



J. Robert Coleman

May 18, 1949 - October 23, 2022

J. Robert Coleman, "Bobby," of Rock Hall, MD, died suddenly on October 23, 2022, at the age of 73.

Bobby was born on May 18, 1949, as the son of the late Audrey and Harvey Coleman. He grew up in Rock Hall and later graduated with the Ridley High School Class of 1968 in Pennsylvania. After graduation, he attended Delaware County Community College where he studied drafting and played on the school's soccer team.

In the late 1960's, he moved back to Rock Hall and, with the help of his father-in-law, bought his first commercial fishing boat, the Marsan. In the 1970's, he spent his summers as a fishing charter Captain, and the rest of his year as a commercial waterman. He started working in Marine Construction as owner operator of the family business Coleman & Fithian Marine Construction, with his father, Harvey, in the early '80's. After succumbing to the winter ice in 1982, Bobby rebuilt the Marsan in his side yard, and in the early '90's, pursued a full-time career as a commercial waterman.

Outside of work, he enjoyed playing and coaching sports such as softball, baseball, and soccer. For many years he was also an avid billiards player. He loved fishing – he would fish all day for work, and then fish on his days off. He also enjoyed hunting and camping. He loved spending time with his

grandchildren. There wasn't a question he wouldn't answer or a skill he wouldn't teach.

He was preceded in death by his brother, James "Jimmy" Coleman, in 1987 and a granddaughter, Jamisen Grace, in 2017.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Coleman; his children, Kouri Coleman Miller (Greg), James Coleman (Jessica), and Kelly Coleman (Stephen); his brother, Clifford "Cliff" Coleman; his sister, Helen "Bonnie" Kendall; his grandchildren, Grant, Lauren, Meredith, Evan, Kierin, and Ainsley; as well as his beloved dog, Cosmo.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, November 6, at 2:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown.

Previous Events

celebration of life

NOV 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of J. Robert Coleman*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 04, 2022 at 09:37 AM



“ *I am his grandduter and I will always and forever love him and I will never forget his warm hugs and hardworking efforts.*



ainsley - October 29, 2024 at 08:25 AM



“ *J. Robert Coleman*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Upon learning of Termite's passing, the Houser family extends their deepest condolences to Cliff and Termite's families.*

Suzanne Hickan - February 26, 2023 at 01:41 PM



“ *J. Robert Coleman*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *J. Robert Coleman*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dear Cliff and Bobby's family, I'm really sorry to learn that Bobby passed away. I send you my condolences.*

Jack Heinefield - December 10, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ *Jo Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of J. Robert Coleman*



Jo Ann Edwards - November 07, 2022 at 10:07 AM



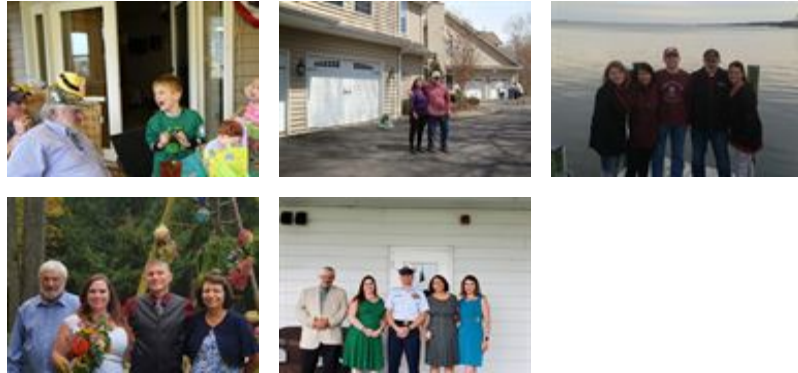
“ *Bob Ritchie lit a candle in memory of J. Robert Coleman*



Bob Ritchie - November 06, 2022 at 07:59 AM



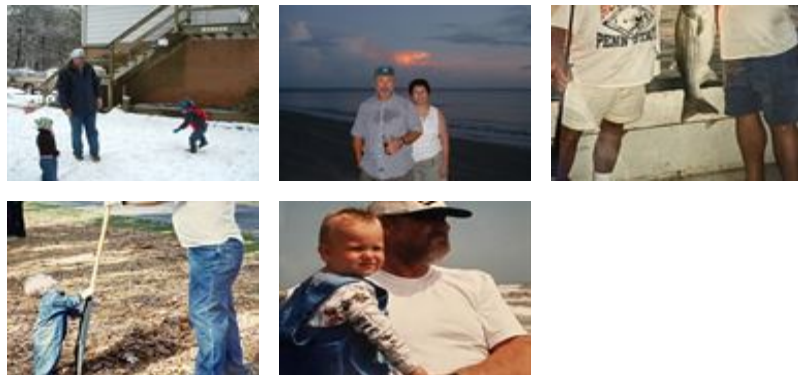
“ 16 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 04, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ 67 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 04, 2022 at 09:37 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of J. Robert Coleman.



