEN CEMETERY
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— *Funeral Director* —

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