

# *Wamer Earl Colson*

**Inducted into Heavens  
Hall of Fame**



**Draft Date  
August 9, 1960**

**Induction Date  
May 4 2024**

**Saturday, 11 May 2024  
at 2'Oclock in the Afternoon**

**Greater Love Missionary Baptist Church  
6601 Manor Rd.  
Austin, Texas 78723**

**Reverend Isaac Grant, Pastor & Officiant**





## ~ Reflections of a 12th Man ~



**Homer "Earl" Colson** blessed his mother, Annie Mae Jones Colson, with his birth on August 9, 1960 at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin, Texas. On May 4, 2024, he blessed her again when he reunited with her in heaven. He is now at peace rejoicing with the Lord and his grandparents, Pauline Jackson Jones Gooden and Rentie Gooden; great-grandparents, Rosie Veal Johnson Jackson, and Johnny Jackson; and his stepfather, Lonnie Colson.

**Earl** accepted Christ at an early age at Greater Love Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor Marlin Carter. He later re-established his faith in the Lord with Pastor Issac Grant, current Pastor of Greater Love Baptist Church.

**Earl** lived in East Austin with his mother where he attended school in Austin Independent School District, graduating from LBJ High School in 1979. After graduation, Earl attended Capital City Trade and Technical School where he received an Associates in Mechanics. He shared his love for mechanics with his grandfather, Rentie Gooden, and his Uncle Chester Smith, whom he spent many hours with, working on cars in the front yard. In addition to working on cars, he enjoyed spending time with his lifelong friends, Michael Caldwell, William Thomas, Darrell Caldwell, Michael Clark, Timothy Higgins, and William Martin.

**Earl** believed that if he worked hard, and invested in himself, his life would work out fine. Earl moved to Clovis, California when John Bradley, a neighbor friend, invited him to move and take advantage of new opportunities. He would go on to work for Clovis ISD for over 20 years while managing his own business, *"Earl's Cleaning Service"*. Earl was a good friend to John and helped him with his health needs until John passed. Earl retired and moved back to Round Rock, Texas to care for his mother, Annie, when her health started falling. He also moved *"Earl's Cleaning Service"* to the City of Round Rock where he worked for Travis County in building maintenance. He was on the list of Historically Underutilized Businesses in Austin, Texas and had service contracts with U.T. Austin, local builders, churches, and funeral homes.

**Earl** loved to tease his mother, aunts, grandmother, and great grandmother. He was known for his cooking and barbecuing skills. He once told his grandmother, Pauline Gooden, that *"he didn't need to know how to cook because his wife would do the cooking."* That summer, Grandma made Earl learn to cook. He was lovingly called *"Old Man"* by his oldest cousin, Carla, as well as his younger cousins. He was also called *"Bubby"* by his great-grandmother and first cousins. Every football season Earl held out hope that the Cowboys would make it to the playoffs and then the Superbowl. Even if the Cowboys (*Cowgirls*) didn't have a good season he watched every game.

**Earl** leaves to cherish his memory his Aunts: Cordia Jones Hill of Austin Texas, Betty J. Miller of Sacramento, California, Carol A. McLaurin (Eyo) of Pflugerville, Texas, Wilmer L. Parkinson (Maurice) of Walnut, California and Hana High of Marshall, Texas. Bonus Brothers: Michael Caldwell, William Thomas, Darrell Caldwell, Michael Clark, Timothy Higgins, and William Martin. His Caregivers: Cheryl and Sammy Reese of Bastrop, Texas and a host of cousins, family, and friends.



