



Mr. Sylvester Colbert

October 5, 1943 - December 23, 2025

Sylvester Colbert was born to the late Gertrude and Marvin D. Colbert on October 5, 1943, in Houston County, Georgia. He was the oldest of nine children. He was affectionately known as “Wilcome” by his family and friends. He loved to be called by this nickname. After graduating from high school, he attended THE FORT VALLEY STATE COLLEGE where he majored in Liberal Arts. He was a proud Wildcat and attended Fort Valley football games until he was not able to attend, While attending Fort Valley State University, the military came calling and he was enlisted in the United States Army. He was a proud medic who helped wounded soldiers on the battlefield continue to fight. He was awarded the Sharp Shooter award on the M14 rifle.

After completing his time in the Army, he found employment at the 78th Air Base Wing at Robins Air Force Base. He retired in 2001 as the Chief of Mobility for the Air Base, He retired with 36 years of service. He was given many accolades and honors to include Supervisor of the Year two years in a row. He loved being an inspiration to the many airman and officers that he mentored during his service as a Federal Civilian employee.

After retirement, he moved to Fayetteville, North Carolina with his wife, Brenda Colbert. In Fayetteville, he was able to work on his gardening,

perfecting his grilling skills, and cruise all over the globe with his beloved Brenda. He joined the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He was a faithful Christian and he truly loved the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gertrude and Marvin D. Colbert; his loving sister, Margaret Colbert; and his brother, Eric Colbert.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: wife, Brenda Colbert; one favorite daughter, Chelsea Lynn Colbert; three sisters, Jeanette Royster, Carolyn Colbert, Minnie McColum; two brothers, Marvin D. Colbert, Jr. and Michael Colbert (Diane Colbert); five sisters-in-law, Shelby Southerland, Rosalind Sherrod, Darnell Williams, Shirley Dixon and Gwendolyn Allen; he has two grandchildren, Jessica and Omar; one great grandchild, Austin; one aunt, Ella Marion Mathis; one uncle, Warren Reid; he has a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He will be missed tremendously.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Burial

JAN 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery
8220 Bragg Blvd
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Sylvester Colbert



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - December 27, 2025 at 11:02 AM

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“ Franklin Green planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Sylvester Colbert.

Franklin Green - January 02 at 04:38 AM

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“ Franklin Green purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Sylvester Colbert.



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“ *The Military Ministry of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church extends our sympathy and condolences to all the family of Mr. Sylvester Colbert. When he attended church, he was always pleasant and had a kind word to share. Thank you for your service to our country! Thank you to the family who served alongside with him. May the family find comfort knowing we are keeping you in prayer during this time of bereavement.*

*Love, Prayers, and Condolences
Howard & Carolyn Lattimore
FMBC Military Ministry Coordinators*

Howard & Carolyn Lattimore - December 26, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ *I love you Papa! I will miss you very much!*



Jessica Hatcher - December 24, 2025 at 05:20 PM

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“ *Grandbaby & Great Grandboy purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Sylvester Colbert.*



Grandbaby & Great Grandboy - December 24, 2025 at 04:11 PM

JH

“ *I love you, Papa, and I will miss you very much. - Grandbaby*



Jessica Hatcher - December 24, 2025 at 03:48 PM

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“ *Mrs. Colbert & Family,
We extend our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and loved ones of Mr. Sylvester Colbert. May the Lord bless and comfort the family during this time of bereavement not only now but in the days ahead.*

*With Love & Prayers,
Pastor Timothy D. Careathers, Lady Jill Careathers and the
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Family*

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church - December 24, 2025 at 10:03 AM