



## Collin Linwood Rouse

March 20, 1935 - December 29, 2025

Collin L. Rouse, aka Lin, Uncle Lin and Uncle Rouse (Dante Burns Capuano) was born March 20, 1935 and the 12th child of James and Tinnie Cogdell Rouse of Hookerton, North Carolina. He was a man with a lot of strength and integrity.

Collin graduated from Greene County Training School class of 1954. He was an avid baseball and football player for his high school. Since there were eight boys in the family they were able to form their own baseball team and they recruited some of their nephews. They were called the Red Hill Team. He also was a school bus driver for Bus #20.

On December 22, 1957 he married his childhood friend and the love of his life, Ruby L. Ormond Rouse. To this union they were blessed with two daughters. The late Cynthia Denise Rouse Cox and Adrienne Rouse Senior. Collin believed in working real hard to provide stability, protection and a good life for his family. He was a praying man always believing that God will always see us through.

He worked at Newton Die Cast; Albalene Pest Control as a manager until the business was sold to Orkin Pest Control. He also joined ACME Pest Control and he was the manager of the Termite Department. After working with the company, Collin had a vision to start his own business called Total Pest

Control. After he encountered a stroke he had to come out on early retirement. That did not stop him from working, if anything retirement made him work even more.

After he rehabbed himself, he found himself doing things he enjoyed in life. He loved gardening, mowing his lawn (especially riding his tractor), cooking; with his signature dish being chopped bar-b-que and his home made sauce. He loved chopping his bar b-que on the wood block that his father made for him from the tree branch that was on their homeland in Hookerton, NC. He was also known for making his homemade chocolate and walnut frosting and cake and homemade grape wine. He will definitely be missed by his family for cooking home meals. Sunday dinners with Wednesday as Spaghetti day and Fridays were fish day. This was his pride and joy.

Collin was a member of St. Stephen's AME Zion Church for 68 years. He served on the Trustee Board, Senior Choir and the Willing Workers, which they worked diligently to raise funds at the Branford Festival to take care of the church. Collin was a member of the Universal Mason which now joined in with Prince Hall Mason of New Haven, CT. He received his 32nd Degree. Collin was slated to be a recipient of the Martin Luther King Heritage Foundation Award. He was honored by the Hartford District Lay Council in 2018.

Collin, along with his wife and daughter, started a family gospel group called the Marvel. The group consisted of Beth Bynum, Retha Bynum, Lubertha Hill, his best friend Clement Beamon (CG) and sometimes Adrienne Senior. They loved singing God's praises.

Collin was predeceased by 7 brothers and 4 sisters. Collin leaves to cherish his beloved daughter, Adrienne Rouse Senior (Cliff), Son in Law, Bishop, Robert Cox. He inherited a granddaughter, Elisha Cox Johnson (Brandon) of Richmond, VA, Jaylen, Ryan and their mother Shakenah Albright. A niece who resided with him, Kendra Elder. Five sister-in-laws: Beth Bynum of Hamden,

CT, Joan Bynum (Sherman) New Haven, CT, Lubertha Hill, Retha Bynum of Darlington, SC, Elizabeth Howard of Woodbridge, CT. Two Brother-in-laws: Leon Bynum (Patricia) and Isaiah Bynum of New Haven, CT. A grand host of nieces and nephews and the St. Stephens AME Zion Church family. May he forever rest in peace.

The Man the Myth, the Legend

His famous motto: You got to use it before you lose it and Don't give up.

# Cemetery Details

## Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue  
New Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hour

JAN 10. 8:30 AM (ET)

St. Stephens A.M.E. Zion Church  
31 Rogers Street  
Branford, CT 06405

## Homegoing Celebration

JAN 10. 9:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

PR

“ Pam Robertson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Collin Linwood Rouse.

Pam Robertson - January 09 at 10:15 AM

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“ Pam Robertson purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Collin Linwood Rouse.



Pam Robertson - January 09 at 10:15 AM

BF

“ Losing someone so special as a brother-in-law is not easy. A man of honor, respect, strength and actions was a blessing from God to our family. His beautiful well lived life will continue to inspire us all, his light will never fade. Rest peacefully brother-in-law thank you for being a part of our lives in such a meaningful way. He will truly be missed. Bynum family 💔💔💔



Bynum Family - January 09 at 09:43 AM

BS

*I was sadden to hear of Lin passing . He was an honorable man . He loved his family. I remembered when I was a child I would see Lin and Ruby sitting in the swing in Maury , on Ruby's grandparents porch . I have such fond memories of them . It seems like it was in a story book . When I moved to New Haven and saw them and their two little beautiful girls it seemed the story had continued. He played such a great role in so many people life . Therefore, he will be truly missed by all who knew and loved. Lin go and take your rest , to his family and many friends we are praying that God wrap his arms around you all and comfort you. I regret unable to be with you . I am sending my prayers and deepest condolences . I love you Adrienne and family. Barbara , Jacob and Jacoby Smith , Richmond, Virginia*

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**Barbara Smith** - January 09 at 03:03 PM

LK

“ Love, Mattie Rouse kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Collin Linwood Rouse.

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**Love, Mattie Rouse kids** - January 08 at 07:17 PM

LK

“ Love, Mattie Rouse kids purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Collin Linwood Rouse.



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**Love, Mattie Rouse kids** - January 08 at 07:17 PM

CL

“ To My Cousin Adrienne Rouse Senior,  
We the Holloway Family send our Sincere Condolences to you and the Family. Cousin Lin will be missed. We Love you 💕

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**Cheryl Lytell** - January 05 at 08:10 PM

GB

“ A quiet man, a gentle giant, a man of unwavering faith. This is who Mr. Rouse was and will always be to me. Adrienne there are no other words that come to mind about your father. He truly will be missed by many. I know that he will always be with you. My deepest condolences to you and the rest of your family. God continue to keep you in His grace and mercy. I love you. Gwen Beamon

Gwen Beamon - January 05 at 09:08 AM

HP

“ To Adrian and family I'm sorry for your beloved loss. You have my prayers and condolences.



Helen C Powell - January 04 at 04:44 PM

KW

“ Good evening Adrienne, you are family forever. Our family has came together since Billie Ray and Auntie Bert. I am keeping you cuz, in daily prayers. Just know your dad is not suffering anymore, no more pain. He will be smiling down on you everyday. I am so glad I was able to see your dad at his 90th birthday in 2025. Also I will miss your dads chopped barbecue, I will miss him shoveling everyone's yard in the winter time, also the mowing of his grass. I will always cherish those moments for a life time. Miss you Lin, until we meet again. Love you Adrienne, prayers are with you 💜🙏💜🙏💜🙏



Kimberly Washington - January 02 at 07:32 PM

DF

“ *Ms. Adrienne Rouse-Senior, I'm very sorry for your loss and I pray that your memory of your father will forever bring you joy when sadness comes. My prayers and deepest condolences*

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**David R Foreman** - January 01 at 08:40 PM

JB

“ *Mr. Rouse was a very nice person and very kind. My family and his family belong to the same church. He was like a father figure. He will be missed.*



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**Jean Burney** - January 01 at 02:34 PM