



Dr. Edith A. Coleman

September 12, 1941 - September 18, 2025

Dr. Edith A. Coleman was born September 12, 1941, in Girard, Kansas to Hugh W. Wilson, Sr. and Dollie Zipporah (Lane) Wilson. She was born the ninth child in their family of thirteen children. Both parents, six brothers, and four sisters preceded her in death. Dr. Coleman departed this life at Sunrise Assisted Living of Leawood on September 18, 2025.

She graduated from Girard High School in the class of 1959. Dr. Coleman earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas in 1967. She got married to Robert Carson and had one daughter Stephanie while in undergraduate school. That marriage was dissolved and both mother and daughter moved to Kansas City.

Dr. Coleman began teaching in the Kansas City, Missouri Public School District and her career lasted for 35 years. She earned a Master of Science Degree in Adult Education from Central Missouri University in Warrensburg, Missouri in 1974. She also earned a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in Lawrence in 1994.

Dr. Coleman met the love of her life; Big John Coleman Sr. and they were united in marriage in 1973. They shared 52 years together and raised 4 children. She was grandmother, great-grandmother and godmother to many.

In addition to doing china painting and ceramics, Dr. Coleman was a book author, wedding consultant, mentor, foster parent, fashion show organizer, presenter, and commentator, event planner, and taught piano lessons.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, John Coleman, Sr.; daughter, Stephanie Carson; step-son, John Coleman, Jr. (Margaret); two sisters, Margaret Sullivan and Rose Matthews; two grandchildren, Brooklyne Coleman and Bianca Coleman; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday October 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Palestine Missionary Baptist Church. Interment: Forest Hill Cemetery. Visitation: 9:00am -11:00 a.m. at the Church. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels. Condolences may be shared on our website lawrenceajones.com

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

6901 Troost Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64131

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Palestine Missionary Baptist Church
3619 East 35th Street
Kansas City, MO 64128

Funeral Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Marilyn Bables lit a candle in memory of Dr. Edith A. Coleman*



Marilyn Bables - March 19 at 10:24 AM

MB

“ *Dr. Edith Coleman was an ideal lady who knew that it's nice to be important, but it is more important to be kind. Dr. Coleman was a genuine lady of distinction. I cherish our brief acquaintance. Miss Marilyn Bables*

Marilyn Bables - March 19 at 10:23 AM

CW

“ *Carla W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Dr. Edith A. Coleman.*



Carla W. - October 13, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dr. Edith A. Coleman.



October 13, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ I worked with Edie when she played piano for and I was director of the Palestine Voices of Palestine. Even in my non musical sense she always showed kindness and compassion to me as we ministered to young adults and the Ladies Chorus of Palestine. Praise God for your service and dedication to Palestine. Kindest regards from Perri Giles Cadenhead and family

Perri Cadenhead - October 05, 2025 at 10:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Edith A. Coleman.



October 01, 2025 at 10:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Edith A. Coleman.

October 01, 2025 at 10:40 PM

CC

“ Dr. Edith Coleman was a dear friend and mentor to me for many years. I met her through her husband Blg John at a conference while working in management at the postal service. We talked and connected and formed a special bond of friendship, love and mutual respect for each other. She was a godly woman of greatness. She had beauty, intelligence, strength, full of wisdom who had a caring and listening heart for others. She was my confidant who gave me unconditional support and encouragement in a non-judgmental way. Dr. Coleman was a class act! Rest well my Queen because you have definitely earned your heavenly wings. You will truly be missed!

Charlotte Collins

Charlotte Collins - September 30, 2025 at 05:31 AM

ER

“ What a classy lady I called her "Aunt Edith" she was a mentor and a friend. Love you your name sake Edith (Edie) Reese :) RIP

Edith Reese - September 29, 2025 at 01:01 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Edith A. Coleman.



September 29, 2025 at 12:45 PM

BP

“ Brenda P. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. Edith A. Coleman.



Brenda P. - September 29, 2025 at 12:13 PM

BP

“ Brenda P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Edith A. Coleman.

Brenda P. - September 29, 2025 at 12:13 PM

BR

“ John, our deepest condolences to you and your family during your time of bereavement. It was truly a pleasure being you and Dr. Edith's neighbor for many years. She shared so many of her talents (ceramics, music and lasting conversations) with us. Although she's been ill for a while, all of her personal interaction will truly be missed. Our love and prayers are with you.

Berkley and Brenda Pernell

BRENDA - September 29, 2025 at 11:31 AM

LT

“ Lucinda Noches Talbert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Edith A. Coleman.

Lucinda Noches Talbert - September 29, 2025 at 08:57 AM

LT

“ *Lucinda Noches Talbert purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dr. Edith A. Coleman.*



Lucinda Noches Talbert - September 29, 2025 at 08:57 AM

PG

“ *I meet Dr. Coleman , years ago. I sang at one of the first weddings at Palestine Baptist Church and she played for me. I practice at her beautiful home She was so kind to me Rest well sister. I will cherish my memories of you. From Portia L Gill*

Portia Gill - September 28, 2025 at 02:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Edith A. Coleman.*



September 26, 2025 at 02:59 PM