November 03, 2022 at 02:12 PM

MP

“ *Marc Van Pelt lit a candle in memory of J. Robert Coleman*



Marc Van Pelt - October 30, 2022 at 11:20 AM

JL

“ *John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of J. Robert Coleman*



John M Larrimore - October 27, 2022 at 06:45 PM

JE

“ *Josh And Edith Elbourn lit a candle in memory of J. Robert Coleman*



Josh and Edith Elbourn - October 27, 2022 at 03:38 PM

JN

“ *Termite was a friend a coworker a hunting buddy and someone I had a lot of fun with over the years he was like a big brother also we had lots of fun playing pool together and he was pretty good. I'm sad for Sandy and the rest of the family love you all and will c u soon.*

Julie Nordhoff - October 27, 2022 at 01:39 PM

AG

“ Sandy,Kouri, Kelly Your family and extended family and friends; I'm deeply saddened of Bobby's passing. there is nothing that anyone can say, to lighten your pain, however; Please rest as best you can in knowing that Bobby was well loved by so many. We are all blessed, knowing him and your family. He was one hard working man and a devoted family man. God Bless, Arthur Godfrey, Clinton, NC

Arthur Godfrey - October 27, 2022 at 11:06 AM

LD

“ Laura And Dinky lit a candle in memory of J. Robert Coleman



Laura and Dinky - October 27, 2022 at 10:39 AM

LS

“ Liz Smith lit a candle in memory of J. Robert Coleman



Liz Smith - October 27, 2022 at 06:54 AM

EL

“ Eric /Donna Legg lit a candle in memory of J. Robert Coleman



Eric /Donna Legg - October 26, 2022 at 10:35 PM

DH

“ DENISE HEPBRON lit a candle in memory of J. Robert Coleman



DENISE HEPBRON - October 26, 2022 at 08:05 PM

SH

“ Termite and my brother Doc were very good friends. A lot of great memories of him.
GREAT MAN ❤️



Sharon (Kelley) Hines - October 26, 2022 at 07:50 PM

GG

“ George & Pat Grussing sent a virtual gift in memory of J. Robert Coleman



George & Pat Grussing - October 26, 2022 at 07:37 PM

JB

“ Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Termite. He was true gentleman!



Jack & Anne Bigelow - October 26, 2022 at 07:17 PM

SW

“ *Sherry Williams lit a candle in memory of J. Robert Coleman*



Sherry williams - October 26, 2022 at 05:55 PM

RG

“ *Rosie Gagalski and Family*



Rosie Gagalski - October 26, 2022 at 05:17 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Bass lit a candle in memory of J. Robert Coleman*



Barbara Bass - October 26, 2022 at 04:19 PM

CF

“ *Connie Fithian sent a virtual gift in memory of J. Robert Coleman*



Connie Fithian - October 26, 2022 at 04:14 PM

CN

“ *Chris & Vivian Nordhoff lit a candle in memory of J. Robert Coleman*



Chris & Vivian Nordhoff - October 26, 2022 at 03:36 PM

EL

“ *Ellen lit a candle in memory of J. Robert Coleman*



Ellen - October 26, 2022 at 02:15 PM

JW

“ *James & Linda Wachowiz lit a candle in memory of J. Robert Coleman*



James & Linda Wachowiz - October 26, 2022 at 01:13 PM

CE

“ *Charles & Donna Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of J. Robert Coleman*



Charles & Donna Edwards - October 26, 2022 at 12:47 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dalymple lit a candle in memory of J. Robert Coleman*



Debbie Dalymple - October 26, 2022 at 12:38 PM

BG

“ *Betty Ann Glenn lit a candle in memory of J. Robert Coleman*



Betty Ann Glenn - October 26, 2022 at 10:43 AM