



Colin Arlington Forde, Sr.

December 16, 1941 - June 7, 2025

Colin A. Forde Sr., 83, of Conyers, GA passed on Saturday, June 7, 2025. Celebration of Life Services will be held on Friday, June 20, 2025 11:00 AM at Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Rockdale Chapel 1999 Hwy. 138 SE, Conyers, GA 30013. Visitation will be held on Thursday June 19, 2025 from 12:00PM - 8:00PM at Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Rockdale Chapel 1999 Hwy. 138 SE, Conyers, GA 30013. Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Rockdale Chapel 1999 Hwy. 138 SE, Conyers, GA 30013.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Rockdale
1999 Hwy. 138 SE
Conyers, GA 30013

Celebration of Life Service

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MP

“ Dr Forde was a kind and intelligent Musician. He used his gift of music very well. One could tell that he enjoyed his position at Redan, as he taught the Sanctuary Choir many songs. It was a joy to sing in the choir under his leadership he was a wonderful teacher. Sleep on Dr Forde take your rest, we love you but God loves you best. 🙏🙏

Min Gwen Pledger - July 02, 2025 at 06:40 PM

JJ

my condolences praying for the family

james e johnson jr - July 03, 2025 at 10:05 AM

PB

My deepest condolences on behalf of the Burrowes family. I am Pat, I just heard of Colin's passing today August 10th, although we're only here on earth for an appointed time I was never the less saddened and in disbelief. I can distinctly remember in the year 2015, I was pleasantly surprised by a phone call I received from Colin after years of no contact. In our conversation he mentioned his age and said he has 10 more years. Colin is now resting in the everlasting arms of God.

Patricia Burrowes - October 12, 2025 at 09:09 PM

NM

“ This tribute is being sent by Nicholas McLean, Colin’s cousin on my maternal, Bowen side. In offering my profound sympathy, I call your attention to Colin’s fraternity,firsts, field testing advice,food , family matters and fertility(of his intellect) and sharing these notes on him(these title nores are just a few that come to mind.)By fraternity, I mean he interacted with me like a brother;by firsts - he was a giant in the Atlanta Guyana Assoc(alongside Neil Ray, Ivor Mitchell, Conrad Wilson and others too many to mention);He paid forward to the Guyanese community in the ATL.field tests? , well Colin advised me how to stop smoking(this advice involved mixing dog excrement with my used cigarette butts together to repulse me from smoking.)So, I never field tested that !but somehow I stopped. That was Colin, totally out of this world and out of the box mind therapy. Next, was his thoughts on marriage and field test suggestions: he told me to ‘keep your wife shaky and unsure of your next move. So, I was advised to ‘attack’ her, strip off her clothing as she came home at the end of her work day. Why? To keep her unsure of what I would do and not do when she camehome! 😏 Needless to say(well I can’t say), I did not field this either.No doubt he was an extraordinary psychologist and a great listener. He would place his hand to his temple, grunt, cackle while listening to your ‘problem’. Food- he was a foodie, not an epicure, he didn’t care what kind of food. He loved my wife Kathryn because she loved entertaining and cooking so he always had a Thanksgiving invite from her.Kath would ask’ Colin, what do you want me to put out for you? His reply, all of it! All!Now family matters: his was the 2-week rule; meaning anyone should be allowed into your home to visit/stay for any reason, but it must not exceed 2 weeks! After 2 weeks find a way for them to go and clearly state a reason at the start of their stay that you have a conflict on day 14 and cannot extend any hospitality after that! Lordy, we still use that rule in our hone today.on Fertility(of intellect, see I made your mind wonder did’t !!)he was witty and intelligent. Like I shared earlier, he would cast his head to the ceiling and listen intently, then grab a book on his shelf and say’ ha! Read page x(he knew the page number by heart). That is the Colin I knew and loved.He also was very mindful of his appearance as

