

At the risk of seeming ridiculous, let me say that the true revolutionary is guided by a great feeling of love.

It is impossible to think of a genuine revolutionary lacking this quality... We must strive every day so that this love of living humanity will be transformed into actual deeds, into acts that serve as examples, as a moving force.

-Che Guevara



Crematory Arrangement Entrusted to:

Rhodes Funeral Home  
43 Fairview Avenue  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

## Celebration of the life of



# Robert Steele Collier

1937 – 2010

Memorial Service Saturday,  
February 27, 2010 - 2:00 PM  
Marist College  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

**Robert "Bob" S. Collier**  
**Friday, February 12, 2010**

POUGHKEEPSIE (February 12, 2010) – Robert "Bob" S. Collier, 73, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family and friends. He is survived by his beloved wife Gladys Negron-Collier, six beloved children- Wanda, Desiree, Njeri, Damani, Ricky, and Amber; and nine beloved grandchildren- Avian, Jermaine, Kenneth, Miles, Venus, Jared, Justin, Alexis, and Avery. He is also survived by his father, George Earl Collier, two brothers, John and Steven, and one sister, Faith. He was predeceased by his mother, Elizabeth Randolph Collier.

Bob was a dedicated family man, public servant, scholar, and friend. At the time of his death, he was Executive Director of Strand Community Organization to Rehabilitate the Environment (SCORE) Inc. in Kingston, NY where he implemented and developed business strategies to assist the immediate community.

Bob was one of the founding members of the New York City Chapter of the Black Panther Party having served in various leadership positions throughout his life. True to his humanitarian passion, Bob began his career as a public servant and urban planner as Director of the Tompkins Square Community Center, in New York City, where he advocated for better housing and living conditions for the low-income families he served. He went on to serve the City of New York as Assistant City Assessor for the NYC Department of Finance and as Project Manager at the NYC Development Corporation. During this time, Bob was named to various community boards and public entities including chairperson of the Bellevue Medical Center Community Board. He was appointed by a Federal Court as Governor of Hospital Outpatient Services at the Chinatown Health Clinic, which he helped to create.

He was fascinated by the influence of culture and politics in society. He was an expert in African and Native American History and Labor Studies, having traveled abroad to many countries in Europe, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and the African countries of Senegal and Gambia. He was a respected instructor and adjunct professor, inspiring generations of young scholars at Marist College Upward Bound, SUNY New Paltz and Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie; Malcolm-King College, LaGuardia Community College and Empire State College in New York City. He became a member of several civic organizations including the United Negro College Fund and Barclay Bank Fundraising Project; the Committee for Racial Harmony, Dutchess County; Treasurer of the African-American Graduate Student Association and Graduate Advisor to the Black Student Union at Binghamton University.

He obtained a Bachelor's Degree from SUNY Empire College and a Master's Degree from NYU. He was a Ph.D. Candidate in Comparative Political Systems in Africa and the Middle East at Binghamton University.

He was a veteran and served with valor during the Korean War in the United States Air Force earning an honorable discharge.

Atno Smith, Officiating

**Invocation**

Reverend Max and  
Evangelist Ruth Faircloth

**Eulogy**

Rick Collier

**Memories**

Robert's Family and Friends

**Video  
Presentation**

Ethan C. P. Burwell

**Slide Show**

Milton Bush

**Closing Prayer**

John Collier

