



Mr. Don Koleski

April 12, 1947 - October 15, 2024

Mr. Don Koleski, 77, passed away on October 15, 2024, at North Mississippi Medical Center in West Point. Mr. Donald James Koleski was born on April 12, 1947, in San Diego, California, to the late Fred and DeRonda Provance Koleski. Don was a Veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Vietnam War and earning the Bronze Star. He was a self-employed overland truck driver for 20 years. He was an avid and accomplished woodworker. He enjoyed music festivals and volunteering at the North Mississippi Hill Country Picnic. He loved his animals, playing poker, and left-center-right. He married Linda Ray Koleski on April 10, 1977, in Memphis, Tennessee and together they shared 47 years.

Graveside services, with United States Army military honors, will be Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. from Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery near Eupora with his daughter, Brandi Koleski delivering the eulogy and family friend, Kay Hall delivering the prayer. Calvert Funeral Home of West Point is honored to be entrusted with the arrangements.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Linda Ray Koleski, affectionately known as Abby, of West Point: one daughter, Brandi Koleski (Chad) of Brighton, Tennessee: one son, Carlos Panthera of Phoenix, Arizona: five grandchildren, Cody Traylor (Lydia) of Cle Elum, Washington, Casey Traylor (Orion) of Pensacola, Florida, Carey Traylor of Ripley, Dakota Campos (Ernesto) of

Fresno, California, and Nick Moore of Dalton, Georgia: four great-grandchildren, Andrew Moore of Dalton, Georgia, and Jazen, Nico, and Idris Campos of Fresno, California: Special Family, Betty Hamby (Eddie) of Hamilton, Bill and Michelle Miller of West Point, Curtis Miller of West Point, and Chase and Lydia Bateman of Columbus: Family-in-Love, Ray and Nina Gandy of Potts Camp, Mike and Gale McDonald of Potts Camp, W. R. and Beverly Gandy of Potts Camp, Mark and Beth Massey of Strayhorn, Kenny and Sara Brown of Potts Camp, Mark Reese of Oxford, Kevin Bradley of Olive Branch, and Tim and Pam Pumphrey of Mantachie.

Pallbearers will be Cody James Traylor, Casey Quay Traylor, Willilam Carey Traylor, Jason Griffin, David Traylor, and Chase Bateman.

Honorary Pallbearers will be the Nurses and Staff of Baptist Memorial Hospital- Golden Triangle, the Nurses and Staff of Centerwell Home Healthcare in Amory, and the Nurses and Staff of Fresenius Kidney Care in West Point.

Memorials may be made to West Point/Clay County Animal Shelter, 5122 Tibbee Road, West Point, Mississippi 39773 or to Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 1132 MLK, Jr. Drive, Eupora, Mississippi 39744.

Friends may leave an online condolence at www.calvertfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Cemetery

Eupora, MS

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mount Zion Cemetery

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Eupora, Mississippi 39744

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Tribute Wall



“ Don, I never met you, but I have a special love for a special group of folks that are part of you! I have a funny suspicion that your daughter may have a pretty hefty bit of Don cut-up and special spirit running through those veins of hers. My heart and thoughts go out to those who remain here waiting for their time to hug your neck again. Keep a special watch over them. My condolences to the family and loved ones.

Barbi Que - October 20, 2024 at 05:25 PM



“ Don is my Sister and Best Friends Dad . Which makes him mine . Don always made me feel loved and part of the family (same as Abby). Love you Don . Heaven gained a great soul!

Micki McMillen - October 20, 2024 at 12:47 PM

CT

“ Don was a lot of fun. He and Abby made a great couple, were generous and could always give you something to smile about.

Charlene “Shorty” Tate - October 19, 2024 at 02:32 PM

BK

“ Damnit Don!
Bye for now 💔
I'll love and miss you forever!



Brandi Koleski - October 17, 2024 at 09:32 PM

DH

To the family of Don. We at Waffle House are gonna miss you very much. You wasn't only one our favorite customer but y'all were like family. I cried today when I found out . I love u both. My you rest in peace my friend❤️.

Debbie Habel - October 19, 2024 at 01:31 AM