



## Coley R. Bagwell

October 8, 1930 - October 18, 2018

Coley Bagwell, age 88, passed away on Thursday, October 18, 2018, at his residence in Starkville, Mississippi. Visitation will be Saturday, October 20 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Nowell Massey Funeral Home in Louisville, Mississippi. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Sunday, October 21 in the Nowell Massey Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Grant Arinder and Rev. Perry Pugh officiating. Interment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery with Rev. Scott Fortenberry officiating.

Coley was born in Louisville on October 8, 1930, to John Milton and Willie Fulcher Bagwell. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Louisville and was a Shriner. After losing his sight as a young adult, he attended the Mississippi School for the Blind and learned to tune pianos. He owned Bagwell Piano and Furniture Company for many years traveling many miles tuning pianos in churches, schools, and homes.

Coley is survived by four children: Patty Reynolds and husband Dr. Kevin Reynolds of Forest, Mississippi; Corey Bagwell of Starkville, Mississippi; Nancy Hardy and husband Steve also of Starkville; and David Bagwell and wife Shasta of York, Pennsylvania. One of his greatest joys was being “Papaw Coley” to his nine grandchildren: Kur Reynolds (Robbye Anne), Ky Reynolds (Casey), Taylor Hardy, Riley Hardy, Will Hardy, William Bagwell, Coley Bagwell, Dayton Bagwell, and Deacon Bagwell. He is also survived by his

brother, Rodney Bagwell and wife Judy and sister-in-law Frances Bagwell all of Louisville. Coley is preceded in death by his wife, Doris Taylor Bagwell; his parents; his brothers James Harold "Bunt" Bagwell and John Milton Bagwell, Jr.; and his sister Jo Ann Miller.

Serving as pallbearers are William Bagwell, Riley Hardy, Will Hardy, Jimmy Bagwell, Ricky Miller, and Dean Wingate. Memorial contributions in honor of Coley may be given to the Lions Club, P. O. Box 425, Louisville, MS 39339.

Services are under the direction of Nowell Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at [www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com](http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Louisville Memorial Cemetery

18075 East John C. Stennis Drive  
Louisville, MS 39339

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home  
724 N. Columbus Avenue  
Louisville, MS 39339  
(662) 773-3501  
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net  
<https://www.masseyfuneralhome.net/>

## Service

OCT **21**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel  
724 N Columbus Ave  
Louisville, MS 39339  
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net  
<http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Coley R. Bagwell*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *Coley Bagwell and Ms Doris were an incredible influence on my life as a child. Coley attended the Mississippi School for the blind with his best friend, my father, David Morgan. David Bagwell is named David because of their beautiful friendship, as Coley told it. Coley, like my father, imparted many, many words of wisdom of this life. He was a loving, caring, talented gentleman with a great sense of humor. He was so proud of his family and his love for Ms Doris was immeasurable. I even remember Dawkins who worked for him at his store. I lost touch with Coley in early 2000, when my father passed. I would love to connect with any of his family to share all the stories of he and my father. Accomplished, blind entrepreneurs, they really lived this life abundantly and robustly. Rebecca Morgan- ramorgan1@ualr.edu*❤️

**Rebecca Morgan** - September 27, 2022 at 03:27 PM



“ *Love and prayers for all of y'all at this time. Riley and Barbara Fulcher, Carlene Fulcher Eaves*

**Carlene Fulcher-Eaves** - October 21, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ *Nancy, y'all are in my prayers. I mourn with you and rejoice with your dad. He's seeing your mom for the first time! What joy in heaven today! Love y'all*

**Alicia Humphres** - October 21, 2018 at 08:13 AM

MH

“ *Sincere sympathy, Mrs. Porter Hull*

Mozell Hull - October 20, 2018 at 08:21 PM

ZB

“ *Patty-so sorry to hear about your sweet daddy. Praying for you all during this time of loss, but rejoicing in the wonderful heavenly reunion.*

Zoe Brumfield - October 20, 2018 at 02:31 PM

CR

“ *Special man! I remember him helping us with a sound system for a family singing group. An awesome deal, nothing down, no monthly payments, we just had to bring it back if we stopped singing.*

*Charles (Chuck) Reed*

Charles Reed - October 20, 2018 at 06:55 AM

JH

“ *Prayers for your family.*

Jewell Hill - October 19, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Coley R. Bagwell.*



October 19, 2018 at 03:22 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Coley R. Bagwell.*



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October 19, 2018 at 12:15 PM



“ *As a child I would stay with my grandparents on Hudson Ave. I practically lived down at the Bagwell's home. I loved listening to Coley talk on his CB radio. I think his handle was pianoman. Sometimes his broadcast was so strong it would even knock out the cable tv and broadcast over the television. What I would give to go back and relive those memories! Coley Bagwell was one of the reasons Louisville Mississippi was a great place to be a kid in the 70's. I also remember him buying fireworks down at Ball's on Christmas Eve or the 4th of July. He was always a kid at heart. I'll miss him.*

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**Davis Woodward** - October 18, 2018 at 09:52 PM