



## Joseph Apsley Coleman Jr.

June 26, 1937 - April 14, 2026

Joseph "Joe" Apsley Coleman Jr., affectionately known as "pop" and "bull moose", passed away peacefully on April 14, 2026, at the age of 88.

Born on June 26, 1937, in Grasonville MD he was the son of the late Joseph Apsley Coleman and Edith May Pinder Coleman both of Grasonville MD.

Joe attended Kent Island High school and had a great love of sports, playing baseball, soccer and basketball throughout his high school years. Joe was described in his yearbook as a star athlete and the sports king of Stevensville High School. It was during that time that he caught the eye of a young cheerleader, Joan Nash, who would become the love of his life. After graduating high school in 1955 he attended Washington College on a basketball scholarship. Joe would leave college to pursue his passion and long family heritage of working on the water. Joe would have to put this on hold when he was drafted by the Army serving as a military police officer in Korea. After returning home he married his love Joan on August 17th, 1963, and had two sons Joseph (Joey) and John (Wade). Joe had a long career on the water and was well respected and admired within the watermen community. Over the years, he worked alongside his brother Barry and his son Joey, continuing his lifelong dedication until retiring at the age of 80. In addition to working on the water, he loved hunting and fishing and was a member of American legion and the Knights of Pythias. Joe continued his love

of sports, never missing an Orioles game, but most of all he loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren who brought him so much joy.

Joe is preceded in death by his wife Joan Nash Coleman, and brother Barry Coleman. He is survived by his son Joseph (Joey) Coleman (Terri) of Easton, son John (Wade) Coleman (Jennifer) of Delaware. Grandchildren, Aaron Coleman (Tricia) of Ellicott City, Jennifer Coleman (Denny) of Greensboro, Amanda Coleman of Easton. Great grandchildren, Caydence Murphy, Kloie Rafter, Manny Rafter, Brycen Rafter, Finley Coleman and Nash Coleman. As well as many in the waterman.

A visitation will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam, 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, Maryland 21619. A graveside service will be held at Stevensville Cemetery on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 11:00 am.

# Cemetery Details

## Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main St  
Stevensville, MD 21666  
(410) 643-2226

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**APR 20.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Graveside Service

**APR 21.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Stevensville Cemetery  
808 Main St  
Stevensville, MD 21666  
(410) 643-2226

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Apsley Coleman Jr.*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - April 20 at 09:34 AM

BC

“ *I just found out today that Uncle Joe had passed away. I am so sorry to have missed everything. I will always remember growing up painting crab pots and working on the boat with Dad an Uncle Joe. One memory I always talk about is when I was helping out on the Boat and Uncle Joe dropped a crab in his boot. Uncle Joe will be missed.*



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**Barry Coleman** - April 25 at 08:31 AM

RR

“ *Rest in peace. I will always cherish the memories of working alongside Bull Moose and Bear Cat for many years. Those were great times and those two were true legends! My condolences to the family.*

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**Roy (Denny) Rafter** - April 21 at 09:25 AM

JL

“ *My sincere condolences to the Coleman family and friends*



Joyce Lynch - April 20 at 10:02 AM

PC

“ *Paul and Dawn Coleman purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Joseph Apsley Coleman Jr..*



Paul and Dawn Coleman - April 19 at 10:22 AM

GO

“ *One of the all time greats! Rest easy Joe god knows you deserve it!*



George ODonnell - April 19 at 08:42 AM

DK

“ *Joe and his brother Barry were some of the best watermen there ever were. With their knowledge, determination, hard work they taught many people the ways of Waterman's life. I and many others will forever cherish Barry and Joe's memories. As Eddie Walters once called Anglers the frat house, there were many great memories for all of us to endure and remember. Rest in peace Bull Moose*

Douglas Kayhoe - April 17 at 08:47 PM

GS

“ Greg & Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of Joseph Apsley Coleman Jr.



Greg & Laura Saddler - April 17 at 08:39 PM

BB

“ Bobbi Burr lit a candle in memory of Joseph Apsley Coleman Jr.



Bobbi Burr - April 17 at 06:01 PM

PD

“ My Prayers and Condolences are with you.



Phil Davidson - April 17 at 04:26 PM

BN

“ Bobby And Genevieve Norris sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Apsley Coleman Jr.



Bobby and Genevieve Norris - April 17 at 11:01 AM

BN

*Fair well Captain. I am going to miss the phone calls and breakfast get togethers with you and the '55 boys. Glad we had the chance to attend our 70th year high school reunion in November. Proud to call you my friend and remembering all the good times we had in our younger days. Rest In Peace old pal and God Bless*

**Bobby Norris** - April 20 at 11:04 AM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Apsley Coleman Jr.*



**Doug Pierson** - April 17 at 10:26 AM

DP

*I had the honor to hang out with him at the Anglers Club.Narrows.Then I was a member of the Famous Bowling team!!Chick Legg,Rodney Britt,Bobby Lowrey,Joe BULL MOOSE,Coleman!!!!He was a great Athlete,HOF!!!Also one of the best to ever work on the water!!Thanks for all the memories>*

**Doug Pierson** - April 17 at 10:35 AM

PS

“ *Phyllis Sherbert lit a candle in memory of Joseph Apsley Coleman Jr.*



**Phyllis Sherbert** - April 17 at 10:18 AM

CW

“ *Christine Ward lit a candle in memory of Joseph Apsley Coleman Jr.*



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**Christine Ward** - April 17 at 12:16 AM

RD

“ *Raymond Dorrell lit a candle in memory of Joseph Apsley Coleman Jr.*



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**Raymond Dorrell** - April 16 at 09:55 PM

DR

“ *RIP BULL MOOSE, prayers for your family*



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**DEAN RHODES** - April 16 at 08:03 PM

JS

“ *Jamie And Mindy Sewell lit a candle in memory of Joseph Apsley Coleman Jr.*



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**Jamie and Mindy Sewell** - April 16 at 07:57 PM



“ *Will miss you old buddy*



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**Bonny Morris** - April 16 at 06:37 PM

SL

“ *Suzanne Lane lit a candle in memory of Joseph Apsley Coleman Jr.*



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**Suzanne Lane** - April 16 at 05:20 PM

EF

“ *Eddie And Bonnie Fooks lit a candle in memory of Joseph Apsley Coleman Jr.*



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**Eddie and Bonnie Fooks** - April 16 at 11:34 AM

BT

“ *Bruce & Patti Tarr lit a candle in memory of Joseph Apsley Coleman Jr.*



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**Bruce & Patti Tarr** - April 16 at 11:15 AM

LA

“ I am so sorry to hear! I am sure him and Mohawk are talking it up!



Laura Anthony - April 16 at 10:52 AM

BQ

“ Bruce Quinn lit a candle in memory of Joseph Apsley Coleman Jr.



Bruce Quinn - April 16 at 08:09 AM

DK

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Douglas Kayhoe - April 17 at 05:12 PM

DK

My condolences to the extended Coleman family

Douglas Kayhoe - April 17 at 05:13 PM