



## Mr. Paul Dorsey Coleman

April 24, 1923 - November 9, 2020

Paul Dorsey Coleman, 97, a lifelong Roswell resident, died in his home Nov. 9th within a mile of his birthplace. His wife of 63 years, Charline, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his son Steve Coleman, Billie Fay Coleman, daughter Karen Gilbert, Al Gilbert, 6 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and countless nieces and nephews. He will be missed by all who knew him as “Big D.”

Dorsey served as a Marine in the South Pacific in WWII. Until his death, he personified the Marine Corps motto, Semper Fi.

A long-time deacon, Dorsey loved to meet practical needs. He volunteered his time and expertise to build church buildings, support youth ministries, serve widows, orphans and the poor. His magnetic personality and humor enabled him to meet the goal of his youth “to make a friend every day.” No one can forget how quickly he could put a smile on a child’s face.

During his long life he had various professions and was known for his hard work and integrity. He loved being known around town as “The Tomato Man.”

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 14th at 2pm, at the Atlanta Street Baptist Church, 340 S. Atlanta St, Roswell, GA. A private burial service

will be held Monday at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton.

Dorsey was a co-founder of SWO, a Christian youth and family camp. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the scholarship fund at Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters, 75 Mae Johnson Way, Andrews, NC 28901.

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr  
Canton, GA 30114  
(770) 479-9300

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

NOV 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Atlanta Street Baptist Church  
340 Atlanta Street  
Roswell, GA

## Graveside

NOV 16. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery  
1080 Scott Hudgens Dr  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Paul Dorsey Coleman*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I was fortunate as a child to have known Dorsey. He was great friends with my grandparents Ruth and Troy Landrum. He was also a frequent customer of my family's feed store Chadwick's. I used to set and listen in awe to the stories he'd tell while conversing with his two buddies in the community. He was truly an American hero and a light for the Lord.*

**Derrick Landrum** - November 18, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ *Steve and Karen,  
Uncle Dorsey was a larger than life figure to me; a prime example of what a real man should be.  
I love him.  
My love to you both and your children.  
Ferrell Lee Frazier*

**Ferrell Lee Frazier** - November 15, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ *I remember when my son Kelly Wilson was passing by GA. on the way to Pensacola Christian Collage and I was at that time living in Ga. Kelly spent some time with Big D and his wife before going on to FI. I so wish for those days again but as the song says "Don't Look Back".GOD rest his sole. Amen*

**gloria wilson** - November 14, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Dorsey Coleman.*



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November 13, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ *greatest uncle anyone could have, hackett road will not be the same without you, lots of memories about you over the years. Kenneth Carlisle, nephew*

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**kenneth I. carlisle** - November 13, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ *Will miss my mentor. Everything I know about being a man I learned from him. How to be strong when you needed to and how to care for others less fortunate. How to keep scrambling to provide for your family and how to make life fun with many friends. How to be your own man while doing it your way. Think about you often and will miss you!*

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**Steve** - November 11, 2020 at 03:35 PM

 Brent  
Beecham

“ I met Dorsey in 1971. He sold a piece of his farm to my family where I grew up. We "borrowed" Redman tobacco from his dump truck...I threw up. We roamed his chicken coops filled with antiques. We once found an old red Thunderbird from the 50s he was saving for his son. We bought a house on Canton Street and were telling him about it one day at the Skillet. He said he asked his wife to marry him in that house. I seemed to intersect with him over my life in unexpected ways. I never knew of his WW2 heroics. He was a humble man. We should all strive to be like Dorsey. He will be missed.

Brent Beecham - November 11, 2020 at 10:35 AM

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I was so blessed to grow up on Hackett Road with Uncle Dorsey and his sister (my grandmother) known as Anmother. He loved the outdoors, collecting "stuff", overalls, southern food and most of all family/friends and the Lord. He was a True Servant and did God's work for so many in our community. He will forever be on our hearts!!

Amy Carlisle Keating - November 11, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Dorsey Coleman.



November 10, 2020 at 03:38 PM

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“ *The Roswell High School Class of 1970. purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. Paul Dorsey Coleman.*



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**The Roswell High School Class of 1970.** - November 10, 2020  
at 11:34 AM



“ *Loved this sweet friend You will be missed by many there will never be another like you Love you Betty and Ora and family*

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**Ora Nation** - November 09, 2020 at 06:37 PM