Dawn so eloquently shared in her tribute. Here is an example: Colin had an 'accident on his dress trousers at my mom's wake and asked me to clean it up, which I did. Mistakenly, I used flushable wipes and so mini strips of it stuck on his trousers, so he said ' what is that white stuff, please get it off'. I tried but distracted him by joking about it' Crymons Colin, it came off but I think it was semen! He was not amused by that attempt to joke about it. All he cared about was , he about to play in public and his trousers had to be spotless!He always had a close bond with me, i know it was very cerebral and fraternal.He loved his family, Jen, all the kids(from all his unions, he loved them all,)so I want to truly share this note about what he confided in me- he loved his family.He could not be convinced to do what he did not want to do. Maria (and I to some extent) tried to convince him to move to Florida after he fell a few times (and once, got stuck on the floor at his home for days.)That aside, This one is funny: Colin asked me to check out a moving service that would tow his Lincoln behind the container truck and allow him to sit next to the driver in the cabin. I said, Colin! I am going to check out that moving service but I can tell you I do not think they will allow you in the cabin. When I had girl friend trouble before my current marriage, he would grunt, cackle and say ' she did what??, 'run as fast as you can!, head for the hills Nick, she is no good and there is no fix for that'

Read his PhD dissertation if you can. His thoughts on politics and the education system in Guyana ,and Burnham would make your ears sing! 'Rest in peace Colin. You were out of this world, attended the best of the best schools of learning and academia, and then played at your own funeral!

Nicholas McLean - June 22, 2025 at 10:21 AM

KD

“ Our thoughts, prayers and love to your family. Colin was a wonderful man and friend. His music blessed us ALL!

Kevin and Pat Days

Kevin Days - June 20, 2025 at 01:59 PM

PN

“ We're so very sorry for your loss. Our family will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers. We want you to know we are here for you with a shoulder to cry on and an ear to listen with, or anything else you may need.

The Nottage Family

Pam Nottage - June 20, 2025 at 12:03 PM

JP

“ Goodbye My dear friend, Colin. We will meet again. Thank you for so many years of a great friendship. I will always cherish our lunch time chats during our Civil Service years in Public Buildings, Georgetown, Guyana. Gone but will never be forgotten. Deepest sympathy to the entire Forde family. Joan Leow Patterson

Joan Leow Patterson - June 20, 2025 at 10:58 AM

PS

“ *Pastor Gaston Smith, Dr. Cheryl Coleman, and The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Family takes this opportunity to express our sincere prayers with deepest sympathy to our beloved member Commissioner Christine King and the entire Arlington Family during your time of bereavement and in the days to come. Earth has no Sorrow that Heaven can not heal. May God's Healing and Comforting Power rest upon you all as you Celebrate the Life of your love one Colin Arlington Forde, Sr.*

Pastor Gaston Smith - June 19, 2025 at 05:02 PM



“ *White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Colin Arlington Forde, Sr..*



June 19, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Colin Arlington Forde, Sr..*

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“ *White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Colin Arlington Forde, Sr..*



June 19, 2025 at 03:47 PM



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“ St. Paul AME Church, Liberty City Family, Pastor Robert Jackson III purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Colin Arlington Forde, Sr..



St. Paul AME Church, Liberty City Family, Pastor Robert Jackson III - June 18, 2025 at 06:54 PM



“ With love and support, King Squad purchased the White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Colin Arlington Forde, Sr..



With love and support, King Squad - June 18, 2025 at 04:23 PM



“ Art & Michelle Noriega purchased the Peace & Prayers Blue & White Standing Cross for the family of Colin Arlington Forde, Sr..



Art & Michelle Noriega - June 18, 2025 at 02:14 PM



“ *White Funeral Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Colin Arlington Forde, Sr..*



June 18, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Colin Arlington Forde, Sr..

June 18, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ *Larry M Spring purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Colin Arlington Forde, Sr..*



Larry M Spring - June 17, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ *Larry M Spring planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colin Arlington Forde, Sr..*

Larry M Spring - June 17, 2025 at 12:17 PM