# COWBOYS

~ Touchdown! ~

**Processional  
Ministers, Clergy, Family & Friends**

**Scripture Readings:**

Old Testament Scripture..... Elder Stanley Wilson  
Faith Cathedral GOGIC, Austin Texas

New Testament Scripture .....Minister Ray Brown  
Austin Recovery Ministries

Prayer.....Deacon Howard Smith  
Greater Love Baptist Church

Solo .....Sis. Mary Carter  
Greater Love Baptist Church

**Resolution** .....Sister Vivian Smith, Church Clerk  
Greater Love Baptist Church

Solo ..... " When I See Jesus" .....Pastor Nathaniel Pleasant  
Friendship Baptist Church, Luling Texas

**Eulogy** .....Reverend Victor Malone  
St. James Missionary Baptist Church

**Recessional  
Ministers, Clergy, Family & Friends**



**COWBOYS**



When I come to the end of **MY JOURNEY**

And I travel my last weary mile,

Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned

And remember only the *smile*

Forget unkind words I have spoken;  
*Remember* Some good I have done.

Forget that I ever had heartache

And remember I've had loads of fun.

Forget that I've stumbled and blundered

And sometimes fell by the way.

Remember I have **FOUGHT** some hard  
battles & won, ere the close of the day,

Then forget to grieve for my going,

I would not have you sad for a day.

But in summer just gather some

And remember the place where I lay,

And come in the evening

When the sun paints the sky in the west,

Stand for a few moments beside me'

And **REMEMBER ONLY MY BEST.**



**COWBOYS**



❧ *“Fair Catch”* ❧

## *Called by the Cousins*

**“Rest Our Dear Cousin”**

Though you're gone, love here will stay,  
In our hearts, it won't fade away.  
You touched us with your gentle ways,  
Leaving memories  
that time won't erase.



God chose you, the one to save,  
To rest at home,  
beyond the grave.  
Though we loved you,  
He loved you best,  
Now you find eternal rest.

Our hearts bear pain,  
heavy and deep,  
Yet God's love for you,  
in our sorrow, seeps.  
Time to let go, though it's tough to do,  
Your memories flow, a river anew.

Rest, dear cousin, in peace you find,  
Your memories linger in our mind.  
May you rest serene and true,  
In our hearts, forever with you.



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Lomer Earl



Faith  
Family  
Football  
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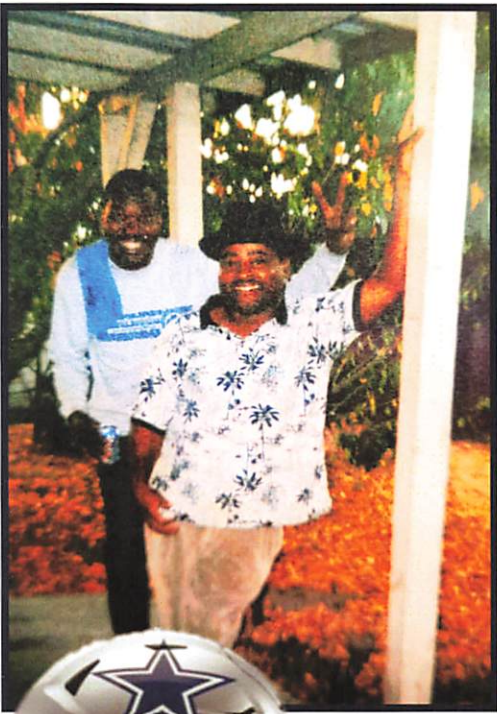
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How 'bout them... 

Colson



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## *Active Casket Bearers*

William Thomas  
Mike Caldwell  
Timothy Higgins  
Donald Sirles

Michael Clark  
Darrell Caldwell  
Conrad McLarin  
Cedric Hill, Sr., Colonel, U.S. Army Retired

## *Honorary Casket Bearers*

Diamond Jones  
Ronny Daniels  
Richard McLaurin  
Michael Parkinson  
Breyton Burch

Antoine Miller  
Robert McLaurin  
Mark Parkinson  
Robert Jefferson  
Chase Rivers

## *Acknowledgement*

*The Family of Earl Colson would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your visits, prayers, floral tributes, and kindness during our time of bereavement. Thank you, Pflugerville Nursing and Rehabilitation, for the high level of care Earl received from the Doctors, Nurses, CNA's, and Rehabilitation Staff. We would also like to thank Age of Central Texas, Round Rock for their aid with the home improvements which improved Earl's Quality of life. Please continue to pray for our Family.*



