



Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.

February 14, 1944 - November 18, 2014

Barry Purnell Coleman, Sr., "Bearcat" of Stevensville, MD, died on November 18, 2014, at Shore Emergency Center in Queenstown, MD. He was 70.

Born on February 14, 1944, in Grasonville, MD, to the late Apsley Coleman and Edith Pinder Coleman. He grew up in the Grasonville area. He was a graduate of Stevensville High School Class of 1962. In 1963, he married Nancy Perkinson, and they resided in Stevensville, MD. Bearcat then began a 50-year career as a waterman harvesting the bounties of the Chesapeake Bay. After he retired in 2004, he began working with the Board of Education for Queen Anne's County as a bus driver.

Bearcat loved his family and spending time with them. He enjoyed gunning and working but most of all loved his annual trip with his family to the beach.

He is survived by his wife, C. Nancy Coleman of Stevensville, MD; daughter, Cathy Brice and her husband Harold of Preston, MD; son, Barry Coleman Jr., and his wife Jennifer of Greensboro, MD; brother Joseph Coleman; and his wife Joan of Chester, MD; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, November 23, 2014, from 2-4 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., where a service will be held on Monday, November 24, 2014, at 11 a.m.

Cemetery Details

Chesterfield Cemetery

406 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 23. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

NOV 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 21, 2014 at 08:25 AM



“ *Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

HB

“ Nancy:
So sorry to hear about Barry's passing. In reading the tribute's seeing "Seaweed" call the Angler's Club their "Fraternity House" made me giggle. I remember so many stories from the Angler's Club with Joe and Barry always in the mischief!! Miss Sara was a great story teller!!
Looking at the video tribute makes you see how much Barry loved his friends, family, boat and love of the Chesapeake Bay. He will be missed by many. Our condolences to you and the children and their families.

Holly and Wheeler

Holly and Wheeler Baker - November 25, 2014 at 08:17 AM

AW

“ *Condolences to the Coleman Family I am sorry for your loss.*

Amy Wiscott - November 24, 2014 at 02:32 PM

JB

“ *Joyce & Wayne Bradley lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*



Joyce & Wayne Bradley - November 23, 2014 at 07:47 PM

JO

Barry & family, we are so sorry for your loss

Joyce - November 23, 2014 at 07:48 PM

CD

“ So sorry to hear this. I have many precious memories of Barry taking us (Aunt Edith, Uncle Apsley, Aunt Bootsie, John and Mom) out crabbing when I was a kid. Will always treasure those times. My sincerest condolences and prayers.



Cathy Downes - November 23, 2014 at 06:09 PM

LA

“ Lisa Lister Adkins lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.



Lisa Lister Adkins - November 23, 2014 at 12:14 PM

LA

So sorry for your loss Cathy and family, you are in my prayers
Lisa Lister Adkins

Lisa Lister Adkins - November 23, 2014 at 12:16 PM

EV

“ Evelyn lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.



Evelyn - November 22, 2014 at 10:40 AM

ET

*I sent a yellow candle Nancy, because he was a true friend ,
I will miss that mans kind face every morning as we passed each other
working on the bus's, I feel for you so bad, He is over His pain, but you
will need your friends and family's love , We are all here for you and
your family .*

Evelyn and Tommy - November 22, 2014 at 10:48 AM

MA

“ Marymartin sent a virtual gift in memory of
Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.



marymartin - November 22, 2014 at 12:48 AM

DM

“ Debbie And Moochie lit a candle in memory of
Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.



Debbie and Moochie - November 21, 2014 at 06:57 PM

SM

“ Stephanie Morris lit a candle in memory of
Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.



Stephanie Morris - November 21, 2014 at 02:13 PM

DR

“ DEAN RHODES lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.



DEAN RHODES - November 21, 2014 at 09:33 AM

DT

“ Debbie Thomas lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.



Debbie Thomas - November 21, 2014 at 08:12 AM

NH

“ Nancy, what fun you and I had in school and you just could not wait for class to end to see Barry in the hall-ways of Stevensville High. We knew you could not wait to be Mrs. Coleman after his graduation away you went. I am so sorry for your loss. The many memories you and your family have of Barry will comfort you forever. Nancie Lewis Hall

Nancie Lewis Hall - November 21, 2014 at 03:51 AM

WD

“ Barry and Mrs. Nancy I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Barry passing. He was a kind gentleman. I am glad to have gotten the chance to know him when I did hair on Kent island years ago. Much love and prayers to your family.

Windy Myers Divita - November 21, 2014 at 12:20 AM

LS

“ *Laura Sonberg lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*



Laura Sonberg - November 20, 2014 at 08:10 PM

GC

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - November 20, 2014 at 07:59 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*



Barbara Wilkins - November 20, 2014 at 06:16 PM

TM

“ Barry...I'm very sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. If you need anything please let us know. We are here for you.

