



Anthony (Tony) Ignatius Colbert, 75, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, peacefully went home to be with the Lord, surrounded by his family and friends, at MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital, Clinton, Maryland on Saturday, November 1, 2025.

He was born July 14, 1950, in Washington, D.C. to the late Ignatius and Helen Colbert. His early education was at Holy Comforter School, and he completed his higher education and graduated from Mackin High School in 1968. As a part of his early work history, Tony worked at Holy Comforter parish rectory. During the 80's he served as President of the Holy Comforter Catholic Church credit union.

Tony married the love of his life Janet Lucille Chase on July 17, 1993, and helped raise her son Christopher Allen Chase. Anthony was well loved and respected by all who met him. His sense of extended family was developed through togetherness at family picnics, beach trips, birthdays, and other family activities.

During his early years, he was a founding member of the Camaros band, enjoyed bowling, singing, cooking, spending time playing cards with family and friends, and telling corny jokes. Later, he was a member of the Voices Unlimited, a gospel singing group of Campbell A.M.E. Church in Washington, D.C. He was a cast member and acted in the musical production Purlie.

Following high school, Anthony enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1969. His rank was Specialist 4, and he served as a radio TT operator and completed a tour of duty in Vietnam. He retired from the service in 1971. After his service retirement, Tony attended a computer programming school which led him to be employed in 1987 at Seafarers International Union for over twenty-nine years until he retired on March 21, 2012.

Tony had a warm spirit and a devout faith in the Lord. This faithful man believed in the power of prayer and in Jesus Christ. He worshipped and sang at Holy Comforter Catholic Church in the gospel choir. He also worshipped at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Bowie, Maryland, where he served as the Children's Choir Director. Upon moving to Upper Marlboro, Maryland, he became a member of Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

Tony joined a very strong Catholic organization called the Knights of Columbus. In this organization he served as a Faithful Grand Knight, a Faithful Navigator, a District Deputy, and the State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus in Washington, D.C. During his term within this organization, he sang with the Fourth Degree Men's Choir and also served as its Assistant Choir Director. He was instrumental in supporting younger men to become Knights in a group called the Columbian Squires. As a part of his Christian walk with Jesus, Anthony lived a Cursillo weekend which is a short course in Christianity; through this walk he became a member of a small group of brothers where he found he could grow even deeper with Christ.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Janet; son, Christopher; a sister, Francine P. Watkins; her sons, Kevin and Keith, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at Most Holy Rosary @St. Joseph Community Center, 11700 Duley Station Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772 from 9:00 a.m. until Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m.
Interment will take place on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, Maryland 20623 at 2:30 p.m.

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