



## Mrs. Frederica "Freddie" Coleman Obituary

November 19, 1923 - September 7, 2013

Mrs. Frederica "Freddie" Cody Coleman died Saturday, September 07, 2013 at her home.

Her funeral service will be Tuesday, September 10, 2013 2:00 PM at Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church with interment in Crown Hill Cemetery. Rev. Leigh Ann Raynor, Dr. Donald M. Kea and Rev. William Collins will officiate. The family will receive friends Monday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Coleman 1214 Hilltop Dr. A native of Albany, she was born at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital on November 19, 1923. She remained a proud resident of Albany her entire life. She was predeceased by her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cody, her husband of 60 years Franklin and her son Cody. She is survived by her son Tommy Coleman and his wife Charlotte, three grandchildren, Flin, Claire and Whitney who is married to John Scanling. Also surviving are two great grandchildren, Davis and Harper.

A lifelong community volunteer, Freddie served as President of the American Legion Post 30 Auxiliary and the Dougherty County Mental Health Association. She was active in the Georgia Federation of Women's Club, served as President of the Albany Woman's Club and the 2nd District Woman's Club, Vice President of Georgia Federation and was elected Trustee of the Tallulah Falls School in Tallulah Falls, GA. She was President of Palmyra Elementary School PTA.

Freddie was a recipient of the Golden Deeds Award from the Albany

Exchange Club in 1991 and the Harry Goldstein Lifetime Volunteer Award presented by the United Way Volunteer Center.

An accomplished singer and entertainer, she was a member of the Community Chorus and the Symphony Guild. She frequently appeared in Theater Albany productions often appearing with her granddaughters. She is most well known for her performance as "Annie" in Firefox.

Freddie began singing in the choir at First United Methodist Church at the age of 14. She sang in the choir at First Methodist and Porterfield Methodist Church until she retired in 2008. Porterfield acknowledged her 50 years of participation with an award acknowledging her service to the Music Ministry. However, Freddie's greatest contribution was to the children and youth of Porterfield. She organized the first Vacation Bible School at Porterfield and was the organizer and first director of the children and youth choirs. She served as Sunday School Superintendent and retired as a beloved youth Sunday School teacher at the age of 73.

Freddie graduated from Albany High School in 1940 and continued to organize class reunions for the next 60 years. She attended Andrew College and for many years worked with her husband, Franklin in the family business of Coleman Opticians in downtown Albany.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church Music Ministry, 2200 Dawson Rd, Albany, GA 31707, Theater Albany, P O Box 552, Albany, GA 31702 or Thronateeska Heritage Foundation, 100 West Roosevelt Dr., Albany, GA 31701.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Residence of Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Coleman  
1214 Hilltop Dr  
Albany, GA 31707

## Funeral Service

SEP **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Porterfield United Methodist Church  
2200 Dawson Rd  
Albany, GA 31707

## Interment

SEP **10** (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery  
1907 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall



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May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Ms. Freddie was a good person who extended kindness to me when I was very young. She asked me to play the trumpet at the Women's Club when I was in high school. She also said I had nerves of steel and it is funny that I have never forgotten that.*

*She will be truly missed. She contributed so much to so many by caring about others.*

**Winona Greenway - Albany, GA - Friend** - September 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ms. Freddie was a dear, dear woman. My family & Ginny's family has known her for years through Porterfield Church & other activities in Albany. She was such a sweet woman and treated everyone so kindly. I am sorry to hear of her passing. Heaven is a better place with her in it.*

**Kim & Ginny Youngblood - Lawrenceville, GA - Friend** - September 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Tommy,  
We were very sad to recently hear about the passing of your mother.  
She was a very talented and special person to all who knew her.

It was always fun to see her with our mother, Wilma Cody Beasley, of Waycross, when they were together. The family resemblance was definitely there! They really enjoyed their time together.

We will also miss receiving her annual family messages with her Christmas Cards! She was proud of you and your other family members.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Billy Beasley

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Bill Beasley - Clearwater, FL - Family - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ I am heartbroken to hear about Freddie, but I know she's in Heaven with all those she loved. I can envision her sitting on a back porch somewhere sipping iced tea with my mama, her Cody-cousin. She was a good, strong woman who never failed to tell it like it was. I'm proud to have called her family and will miss her always. Tommy & family - I will be in touch.

Holly

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Holly Beasley Wait - Corsicana, TX - family - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Our family loved Freddie so much! I have such fond memories of her.....I always got to be in her cabin at summer camp! Because of her example and leadership, I also worked with the youth at our church! She and Mother had such good times together! Tommy, I just heard about your mom! I am so sorry!

