



James (Jim) Madison Coleman III

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James Madison Coleman III, age 88, was born in Richmond, VA to parents James Madison Coleman II and Jeannette Taylor. In his younger years, Jim lived mostly in Florida and Richmond, VA.

Jim served 4 ½ years as a Corporal in the Medical Corps & Special Services of the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1952.

He attended San Francisco State University where he received his Masters in Physical Education. He moved to Oakland, CA for his first teaching/ coaching job at McClymonds High School. He was PE/Athletics Department Chairman at Laney College and coached track & field and special education at Laney and College of Alameda.

Jim had coached five track/field world record holders. He was chosen as an associate coach of the 1968 U.S. Olympic team and coached three Olympians: Gold medalist, Jim Hines (1968), James Robinson, and Milton Goode. In 1972, he was team coach at the USA/USSR indoor track meet in Richmond, VA. During his long teaching career, he coached various sports including wrestling, football, boxing, archery, as well as Special Ed. He was

also the director of the handicapped Special Olympics at Laney College.

He is survived by Annette, his wife of 36 years; sister Dionne (Jim) of VA; brother John of NV; daughter Janet Marie Roy (Jeff) of MA; sons, James Madison IV, Carl Martin, Paul Madison and Terry Madison (Donna) all of CA; grandchildren, Avery, Devon, Caleb, Christina, Mica, Tenae and Antoine; brother-in-law Rodger (Margaret) Latham; sister-in-law Jennie (Jeff) Smith; and niece & nephew Andrea and Felipe Smith.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents James and Jeannette, first wife Charlotte, son Peter, and grandson Carl, Jr.

According to Jim's wishes, there will be no service. A celebration of life to be scheduled at a later date. Donations in Jim's memory can be made to Lumina Benton Hospice, 2350 NW Professional Drive, Corvallis, OR; or to Peralta Colleges Foundation Attention: Jim Coleman Scholarship Fund established for the Laney College track/field program, 333 E. 8th Street, Oakland, CA 94606. Online thoughts/condolences may be shared at www.demosdurdan.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ I felt honored to share a few times with Jim after he came to Corvallis, and learn a bit about his love for athletics and his amazing coaching history. i pray for God's comfort for Annette and his family in their loss. Annette's positive presence was always a wonderfully warm place to be.

Rolly Kinney

Rolly Kinney - October 05, 2018 at 11:43 AM



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“ Sending our most heartfelt condolences to our Coleman Family ..extending prayers of to you strength at this time, and comfort and understandin, knowing he is now at peace...

Love your cousin Sharon & Family

Sharon Martin - July 19, 2018 at 10:27 AM



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“ To the Coleman family - ❤️ - He stole my heart from day 1. It was my pleasure to hang out with him as long as I did! May there be all-you-can eat pancakes in Heaven. Hugs to all of you! Candy Nelson

Candy Nelson - July 17, 2018 at 11:58 PM