Terri <3

I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love. ~Leo Buscaglia

Terri Moore - November 20, 2014 at 05:53 PM

HC

“ Heather Cox lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.



heather cox - November 20, 2014 at 04:33 PM

JC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Know that you have the support of family and friends to help you get through this terrible time.

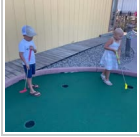
Jason Chambers - November 20, 2014 at 04:32 PM

JM

“ Jean Clough Mccombs lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.



jean clough mcombs - November 20, 2014 at 04:19 PM



“ *Diane Hoxter lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*



Diane Hoxter - November 20, 2014 at 04:06 PM



“ *Janeen Jewell lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*



Janeen Jewell - November 20, 2014 at 02:50 PM



“ *You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*



Regina & David Crossley - November 20, 2014 at 02:46 PM



“ *Luanne And Craig Smith lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*



luanne and craig smith - November 20, 2014 at 02:11 PM

CE

“ *Connie Engrem lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*



connie engrem - November 20, 2014 at 12:59 PM

PM

“ *Phyllis Martin lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*



phyllis martin - November 20, 2014 at 11:21 AM



“ *Raymond Dorrell lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*



Raymond Dorrell - November 20, 2014 at 11:21 AM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*



Doug Pierson - November 20, 2014 at 10:39 AM

DC

“ *Barry and Jennifer,
My sincere sympathy in the loss of your Dad. You and your family
will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
God Bless,*

Dianne Cimba - November 20, 2014 at 10:33 AM

LF

“ *My sincere condolences to your family.*



Lisa Fleetwood - November 20, 2014 at 10:08 AM

BB

“ *Brenda Beaver lit a candle in memory of
Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*



Brenda Beaver - November 20, 2014 at 09:29 AM

BT

Our deepest sorrows go out to your Entire family.

Glenn, Barbara, Aaron, Amy and Grant

Barbara Takano - November 20, 2014 at 12:20 PM

KS

“ *Barry, So sorry for your loss , my thoughts & prayers are with you
and your family. I grew up living next door to your parents...so sad!!*

Karen (Duncan) Stanavich - November 20, 2014 at 09:24 AM

KL

“ Karen And Teddy Legg lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.



Karen and Teddy Legg - November 20, 2014 at 09:02 AM

Tom
Councillor

“ Tom Councillor lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.



Tom Councillor - November 20, 2014 at 08:53 AM

AR

“ April Rieken lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.



April Rieken - November 20, 2014 at 08:41 AM

WR

“ Barry, Jennifer and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. Know that thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time and in the days to come. You have all of your wonderful memories that they will sustain you, he will always be with you in your heart. Wanda Ritter from Avon Dixon

Wanda Ritter - November 20, 2014 at 07:27 AM


Heather
Smith

“ *Barry, Jennifer and family,*

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

Heather Smith and Family

Heather Smith - November 20, 2014 at 07:21 AM



EW

“ *Nancy and family: So sad. We have lost a great man. Working on the water with Barry and Joe and hanging out at our fraternity house "the Anglers Club" were some of the best times of my life. He will be sorely missed by all those that crossed his path in this lifetime.*
Eddie "Seaweed" Walters

Eddie Walters - November 20, 2014 at 06:15 AM

RJ

“ *Nancy and Family, We are so sad and sorry to hear of the passing of Barry... I have very fond memories of Mr. Barry... What a kind sweet caring man he was!! I pray the Lord wraps his loving arms around you and carries you through this difficult time!! Love and Prayers to All!! Rhonda & Ronnie Jewell*

Ronnie & Rhonda Jewell - November 19, 2014 at 08:45 PM

RJ

“ *Ronnie & Rhonda Jewell sent a virtual gift in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*



Ronnie & Rhonda Jewell - November 19, 2014 at 08:35 PM

BC

“ *Bonnie Coleman lit a candle in memory of Barry "Bearcat" Coleman Sr.*



Bonnie Coleman - November 19, 2014 at 08:23 PM

BC

“ *Nancy
I'm so sorry for your loss you two had lots of good years together
I'm sending prayers for the family*

Bonnie Coleman - November 19, 2014 at 08:23 PM

DK

“ *I will always remember the years I dove for oysters with "Bearcat" and all the wisdom he and his father passed onto me. His hard work ethic, knowledge of the bay and respect he earned from fellow waterman made a lasting impression to anyone whoever met Barry. Not to long ago I saw Barry and told him I would take him to lunch, I regret not having the time to have that lunch. My prayers of condolences go out to his family during this difficult time. Rest in peace Capt.*

Doug Kayhoe

Doug Kayhoe - November 19, 2014 at 06:12 PM

PD

“ I went to school with Barry. When i was married he was married to Nancy. We built a house on state street in stevensville md. Barry and Nancy was our neighbors they built a house too. Im very sorry for the family and send my condolences.

phyllis Duncan - November 19, 2014 at 04:58 PM

PH

nancy, so sorry have lots of good memories when you and Darlene and Barry and I were together. God will help you through this. God bless Petie

Petie Hunter - November 20, 2014 at 06:35 AM