



Wayne Everette Coleman

March 9, 1957 - January 3, 2023

Wayne E. Coleman was born March 9, 1957, on a Saturday in Ahoskie, NC. He was called to his alleged eternal rest on Tuesday January 3, 2023, after sixty-five years of a purposeful life. Note: Wayne became very spiritual with the universe & began to believe in reincarnation. He was the son of the late Mrs. Theresa “Evelyn” Walden Richardson-Coleman of R. Sq. NC & Mr. Hallie Eugene Coleman Jr. of Harrington, Delaware. He was the grandson of Mrs. Joanna Roberts Walden-Richardson-Majette & Mr. Graham T. Richardson, who was killed at the age of 30 at a brick yard accident in NY. Her 2nd husband was Mr. Lloyd Majette. Mrs. Joanna was the Willow Oak A.M.E. Church pianist for decades & 30 year plus educator at the W.S. Creecy School in R. Sq. NC. She lived to be 103 years old. Both of Wayne’s parents were educators as well.

Wayne’s relationship with “GOD” began at an early age when he joined the Willow Oak A.M.E Church in Rich Square, where his Pope, Roberts & Walden ancestors were some of the founding members of the Willow Oak Church. Wayne evolved in his faith with the practice of meditation. He said he was coming back!

Wayne held many cherished memories of his childhood in R. Sq. NC. He

attended N. Hampton County Public Schools & graduated from the Historic W.S. Creecy HS. During his teenage years @ W.S. Creecy; Wayne was an Honor Student, Beta Club Member, Glee Club Member & he played 3 years of varsity football for the Panthers & was known as an aggressive hard-hitting LB. Wayne & his brothers had one of the best outdoor basketball courts in the city, thus many young boys showed up evenings & weekends to play ball in their backyard court on Roberts Rd. Also a few teenage neighborhood girls occasionally came by to sit on the picnic tables to socialize, listened to music & watch the boys kick up a lot of dust on the dirt court.

After high school, Wayne attended NC A&T University in Greensboro. He also subsequently returned home & attended Roanoke Chowan Community College, in Herford County, NC. where he studied architecture & becoming an electrician. Wayne lived, studied, worked, played & meditated in Ahoskie NC, R. Sq. NC, Fort Valley GA, Greensboro, NC, Graham, NC, Murfreesboro, NC, & finally in Friendship, Maryland where he transitioned.

A few words from Bernard Casterlow, about his longtime neighbor, playmate, schoolmate & W.S. Creecy Panther Football Teammate; "Wayne & I grew up in the same neighborhood, a block away. We played together all thru childhood. Wayne was very smart, somewhat precocious & gifted with his hands. It was as if he saw things in 3-D. He was a good artist & had a high mechanical aptitude. He could figure out stuff. Wayne built his own speakers once when he decided to give being a "Disc Jockey" a try. Wayne read, studied & learned things initially & basically on his own. I would go by his house to visit in our late teens & early 20's & discover that Wayne had pulled the engine out of his Volkswagen & had the engine pieces laying out on cardboard to rebuild it. To my amazement a few days later the engine was rebuilt & put back in the car, & all done by himself & it was running! When I heard that Wayne was a home remodeler, I knew w/o seeing his work that it would be immaculate & his customers would be satisfied. So, Wayne was

gifted, mischievous & sometimes incorrigible. He probably was misunderstood by some of his fellow peers & adults in the community but, he had a good heart overall.” Wayne E. Coleman, “Rest In Peace” Your neighbor, Bernard Casterlow.

Left to cherish Wayne’s memory are his son Sterling Coleman & his son’s mother, Anesha McDowell of Greensboro-Raleigh NC & brothers; Jimmy Coleman of Delaware, Dana & Karl Coleman of Durham, NC along with these cousins, classmates, friends & neighbors; Annette Powell, Arleen Conwell-Mitchell, Bernard Casterlow, Eric Ray, Danny Sexton, Denise Conwell, Judy Tann, Lorenza Conwell, Delores & Elliott Mason, Vivian Conwell, Robert Price, Rosa Lee Thomas, Luke McCoy Ward, Vickie Ray & a host of other associates.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Wayne Everette Coleman*

Danny Sexton - February 06, 2023 at 06:26 PM

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“ *Wayne apparently evolved in his faith per se to a more Eastern
“Transcendentalism.”*

