# **Gary Coleman**

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Coleman in 2005

Gary Wayne Coleman

**Born** February 8, 1968

Santa Barbara, California

**Died** May 28, 2010 (aged 42)

Provo, Utah, United States

**Years active** 1978-2010

Known for Playing Arnold Jackson in **Diff** rent Strokes

**Height** 4 ft 8 in (142 cm)

Gary Wayne Coleman (February 8, 1968 - May 28, 2010) was an American actor. Coleman was an African American who was born in Santa Barbara, California, with a kidney disease causing nephritis. Nephritis is an autoimmune destruction of the kidney. The disease stopped his growth at an early age. Because of this, he was only 4 ft 8 in (1.42 m) tall. His height was his most notable feature. He received two kidney transplants, one in 1973 and one in 1984. He then needed dialysis every day. He was adopted. He was famous for his role as Arnold Jackson in the American sitcom Diffrent Strokes. He died of a hemorrhage cause by an accidental fall in Provo, Utah.

#### **Movies**

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2003 Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star

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Year Fil	Other notes
The Adventures of Gary Coleman and 1981 Barney the Purple Dinosaur and Jimmy the Giraffe 3D	
1982 Jimmy the Kid	
1994 Party	Short subject; Coleman was also associate producer
S.F.W.	Cameo
1996 Fox Hunt	
1997 Off the Menu: The Last Days of Chasen's	Documentary
1998 <u>Dirty Work</u>	Cameo
2000 The Flunky Shafted!	
2002 Frank McKlusky, C.I.	Cameo

Cameo

2004 Chasing the Edge Save Virgil 2005 A Christmas Too Many 2006 Church Ball 2007 Postal

Cameo; short subject Short subject

### Television work

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- The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (guest) (as Arnold Jackson, with Conrad Bain as Phillip Drummond)
- Good Times (1977 guest)
- <u>Diffrent Strokes</u> (1978-1986)
- The Kid from Left Field (1979)
- *Scout's Honor* (1980)
- Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (episode "The Cosmic Wizz-Kid", also has a cameo in a later episode)
- The Kid with the Broken Halo (1982)
- The Gary Coleman Show (1982) (canceled after a few months) (voice)
- The Kid with the 200 I.Q. (1983)
- The Fantastic World of D.C. Collins (1984)
- Playing with Fire (1985)
- Like Father, Like Santa (1998)
- "The Simpsons", "Grift of the Magi" (1999)
  "The Drew Carey Show", "What's Wrong with this Midget? IV" (March 28, 2001)
- *Drake and Josh* (guest)
- A Carol Christmas (2003)
- My Wife and Kids (quest)
- The Jamie Foxx Show (quest) Cupid

## Other websites

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- CNN's take on Coleman's 2003 candidacy for the governorship of California
- Gary Coleman on IMDb
- Gary Coleman at TV.com
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