



Francis Peter Coleman

May 5, 1935 - January 1, 2018

Francis Peter Coleman of Betterton, MD, died on January 1, 2018, at University of Maryland in Baltimore. He was 82.

He was born on May 5, 1935, to the late Frank and Irene Mary (Clere) Coleman of Germantown, PA.

Educated in Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic schools, he graduated from LaSalle College High School in Wyndmoor. When his parents relocated to the Eastern Shore, he enrolled at Washington College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1963. He later attended the University of Maryland School of Law and received a Master's Degree in Art Appreciation from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Francis worked for 30 years as a licensed social worker with the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, retiring in 1996. He resided in Baltimore during the week and with his family in Betterton on the weekends until his retirement.

Francis considered himself an artist at heart and spent over thirty years crafting a novel which to date remains unfinished. When not writing he read voraciously, firmly believing that to be a good writer one had to be well-versed in the classics; his favorite book was Ulysses by James Joyce. Born with

asthma, Francis became passionate about animals - particularly rabbits (Ruby) and dogs - late in life and loved to watch the National and Westminster Dog Shows each year. He also enjoyed cooking beloved pasta dishes, discovering good, inexpensive wines, gambling on college football, thoroughbred horse racing, WWII military history, large cheese pizzas from Carletto's in Sudlersville, and landscaping his gardens at his home in Betterton. An avowed vegetarian for 50 years, he happily allowed himself corned beef and cabbage once a year, on St. Patrick's Day.

Francis was a faithful parishoner of St. Dennis Catholic Church in Galena, MD, and until only recently as his health declined, attended mass three times a week. He was also a proud member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his daughter, Dorcas Frances Coleman of Betterton, MD, along with his faithful four-legged companion Roma. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Gerard Paul Coleman in 1997.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on July, 20, 2018, at St. Dennis Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Still Pond Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Francis' memory to St. Dennis Catholic Church or the Kent County Humane Society.

Tribute Wall



“ Francis Peter Coleman

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Francis Peter Coleman

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Francis Peter Coleman

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Dear Dorcas, so sorry to learn of your father's death. I'm a member of the Maguire family, the family who raised your grandmother Irene.
Monica Cain

Monica Cain - December 18, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ Dorcas, So sorry to read about your father's passing. He was a dear friend, my "Best Man" and a true gentleman. He will be truly missed.
Bob Murphy
Loudonville, NY

Bob Murphy - January 18, 2018 at 08:13 PM

DK

“ Dorcas, I was saddened to hear of your father's passing. We worked together for many years at BCDSS. I enjoyed countless lunches with your dad. My wife Carolyn and I spent a weekend at his beloved home in Betterton. We last crossed paths at Trinacias in Baltimore. His wit and intelligence will be missed.

David Kramer

David Kramer - January 18, 2018 at 10:25 AM

TC

“ Theresa Coleman lit a candle in memory of Francis Peter Coleman



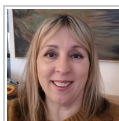
Theresa Coleman - January 17, 2018 at 08:02 PM

DD

“ Dearest Doras, I truly know how difficult these last years have been for you and your Dad. It is not easy to watch one you love so dearly slip away in pieces and not be able to do anything about it. You have to know your dad is in a far better place now and is well, whole and at peace. You are in my thoughts every single day. I love you dearly and want you to be at peace also, you were a wonderful daughter, dian



Dian Dudderar - January 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM



i love this... thank you, dian...

Dorcas Coleman - January 10, 2018 at 10:27 AM

PP

“ *Paula Pavon lit a candle in memory of Francis Peter Coleman*



Paula Pavon - January 08, 2018 at 01:11 PM

Amy Priddy

“ *Amy Priddy lit a candle in memory of Francis Peter Coleman*



Amy Priddy - January 08, 2018 at 11:51 AM

JN

“ *Joyce M Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Francis Peter Coleman*



Joyce M Nicholson - January 04, 2018 at 10:38 PM

GR

“ *Dorcas, the between a father and daughter remains. Sending you light, love, and positive energy. Hugs and a shoulder if you need it. XXXOOO Gretchen*



Gretchen - January 02, 2018 at 10:16 AM

GR

*Supposed to say the love between**

Gretchen - January 02, 2018 at 04:05 PM

ML

Dear Dorcas,

Our family was devastated to learn of your father's passing at the beginning of this month. We are especially sorry for your experiences as a daughter trying to take care of your father after his fall. We plan to attend the memorial for your father this June. We have many happy memories of your father to share. My brother Gene and I started the tradition of birthday lunches at Fells Point with your father when my Aunt Ann still lived in Baltimore. We spent many enjoyable times over lunch, and seeing the sights. I believe your father's favorite spot was Duda's Tavern because of the seafood selection. Your father also served as an artistic resource for Gene when we routinely visited Steven Scott Gallery. We had many conversations about the artwork Gene might be interested in adding to his collection. I'm sure Steven would remember your father. Your dad and Ann also introduced us to the Italian specialty store, Trinacria. When my youngest brother, Jim, visited from Cincinnati, we ate at the Trinacria Café near the Walter's Gallery, and walked over to the original store. We could see the appeal of the food and wine selections for ourselves.

We will truly miss your father's quiet charm and lively conversations about many topics about his family, life, his special interests, and, of course, his book. He always inquired about my family, particularly Ellen, since she struggles with asthma as he did. He had many interesting and humorous stories to share. We weren't ready to lose him so soon.

*With deepest sympathy,
Margaret, John, Ellen and John Latronico*

Margaret Latronico - January 27, 2018 at 02:01 PM