### *Services Entrusted to:*

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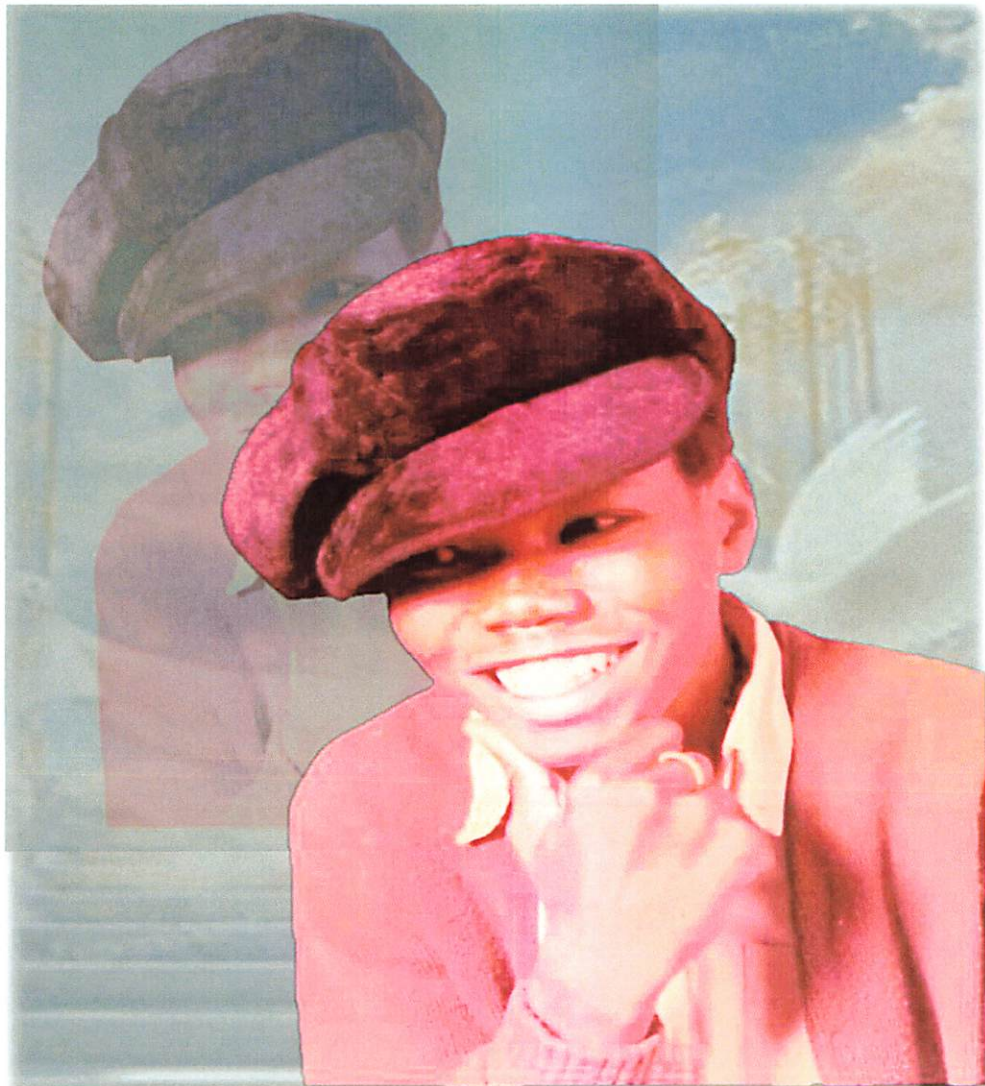
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### *Interment*

Cook Walden Capital Parks Cemetery  
14501 N. Interstate Hwy. 35  
Pflugerville, Texas 78660

*Programs lovingly designed by Sharon D. Cannon*





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