Danny Sexton - February 06, 2023 at 05:36 PM

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“ *It was early fall semester & W.S. Creecy HS Panther Football practice was in full effect. Wayne & I were seniors. Wayne was a hard-hitting linebacker & I was a quick & mean defensive end. So, there was a 6' 2" muscular freshman named Robert Boone playing on the offense line & he was a little too cocky, so Wayne & I devised a scheme/stunt to teach him a lesson. So, I was to come around from the DE position & hit Boone down low by his ankles & Wayne would fly in to hit his upper body. Wayne perhaps hit him in the head, instead. Anyway, Boone hit the grnd hard got up & passed out like a tree falling. Now, Wayne & I got really concerned. Boone was knocked unconscious & Jimmy Clarke was acting trainer & he had left the smelling salts in the gym. Thus, Jimmy had to run & get the smelling salts to put under Boone's nose to wake him up. Boone never forgot that incident & wanted to wrestle me or Wayne in the halls every time he saw us to prove himself. We graduated high school in 1975. Boone went on to play two more years for the CHS Panthers & proved himself worthy, by getting a football scholarship offer to play for Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City, NC*

Danny Sexton - February 06, 2023 at 04:59 PM

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“ I send my prayers and condolences to Wayne’s family. \n\nTo me, Wayne was a phenomenal childhood friend. His exceptional intelligence paired with his immense sense of humor led many of us to cherish his company and friendship. \nI remember being amazed that Wayne read the entire Bible one summer when we were in high school. I always admired his persistent curiosity about the world and how things worked. Wayne was always welcoming, tenacious, non-judgmental and authentic. My close childhood friendship with Wayne will always be one of the many blessings of growing up in Rich Square, North Carolina and attending W.S. Creecy High School. \n\nMay Wayne Rest In Peace with Our Lord and Savior. \n\nWith love,\nToni Harris (W.S. Creecy High School-Class of 1975)

Toni Thorpe - February 05, 2023 at 07:27 PM

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“ Wayne's Mother, Mrs. Theresa 'Evelyn' Richardson-Coleman's Grandparents; Mr. Gideon Tillman Richardson & Mrs. Margaret Howard- Richardson In Nash County , NC

Danny Sexton - February 05, 2023 at 06:14 PM

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“ Wayne's Beloved Grandmother, Mrs. Joanna Roberts Walden-Richardson-Majette At Her 30 Year Educator Retirement Celebration At W.S. Creecy HS In Rich Square, NC

Danny Sexton - February 05, 2023 at 06:05 PM

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“ I am from Rich Square, NC and knew Wayne and his family all my life. Living on the same street only a few house's a part, attended the same church Willow Oak AME . Being the youngest of 3 boys, the shortest and the cutest he had to keep up and he did. He was smart and loved to play sports. He had many friends and beyond his years in many ways. God wanted Wayne in Heaven and took him home, remember when God picks his sheep he picks the best so he chose Wayne. Rest in peace Wayne!

Gloria Jacobs Creecy - February 05, 2023 at 03:38 PM

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“ 1974 CHS Rising Seniors...

Danny Sexton - February 05, 2023 at 01:26 PM

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“ Wayne And Vickie @ Senior Prom

Danny Sexton - February 04, 2023 at 07:31 PM

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“ Wayne E. Coleman, B-Day!

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“ Wayne Coleman 1st Row L-R On The End #81

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“ Wayne is #41 standing between #51 Roger Garris & #7 John Pelham

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“ Wayne, Viv & Danny, May 1975

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“ Wayne's Grandmother, Mrs. Joanna Roberts Walden- Richardson-
Majette b. 1897-d.2000.

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“ 1975 W.S. Creecy HS Honor Students In R. Sq. NC. 1st Row L-R
Toni Harris, Shirley Peebles, Lola Edward's, Gloria Ward, Jackie
Vaughan. 2nd Row L-R Marjorie Boone, Annie Philips, Delores
Mason. 3rd Row L-R Yours Truly, Danny Sexton, Wayne Coleman,
Sylvia Ward, Judy Tann, Carroll Boone

Danny Sexton - February 03, 2023 at 12:03 PM

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“ Wayne's Mother, Mrs. Evelyn Richardson-Coleman b. 1924 -d. 2018
& Her Father Mr. Graham T. Coleman b. 1897-d.????

Danny Sexton - February 03, 2023 at 11:28 AM

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“ \“Wayne Everette Coleman\” will remain in Sterling and My heart
forever!

Sterling and Anesha - February 03, 2023 at 12:04 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ *Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Wayne Everette Coleman - February 01, 2023 at 03:41 PM