



Christopher Derek Coleman

December 1, 1963 - May 1, 2020

Christopher Derek Coleman was born December 1, 1963 in Durham, North Carolina, the fifth of six children born to William E. Coleman Sr. and Eula Coleman. Chris graduated from Northern High School in 1982 and then moved to Atlanta, Georgia to attend DeVry Institute of Technology, graduating in 1986 with a Bachelor's Degree in Electronic Engineering Technology.

While in college, Chris met the woman that would be his wife, Lesa Washington. Chris and Lesa married on September 21, 1991 at First Mount Beulah Baptist Church in Swansea, South Carolina. During their life together they had three sons: Adam, Derek, and Joshua.

Chris learned the teachings of Jesus Christ from his parents and time spent in the churches of the United Holy Church of America, Inc. He would go on to join Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, located in Norcross, GA, in the 1990's, dedicating his life to Christ, he remained steadfast in his faith until his passing.

Chris was a computer science geek at heart, choosing for himself the moniker 'LinuxMan'. His career in the Information Technology industry began at National Semiconductor in 1992, Unix and Networking Professor at Clayton State University, 1998 to 2004, and in 2007 he went to work for Bank of America as a Linux Application Administrator. Chris was eager to share his IT

knowledge and over the years he developed business partnerships with several small and minority business clients, many of whom became fast friends.

Chris loved the outdoors and running. He ran his first track meet in middle school, and years later, running became his passion. He ran multiple 10K races yearly, his favorite being the Peachtree Road Race in Atlanta on the Fourth of July. He completed both a half and whole marathon, and enjoyed running with his running club in Decatur, GA. Chris was an active leader in the Recreation Ministry at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, where he played and coached basketball.

In Boy Scouts of America, Chris found his pathway to serve metro Atlanta youth. He described his experience as Scout Troop leader as “transformative”, where he, the teacher, learned lessons from each child and family in the Troop. He most enjoyed the excitement of Scouts on their first camping trip in the Georgia mountains and the pride of a Scout, as a merit badge was awarded for a job well done.

Second only to Chris' faith was his love and devotion to family and community. A devoted father, son, brother, uncle and friend, Chris lived a purpose driven life. He believed children were God's greatest gift and man's ultimate responsibility. It is in his sons, Chris found his greatest joy, strength, and courage to run on.

Chris went home to be with the Lord on May 1, 2020. He is survived by his three sons, Adam Christopher, Derek Michael, and Joshua David Coleman, all of Stone Mountain, GA. His mother, Elder Eula Coleman (Durham, NC), siblings, Adrian (Hodari) Coleman of Atlanta, Michele Roach of Durham, NC, Rev. Tanya (Maurice) Johnson of Durham, NC, William E. (Linda) Coleman Jr. of San Antonio, TX, Stephanie Mangum of Durham, NC; uncle, David (Sylvia)

Cunningham of San Antonio, TX aunt, Barbara Barbee of Durham, NC and a host of relatives and friends. Chris was preceded in death by his wife, Lesa Coleman and father, William E. Coleman, Sr..Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Avondale-Scottdale Chapel. 351 N. Clarendon Ave. Scottdale, GA 30079. (404)294-5500.

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“ *My condolence to the Coleman family.*



Sherry wannamaker - May 05, 2020 at 08:56 PM

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“ *Thank you! #MyLoveForever #ILoveYou*

Aisha Simmons-Webb - May 05, 2020 at 12:14 AM



“ *I was blessed enough to serve with Chris in the Recreation Ministry with my husband Gary for over 10 years. His words of encouragement and guidance to the young men that came to the gym will forever be remembered and appreciated by many. Although your presence physically here on earth will be missed, I rejoice in knowing you are no longer in pain or suffering and your spirit remains in us always.*

To the Coleman Family, sincerest condolences from The Recreation Ministry at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church. You are in our prayers

We love you my friend...and miss you deeply. RIH..

Coach Gary & Angalique Wright

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