



Harold Irving Coleman

September 18, 1928 - September 11, 2024

Harold Irving Coleman, a home builder known for his fine craftsmanship, died at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Easton on September 11, 2024, just one week shy of his 96th birthday.

Born in Rock Hall on September 18, 1928, Harold was the eldest of four children raised during the Great Depression. His late parents, John William Coleman, Sr. and E. Clara Eiermann Coleman, taught him to be independent, hardworking, and devoted to helping others. Even as a boy, Harold was working at his father's side, learning how to do masonry and plaster. He graduated from Rock Hall High School in 1946 and began working with his father full time. When the Korean War broke out in 1950, Harold enlisted in the United States Army for two years of military service. After training at Maryland's Fort Meade and Camp Kilmer in New Jersey, he was stationed in Bremerhaven, Germany, where he was part of the military police force. Upon his return stateside in 1952, he married his hometown sweetheart, Nila Kay Stevens, who was just 18 at the time. They were married for 57 years. Together they raised three children and both were very active in several service organizations, including Chestertown Chapter 86 Order of the Eastern Star, the Chester Lodge #115, and the Boumi Shriners. He was also a member of the Frank M. Jarman American Legion Post 36.

Harold worked as a building contractor, completing high-end residential construction and renovation projects throughout Kent County. Among his many projects were custom homes for Robert Hewes in Quaker Neck and

Frank LaMotte in Worton, as well as the historic preservation of the River House on Water Street in Chestertown. When his knees gave out in the mid-1970s, he became a building inspector for the State of Maryland, and, later, for Kent County. He was with the State of Maryland until 1996, when he joined the Kent County workforce. After 14 and a half years as county building inspector, he retired on June 30, 2011, at the age of 81.

Harold Coleman joined the Masons on April 5, 1951, becoming Master in 1960. With his wife, Nila Kay Coleman, he joined the Order of the Eastern Star in 1972. He served as Worthy Patron in 2001 and 2005, and joined the Centreville Chapter in 2018. At the time of his death, Harold had been a member of the Chester Lodge for nearly 74 years. He remained an officer with both the Chestertown and Centreville lodges of the Eastern Star, often donning his tux to accompany his Star companion, Mary Johnson.

In addition to his Grand Family, Harold is survived by his three children: Irving Bruce Coleman of Chestertown; Marcia Coleman Landskroener (Christian) of Millington, and Steven Drew Coleman (Joanie) of Lusby, Maryland. He had four grandchildren: Clay Lloyd Coleman (Sally) of Chestertown and Katie Marie Coleman of Millington (deceased 2023); Hillary Landskroener Bitting (Michael) of Chestertown; and Steven Tyler Coleman of St. Leonard. Harold adored his nine great-grandchildren: Mason, Henry and Lily Coleman (Clay), Sadler, Nila, and Bonnie Bitting (Hillary); Lydia and Layla Austin (Katie), and Colby Coleman (Tyler).

In addition to losing his wife in 2010 and his granddaughter in 2023, Harold was predeceased by his three siblings: Calvin Coleman, John Coleman Jr., and Marilyn Coleman Ashley, all of Chestertown.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 3551 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140.

A visitation will be held Wednesday September 18, 2024, from 6pm until 8 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home located at 130 Speer Road Chestertown, MD 21620. A Masonic Service will be Held at 8pm.

A Funeral Service will be held Thursday September 19, 2024, at 11 am at

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home where an Eastern Star Service will be held. Burial to follow at Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Rock Hall, MD.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Masonic Service

SEP **18.** 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Eastern Star Service

SEP **19.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Burial

SEP **19** (ET)

Wesley Chapel Cemetery
6179 Rock Hall Road
Rock Hall, MD

Tribute Wall



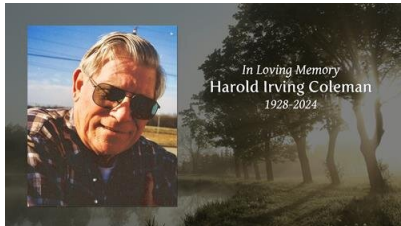
“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Harold Irving Coleman*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 19, 2024 at 12:49 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold Irving Coleman*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 16, 2024 at 11:52 AM

SB

“ *I am Catherine Elizabeth Eiermann Meyer's granddaughter, Sherry Lynn Meyer Bromwell. She was Aunt Clara's younger sister. I was Leonard Otto Meyer's 2nd daughter by his 1st marriage to Trudy Schnoor. I married Mason and we were in touch with Harold.*

Sherry Meyer Bromwell - September 22, 2024 at 01:13 PM

SB

We saw him in the Cambridge and area when he was State of Maryland Masonary He was Inspector.

Sherry Meyer Bromwell - September 22, 2024 at 01:15 PM

SB

And Eiermann family Reunions at Aun Clara's.

Sherry Meyer Bromwell - September 22, 2024 at 01:16 PM

SC

“ Steve & Joanie Coleman purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Harold Irving Coleman.



Steve & Joanie Coleman - September 17, 2024 at 03:15 PM

SC

“ Steve & Joanie Coleman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Irving Coleman.

Steve & Joanie Coleman - September 17, 2024 at 03:15 PM

LI

“ Luisa's Cucina Italiana lit a candle in memory of Harold Irving Coleman



Luisa's Cucina Italiana - September 17, 2024 at 01:15 PM

DH

“ *Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of Harold Irving Coleman*



Denny and Judy Hickman - September 16, 2024 at 10:42 AM

JN

“ *Joyce Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Harold Irving Coleman*



Joyce Nicholson - September 13, 2024 at 10:47 PM

CE

“ *Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold Irving Coleman*



Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards - September 13, 2024 at 06:06 PM

LF

“ *Love, John Buettner and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Harold Irving Coleman.*



Love, John Buettner and Family - September 13, 2024 at 11:18 AM

AG

“ *Mr. Coleman was a true Icon of Rock Hall, Kent County and MD. Anyone that was honored enough to know this man and his family was blessed. Mr. Colemans talents and Love of Family will live on through his legacy. God Bless his family, during this trying time.*

Arthur Godfrey - September 13, 2024 at 09:14 AM

HL

“ *Heidi Luff lit a candle in memory of Harold Irving Coleman*



Heidi luff - September 12, 2024 at 06:16 PM

TE

“ *Timmy And Andrea Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold Irving Coleman*



Timmy and Andrea Edwards - September 12, 2024 at 02:29 PM

SC

“ *Steve & Joanie Coleman lit a candle in memory of Harold Irving Coleman*



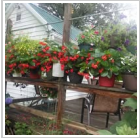
Steve & Joanie Coleman - September 12, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ *Chris & Vivian Nordhoff lit a candle in memory of Harold Irving Coleman*



Chris & Vivian Nordhoff - September 12, 2024 at 12:13 PM



“ *Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Harold Irving Coleman*



Sherrie Jacobs - September 12, 2024 at 11:36 AM