



## Elizabeth V Coleman

August 16, 1965 - November 9, 2021

Reverend Elizabeth V. Coleman, Esq., San Francisco Bay Area attorney and lifelong children's rights advocate, entered into eternal peace on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at her home in Concord.

Rev. Coleman was an Associate Pastor at McGee Avenue Baptist Church in Berkeley, California. Rev. Coleman has always had a passion for serving the needs of children and youth by helping to rebuild the family unit. She utilized her talents as an attorney in the service of children and families in the Juvenile Dependency Courts of Alameda and Contra Costa court systems as a court appointed advocate and through multiple non-profit organizations.

In addition to her work with the court systems, she established and ran multiple community programs through the church to encourage, empower and educate the community on various vital issues which impact individuals and families. This included programs focused on restorative justice, food security and healthy living.

Most notably, Rev. Coleman was instrumental in developing the Justice Rising Youth Court at the Berkeley Technology Academy to reduce the increasing suspension rate of high school students at this alternative school. The Justice Rising Youth Court has successfully created a fundamental change in the school's disciplinary action procedures for students by utilizing restorative

justice, civic engagement and other non-violence training to promote a safer school community.

Rev. Coleman was born in 1965 to the parents, Mariah and Herman Coleman in Oakland, California. She grew up in San Pablo, California and attended Richmond Unified High School before beginning her journey into the legal profession. She graduated from the San Francisco University Law School in 1999 and began her career as an attorney shortly thereafter. After working some years as a corporate lawyer, she found her calling in the service of children and the church. She subsequently went into private practice and enrolled in the Seminary. Rev. Coleman graduated from American Baptist Seminary of the West in 2010 with a Master of Divinity as well as a Master of Arts in Community Leadership. She was ordained as a Reverend in July of 2011.

As a student and in her career, she was awarded the Claiborne M. Hill Award for achieving the highest academic grade in her graduating class; the Pro Bono Advocate Award of 2018 from Legal Services for Children for her dedication to disadvantaged children and youth in the Bay Area; the Luminary Women of Faith Walking with the Lord by the Golden State Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star in 2016. This distinction brought with it recognition and commendations from the US Senate, US House of Representatives, CA State Legislature, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, and the City of Oakland.

For donations:

Zelle to [colemanesq@mail.com](mailto:colemanesq@mail.com)

Cashapp to \$colemanliz

In remembrance of Elizabeth Coleman's life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to (designated charity/your favorite charity.)

Thank you in advance!

<https://www.cocokids.org/>

<https://communityvisionca.org/womens-cancer>

<https://www.diabetes.org/>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 2. 4:00 PM (PT)

Pleasant Hill Community Center  
320 Civic Drive  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

## Live Stream Service

DEC 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81009596543?pwd=SkV0YkdZbCs2WlErNisrVHNKTTk5UT09>

## Viewing

DEC 3. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center  
1331 San Pablo Ave.  
Berkeley, CA 94702  
(510) 525-1331  
<http://www.harrisfuneralhomelegacycenter.com>

## Interment

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (PT)

Memory Garden  
2011 Arnold Industrial Way  
Concord, CA 94520  
[help@memorygardensconcord.com](mailto:help@memorygardensconcord.com)  
<http://memorygardensconcord.com>



# Tribute Wall



“ Harris Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Elizabeth V Coleman

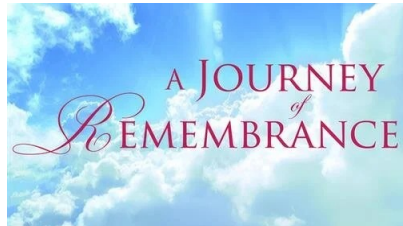


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Harris Funeral Home - December 03, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ Harris Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elizabeth V Coleman



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Harris Funeral Home - December 02, 2021 at 04:36 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Elizabeth Coleman Memorial Service



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Harris Funeral Home - December 13, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth V Coleman.*

