



# Gertie Coleman

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**G**ertie M. Coleman, 70, of Belleville formerly of Decatur passed away on Tuesday June 28, 2011 in her home.

Gertie was born on October 8, 1940 in Gunnison, MS the daughter of James Burk Wiggins and Lowren Early. She worked at Caterpillar and as a foster mother to eighteen children. She retired from Webster Cantrell Hall. She worked very hard to get her kids through school. She was a member of Life Changers Church. She married Jerry J. Coleman in 1956 at Rosedale, MS he preceded her in death on January of 1994. Collinsville

She leaves to cherish fond memories her sons, Karl Coleman of Collinsville; Tony Coleman Carrisa of St. Louis, MO; daughters, Michelle Coleman of Belleville; Marsha Coleman of Decatur; Marilyn Coleman of Decatur; father, James Wiggins of Gunnison, MS; brothers, Rev. Wesley Atwater of Decatur; Calvin Atwater of Decatur; Donald McElroy of Hattiesburg, MS; Dale Atwater of California; Tommy Wiggins Betty of Decatur; sisters, Laura Dennis of Oaklawn; Mary Newbern Therron of Decatur; Cynthia Atwater Leggons Indianapolis, IN; of Tamara Shumate Sammie of Indianapolis, IN; Brenda Johnson Edward of Decatur; Evelyn Wiggins of Gunnison, MS; grandchildren, Netishia, David, Kyler, Kari, Michelle, Brittany, KC, Shaterika, Inman, Shawn, Tonae, and Trenton; special friends, Theresa "Doll" Dorsey, Tommy Ferguson, Cora Mean, and Delores Small; special cousin, Beatrice Leeks; ten great-grandchildren, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, friends, and other family. She was preceded in death by her mother, husband, and two brothers, James Wiggins and Oscar Wiggins.

Homegoing service to celebrate Gertie's life will be 12 noon Wednesday July 6, 2011 in Moran & Goebel Funeral Home. Visitation will be one hour prior to service in the funeral home. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery and conclude with the "Flight Home" ceremony.



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The family of Gertie M. Coleman has entrusted the care of their loved one to Moran & Goebel Funeral Home, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL. View online obituary and send condolences to the family at [www.moranandgoebel.com](http://www.moranandgoebel.com).



## Tribute Wall

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KA

**Kasiretz** posted:

I'd like to utter hello to the forum – I even-handed skim the restored forum so until any more and without junk on be truthfully I'll wiggle to verification up something. Wild Regards

October 25 at 6:57 PM

MD

**Margaret Doolin** posted:

Karl, I just learned of your mother's passing. I am so very sorry for your loss. I am not living in Decatur. I have moved to Mansfield, Texas to be with my children. Gertie was a good neighbor and I shall remember her fondly. My best to you and your family at this time. Children are God's gift and you were a gift to Gertie. Mansfield, TX US

July 9 at 7:00 PM

DN

**Doretha A. Nance** posted:

To Karl & family, I loved Ms. Coleman from the beginning. She always made me feel welcomed in her life and home. We had many conversations over the years and with her kind spirit she knew what to say to make me feel better. She loved her family, friends, and life. To know Ms. Coleman was to love her. Victoria and I will miss visiting her when we are in town. I pray that God will comfort and grant you peace. We love you all, Doretha A. Nance & Victoria Logan Indianapolis, IN Indianapolis, IN US

July 5 at 7:00 PM

VE

**Veletta Eubanks** posted:

kay I'm keeping you and your family in prayers. May god bless you and keep you strong. LOVE always Veletta and family decatur, IL US

July 5 at 7:00 PM

DM

**Daphne & Randall McDonald** posted:

To Karl and family, May you find peace, strenght in the comfort of God's everlasting love during your time of sorrow. You are in our thoughts and prayers, The McDonald Family St. Louis, MO US

July 4 at 7:00 PM



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AM

**Ameenah** posted:

From GOD we come and To God we shall return. I'm sure your mom will be truly missed. She is with God but her existence will forever live in your hearts and memories. Cherish each thought for they, along with the strength that GOD gives you, are what makes the absence easier. Smile - because she is now! St. Louis, MO US

July 4 at 7:00 PM

ES

**Euwanda White-Stoner** posted:

Mrs. Coleman was a loving woman, who I truly adored when I dated her son a long time ago. She will be missed. I pray for the Coleman family, and if there's anything I can do, please let me know. God Bless You!! Normal, IL US

July 3 at 7:00 PM

BF

**Burl Stoner & Family** posted:

Our Love and prayers are with the family. Cherish the memories, they will keep your loved one alive in your hearts & your mind forever. Burl Stoner & children Decatur, IL US

July 3 at 7:00 PM

TB

**Tearatha Butler** posted:

with deepest sympathy. GUNNISON, MS US

July 3 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Gertie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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