

Order of Service

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

READING OF THE OBITUARY

OPENING HYMN

The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation

OPENING RITE

Draping of Baptismal Garment

Blessing of the Casket

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6a,7-9

Responsorial Psalm 23: The Lord is my Shepherd

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

HOMILY

Prayer of the Faithful

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Holy/Proclamation of Faith/Great Amen

Communion song: How Great Thou Art

Meditation Hymn: My Tribute - To God be the Glory

RITE OF COMMENDATION

FINAL SONG

Going Up Yonder



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Missing You

We're gonna miss watching football with you.
We're gonna miss playing bingo with you
We're gonna miss playing Pokeno with you
When someone said "that's a nice shirt"
You always chimed in "You wanna buy it"
We're gonna miss everything about you.

Acknowledgment

Our family would like to extend to you our deepest gratitude for the many acts of kindness and love during this time. May God continue to bless you and keep you in His tender loving care.



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Celebrating the Life of
Our Beloved

William
COLBERT

MARCH 25, 1946 - JANUARY 17, 2024

Funeral Mass

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024 | 11:00AM

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH

Church of the Holy Child

5200 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19141

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His Story

It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce the passing of William R. Colbert, a devoted husband, esteemed community member, and accomplished Plant Manager. William peacefully departed this world on January 17, 2024, at his home in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at the age of 77.

Born on March 25, 1946, in Kokomo, Indiana, William was the son of the late Richard and Grace Colbert. As a proud American Indian, he cherished his heritage and shared the wisdom and traditions of his ancestors with those around him. William's upbringing instilled in him a deep appreciation for family, which would become the cornerstone of his life.

William's journey in education led him to attain college credits, further fueling his thirst for knowledge and personal growth. He applied his expertise to the Container Corp of America, where for several years, he excelled in his role as Plant Manager. His dedication and exceptional managerial skills garnered him the respect and admiration of his colleagues.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, what truly defined William was his unwavering love and commitment to his cherished wife, Naomi Colbert. Their enduring bond of marriage was an inspiration to all who knew them. Together, they created a nurturing and loving home, filled with joy, laughter, and warm memories.

William will always be remembered for his vibrant spirit, infectious smile, and his genuine care for others. He possessed a kind heart, and his generosity knew no bounds. Whether it was lending a helping hand to a neighbor in need or volunteering in his community, William touched countless lives with his selflessness and compassion.

In his free time, William enjoyed immersing himself in nature. He found solace in the great outdoors, whether it was gardening in his backyard oasis, fishing at his favorite spot by the lake, or simply taking long walks, embracing the beauty of the world around him. His appreciation for life's simple pleasures served as a reminder to cherish every moment.

William leaves behind a legacy of love and a treasure trove of memories shared with his beloved wife, Naomi Colbert. He will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and all those who had the honor of knowing him.

William is survived by his wife Naomi B. Colbert. He is predeceased by his father, Joseph Colbert; mother, Betty Jane (Rickman) Smalley; brother, Michael Colbert and grandparents, John and Wilhelmina (Rollins) Rickman. Surviving family members include aunt, Mary Billy (Rickman) Henry; sister, Candy (Beasley) Dinwiddle; nephew, Ty Colbert; niece, Michelle Colbert; first cousins, Heather Angel Blaylock, Audrey Mills, Cheryl Wilson, Gray Dawn Cohen, Tamara Jean Green and many second and third cousins.

Today, as we bid farewell to William R. Colbert, we find comfort in the knowledge that his gentle soul will forever watch over us. May his spirit continue to guide and inspire us, and may his memory continue to bring laughter and joy to our hearts in the years to come.

Rest in peace, William. Your legacy lives on.

Lovingly Submitted,

The Family