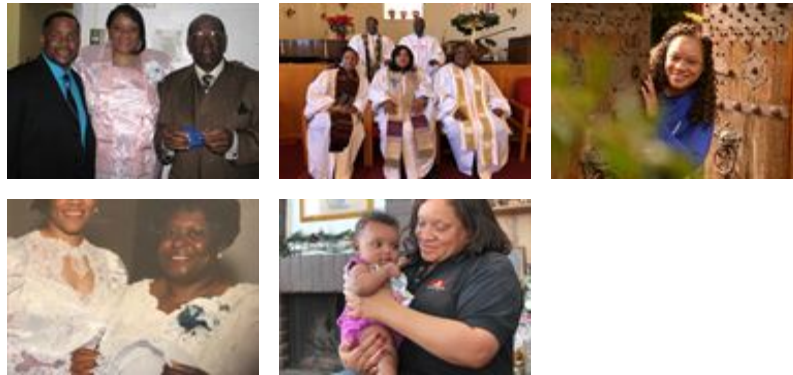


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December 02, 2021 at 10:56 PM



“ *52 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Harris Funeral Home** - December 02, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ *Prayers and love surround and abound the Coleman family in the loss of two jewels and precious spirits - Rev. Liz Coleman and her mother. Rev. Liz was a bright light to bring hope and encouragement to so many. She fought valiantly in the battle and joins the ancestral cloud of witnesses. Rest Well Beloved Sister! In Christ, Rev. Dr. Valerie Miles-Tribble, Berkeley School of Theology (formerly ABSW where Rev. Liz studied and served)*

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**Rev. Valerie Miles-Tribble** - December 02, 2021 at 02:29 PM

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“ *My dearest Lizzie! Pastor Coleman and then you were just Liz!  
Thank you for loving me and my family! The village you built around  
all the young people could never be matched! Thank you for all the  
goodness you poured into folks even when they couldn't receive it!  
Thank you God for this perfect Angel!*

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**tracy lucas** - December 02, 2021 at 02:08 PM

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“ *Love always, Jenn Burks ~Australia purchased  
the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Elizabeth  
V Coleman.*



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**Love always, Jenn Burks ~Australia** - December 02, 2021 at  
10:20 AM

MR

“ *In this life we are extremely blessed to encounter mortal light and beauty. Rev. Elizabeth Coleman was divinely beautiful and brought exquisite light into this dark world. I was fortunate to met the delightful Elizabeth Coleman when I moved to Berkeley, California in 2016 at the McGee Avenue Baptist Church. Her love for Jesus was always on public display, in the church where she tirelessly ministered and in the larger community where she was committed to all mankind in her service to the Berkeley Technology School. Her passion for Restorative Justice was just one of the arenas where her compassionate spirit soared. Rev. Coleman invested students with wisdom, opportunity, and compassion. Her beauty never failed to touched everyone on campus. I thank our Heavenly Father that his providential plan allowed us to walk together. She will be remembered by me so many others who now carry the light of her love. To her beloved family, I too share your sorrow and grief. May our Lord, Jesus the Good Shepherd generously give all that you need. I will keep you in my prayres.*



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**Marietta Rhyme-Freeman** - December 01, 2021 at 05:50 PM

MR

“ *Family of Mariah and Liz Coleman: “May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and gave everlasting comfort and good hope by means of undeserved kindness, comfort your hearts and make you firm in every good deed and word.”-2Thessalonians 2:16,17.*

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**Maxine Randolph** - December 01, 2021 at 02:34 PM

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“ *PATRICIA THERESA SMITH [Pat] lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth V Coleman*



PATRICIA THERESA SMITH [Pat] - November 30, 2021 at 02:17 PM

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*Rev. Elizabeth V. Coleman will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.... RIH Peace*

PATRICIA THERESA SMITH [Pat] - November 30, 2021 at 02:19 PM

GS

“ *Gail Buddy Whitley & Coralee W. Shelton purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Elizabeth V Coleman.*



Gail Buddy Whitley & Coralee W. Shelton - November 29, 2021 at 05:53 PM

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“ *Alison Houston lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth V Coleman*



Alison Houston - November 27, 2021 at 02:11 PM