

# ORDER OF SERVICE

23rd Psalm

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How I Got Over

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Rev. Murray

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Recessional

Interment  
Forest Hills Cemetery  
95 Forest Hills Ave • Jamaica Plain, MA

The Road Not Taken  
By Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*The family of the late Mr. Coleman wishes to acknowledge with grateful appreciation and sincere thanks all acts of kindness rendered during the passing of our loved one. Special thank you to the Jefferies Funeral home in Brookneal, Virginia for their excellent service and compassion. To my cousins the Walton Family for their unwavering love and support. Last by not least, Faye Baker who watched over dad in his last moments and supported him in every way. May God continue to bless you and keep you in his grace and love. May God continue to bless and keep you in His loving arms.*

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In Loving Memory of*



*Willie Emborse Coleman*

September 02, 1932 - February 04, 2022

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**W**illie Coleman was born in Charlotte County on September 2, 1932, to Mary and Archie Coleman. In 1955 Willie was wed to Nancy Reid. Willie and Nancy relocated from Randolph, VA to Roxbury, MA in 1957.

Willie held various positions during his employment career. Beginning as a plastic platter presser and clothes presser for Sarni Cleaners in Brookline MA, Manager of One Hour Day Cleaners in Waltham, MA, a technician for Honeywell Inc. in Needham MA., and in 2007 retiring as Technical Associate Supervisor for Teleplans, Inc.

Willie was a political activist in the early 1960s and 1970s. He worked with the Boardman Group which fought for educational equality for students of color in the city of Boston, currently known as the Metco Program, which buses Boston students to suburban schools. In the 1970's he worked with Boston Mayor Kevin White who created little city halls in neighborhoods so that people could have direct access to city services. He worked tirelessly with his neighbors to create a safe environment and a voice in the community for positive change.

Willie had a passion for sports and music and was an avid Yankees and Golden State Warriors fan. He loved cooking and fishing and his favorite entertainer was Tina Turner. He had a great sense of humor and he loved his family dearly.

Willie leaves to cherish his loving memories his beloved children, Cynthia Odoms and Willie E. Coleman, Jr., both of Boston, MA, and Kevin Coleman of Norwood MA; grandchildren, Justin Odoms of Boston, MA, Scott Coleman of Germany, Jayden and Jordan Coleman of Stoughton, MA, Josslyn and, Jasmine Coleman of Norwood, MA; great-grandsons, Milan Coleman, Jermaine and Levin Coleman of Germany; son-in-law, Tony Odoms of Boston, MA; daughter-in-law, Andrea Coleman of Norwood, MA; his devoted friend, Faye Baker; and a host of nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

In lieu of flowers, family and friends may make donations to Willie's favorite charity The Salvation Army at [give.salvationarmyusa.org](http://give.salvationarmyusa.org)