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**Biddie Banks - Huntsville , AL - September 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

WC

“ *Lifting you up in prayer.*

*Freddie's cards to Mom were uplifting!*

*Love, Winnie (& Doris)*

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**Winnie Gilreath Westbury - Saint Matthews, SC - Cousin - September 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

MF

“ *Will miss this vivacious candid woman! She loved and cared with such energy. Thought she would live forever...and she will in our hearts!*

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**Milli Sample - Albany, GA - Friend - September 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

NP

“ *Your son Cody is in your arms once again, Ms. Freddie. What a happy day that was!!*

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**Nancy Powell - Hatfield, PA - September 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

WF

“ I just saw the paper and wanted to give our condolences to the family. She was a sweet lady and will be missed. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Whit

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**Whit & Carolyn Duskin - Dawson, GA - friend of the family** - September 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Hey, Tommy and Family....your Mother was a constant during our childhoods in Albany....she was such a character....she sang at our wedding ....this is a great loss for you and the grandchildren and the great grans.....it is a loss for the entire community....we loved her and memories of her and your family will live on....take care and know that you are in our hearts.....much love, Ray and Terrie

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**Ray and Terrie Hodges - Bradenton, FL - Friend** - September 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Tommy and Charlotte,

*I am sorry to hear of the loss of your wonderful mother. Though I only spoke with her a few times, I recall her cheerful and spirited personality. As you reflect upon her life, please be thankful for all of the time you had with her, and the impact she seems to have had on so many through her music. May God bless you all.*

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**Janice Allen Jackson - Charlotte, NC - Friend of the Family** - September 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *What incredible memories and stories live in the hearts and minds of those of us who know and love Freddie Coleman!! She certainly influenced my life, most of my life, and I'm a better person for it. Thank goodness I had a wonderful visit with her about six weeks ago....she was always the same! We laughed and loved and relived old times. I miss her. We'll all miss her. Her spirit is indomitable and her care and concern for others was constant. All of heaven will know she has arrived!*

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**Carol Hodges Rigsby - Loganville, GA - Forever Friend** - September 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Dear Coleman Family,*

*My heart is sad at the passing of Mrs. Freddie. I will miss her quick wit and beautiful smile. She was an angel here on earth and is now singing in the heavenly choir. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*

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**Michele Webb - Leesburg, GA - Friend** - September 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ *Tommy, Charlotte and family...Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time..what a wonderful lady your Mother was! If we all followed her example of giving of ourselves to others, this world would be a better place. I know she is loving being a part of the heavenly choir, and I know she had many, many folks there to greet her when she entered those gates...best of all, she was able to finally behold the beautiful face of her Savior, Jesus..the One she served so faithfully..Blessings and love..Franklin and Gayle Hughes Vorse*

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**franklin vorse - albany - friend** - September 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ To Tommy & Family: This earth has said goodbye to a beautiful Southern, Christian lady & heaven has welcomed her with open arms. I know Mr Franklin is happy to see her. What a classic couple. May God to continue to comfort you in your loss. Kindly, Deb & Jim

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**Debbie Blanchard - Albany, GA - Friend** - September 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ She was beautiful, she was full of life and full of music! I am forever indebted for her constant encouragement of my early musical journey through Albany junior and senior high schools. She probably never realized all the young lives she touched with her "Anything you reach for, you can achieve" attitude! Sing on, Freddie ... SING ON WITH GUSTO!

*Always love ... Beverly*

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**Beverly Smith Herrington - Lawrenceville, GA - Through music** - September 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Tommy and Charlotte, Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Freddie was one of a kind! She and my mother were lifelong schoolmates and friends. I know they are singing together in the choir of angels! Love, Debbie

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**Debbie TenHagen Sutton - Albany, GA - family friend** - September 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Tommy, we were sorry to hear about your mother. I know you have great memories of her and your dad. A great Albany family. Our family appreciated their friendship throughout the years. We are thinking of you and your family. Henry and Suzanne.

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**Henry Stern - Sharpsburg, GA - Friend** - September 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Dear Family,

*I remember Mrs. Freddie fondly from my family's years in Albany. I was fascinated by her beauty and musical talent. What a dear friend she was to my parents, Frederick and Henry Kate Wilson! I like to think that they were on the Welcoming Committee when she arrived at the Gates of Heaven. May God bless you as you deal with your loss and may you be comforted by treasured memories and the promise of eternal life.*

*Katherine W. Johnson*

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**Katherine W. Johnson - Macon, GA** - September 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM