



R. Dennis Coleman

May 16, 1951 - July 3, 2009

Robert “Dennis” Coleman of Chestertown, Maryland died on July 3, 2009 at his home. He was 58.

He was born in Chestertown, Maryland the son of William Arthur and Betty VanSant Coleman of Worton, Maryland. Mr. Coleman was a 1969 graduate of Chestertown High School, a 1974 graduate of Pitt Technical Institute in Greenville, N.C. and earned his Teaching Certificate from the University of Maryland. On August 9, 1975 he married Shelly Starr, they made their home in Chestertown. Following graduation he worked with Washington College until taking a position with Queen Anne’s County High School as the Automotive Instructor where he worked from September 1979 until November 2008. Mr. Coleman truly loved teaching, his ability to make a difference in a student’s life was his gift.

Mr. Coleman was a lifelong member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Chestertown, MD, he was also a member of the Upper Eastern Shore Anglers Fishing Club. Dennis was known for his love, knowledge, and skills in fishing, crabbing, and hunting. He enjoyed woodcarving, gardening, camping, and antique cars.

In addition to his wife and parents he is survived by three brothers and their families, Albert William Coleman of Chestertown, MD, David Arthur Coleman

of Ocean City, MD, Paul Fletcher Coleman and his wife, Patsy and children Josh and Joey of Centreville, MD; a sister, Bonnie Coleman Blyman and her husband, Jim and children, Jessica, Zeb, and Rachel of Worton, MD; his wife's family, John and Sherry Starr Newcomb and daughter, Stephanie of Cambridge, MD, Tim and Scarlet Starr Vance and son, Zachary of Gainesville, FL and a mother in law, Betty Covey Starr of Chestertown, MD.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, High Street Chestertown, MD.

Relatives and friends may call on Tuesday evening, July 7, 2009 between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 PM at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD. Interment will be in Chester Cemetery, Chestertown.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society or Sacred Heart Catholic Church Chestertown, MD.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
508 High Street
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



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



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 06, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ *R. Dennis Coleman*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *R. Dennis Coleman*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *R. Dennis Coleman*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *So sorry.....Mick had just talking about he taught Dennis to put up dry wall.*

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Susan Pierson (Harasymtzuk)##imported-end##

August 01, 2009 at 01:06 PM



“ Shelly we are thinking of you at this difficult time and our prayers are with you. Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on family and friends for strenght and always remember how much you are cared about##imported-begin##Gary and Renita Pinder##imported-end##

July 08, 2009 at 05:27 PM



“ Shelly, we are so sorry for your loss. He will be missed by all. Take care.##imported-begin##Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell##imported-end##

July 08, 2009 at 07:59 AM



“ Shelly and the Coleman Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Dennis will be missed. Dad so enjoyed sharing the church pew with you both all those years. He enjoyed Dennis's vists and liked knowing that you were both just down the road from him. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone.##imported-begin##Margaret Cohey Kaufman##imported-end##

July 07, 2009 at 03:52 PM



“ Shelly,
Sorry to hear about Dennis. I know he fought a good battle. We will all miss him. Our thoughts are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Doris Olsen##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 06:58 PM



“ To Shelly and the Coleman family. I am so sorry for your loss. Dennis was a wonderful person and will be sorely missed. Shelly, you are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Judy Fleming##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 04:49 PM



“ Shelly, I am so sad to hear about Dennis. I know how hard it was for you with everything. He was blessed to have you beside him through it all. You are in our prayers. Love, Tracy and Family##imported-begin##Tracy Whitzel##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 01:50 PM



“ Kevin and I are so very sorry for your loss. There are no words to ease your grief, only time, faith and love of family can lift you up.##imported-begin##Peggy and Kevin Chiras##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 12:33 PM



“ I enjoyed the many times that he would stopped by our office and to chat about crabbing, his treatments or his vacation to Alaska. Although, he had been through alot the last couple of years, he always managed to show his smile. He taught both of my sons @ QACHS and would stop by my office to give me a report. He was not only a teacher; but a mentor for many students. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Marie Myers @ Centreville DNR##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 11:47 AM



“ Shelly, Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you. Dennis was a very kind and caring man. May happy memories carry though this sorrowful time.##imported-begin##Paula Garner##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 11:15 AM



“ Dear Shelly

My prayers and thoughts are with you, as well as my heartfelt condolences. My memories of you and Dennis go back to the early days when Patsy and Paul were first married. We were young, happy and full of life. These are the memories, I will keep. God bless.

Helen##imported-begin##Helen Dixon##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 10:36 AM



“ mr coleman you will be missed and remembered. when i was in high school i remember you letting me hang out in shop class when i had a bad day.i was't even in shop but you let me stay so i wouldn't get in trouble roaming the halls you are a true mentor and i just want to say thankyou and we will miss you ALL OF CLASS 2000##imported-begin##heather##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 09:58 AM



“ *Shelly and Family*

Wow! you never know were life is going to take us. Shelly from the first time we met,as teenagers,you made it clear to everyone the only boy you were interested in was Dennis Coleman.(I guess dreams do come true.) We will miss his dry sense of humor,cute smile,and his creative Halloween costumes. Thinking of you, Beverly and Tink###imported-begin##Tink and Beverly Blakeney###imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 09:46 AM



“ *Shelly: My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Please take good care.###imported-begin##JoAnn Powell###imported-end##*

July 06, 2009 at 09:13 AM



“ *To Shelly and all the Coleman Family,*

My prayers and condolences go to all. Dennis will be missed greatly. Shelly, if there is anything I can do, please let me know.###imported-begin##Teresa Dixon###imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 08:49 AM



“ *Dennis will be greatly missed.He and Shelly have put up a great fight. They have always worked as a team,my heart goes to Shelly and his famliy. If there is anything that I can do PLEASE don't hesiate to ask!###imported-begin##Chris Peterson###imported-end##*

July 06, 2009 at 12:32 AM



“ We are so sorry for your lose. My husaband was a student of his class of 2000. I wasn't but I was in cosmetology right across the hall and was in his room all the time. He was such a wonderful man. Funny, caring, sweet and a wonderful teacher and friend. He will be greatly missed. Tiffany and James Brown.##imported-begin##Tiffany Brown##imported-end##

July 05, 2009 at 08:25 PM



“ Shelly, We are very sadden by your loss. What a great man Mr. Coleman was. He was a wonderful friend to Aaron and it came from his heart. He will be missed greatly. You and his family will be in our prayers. Lean on God, he will take care of you.##imported-begin##Robin Leager##imported-end##

July 05, 2009 at 06:42 PM



“ To all the Coleman Famiy, I understand your pain in the lost of Dennis.Iwas there early this year . I want to say what a wonderful teacher that he was lfeel like if it hadn't been for him my son might not have finshed school. My prayers are with all of you. Remeber that God well take of him now.##imported-begin##Marie Spray##imported-end##

July 05, 2009 at 04:28 PM



“ Dennis we will always remember you smile, your stories, and your caring spirit as you worked with your students and staff alike. We miss you.
Shelly God bless you.##imported-begin##Tomi Fabri##imported-end##

July 05, 2009 at 02:04 PM