



Robert Neal Coleman

October 5, 2004

Robert Neal Coleman of Chestertown, MD died Tuesday, October 5, 2004 in the Chester River Hospital Center, Chestertown MD. He was 83.

Born near Millington, MD, he was the son of the late Glenn R. and Nettie Neal Coleman. Following graduation from Sudlersville High School in 1939 he then served in the United States Army Air Corps during WWII in the Far East Command in the South Pacific. He married Helen Ross Johnson of Sudlersville, MD on December 27, 1947. Early in his life, Mr. Coleman worked for Phillips Garage in Sudlersville, MD in the Parts Dept. and as a bookkeeper. In 1951 he began with the A & C Candy Co. of Barclay, MD and then later Easton Candy Company of Easton, MD. He worked for Ozmans Body Shop of Chestertown MD until 1971. Following his retirement he worked part time as a mail carrier for the Chestertown, MD Post Office until 1981.

Following retirement Mr. Coleman had more time to spend on his true love, the creating and collecting of decoys. He was a well known decoy maker and enjoyed showing and collecting his work and others up and down the East Coast. He was very proud of his work and very proud of the friends that he gained by being involved in this art. His dear friend Charles "Speed" Joiner is an example of the associations and friends he was able to make in the world of decoy art. Mr. Coleman owned and operated "The Flyway" a store of collectables and decoys in Chestertown for several years.

He was a member of the Calvary Asbury United Methodist Church, Sudlersville, MD, a member of the Centreville Masonic Lodge #180 A.F. & A. M, the York Rite in Denton, MD and the Boumi Shrine in Baltimore, MD, The Chester River Shrine Club and he was a member of the Frank Jarman American legion Post 36, Chestertown, MD.

He loved Waterfowl hunting and fishing and his Chesapeake Bay retrievers; he enjoyed teaching the art of waterfowl carving to others and was well known for his ability to share a good story.

In addition to his wife of 56 years, Ellen Ross Coleman, Mr. Coleman is survived by one sister, Patricia Moore of Kennedyville, MD; two brothers, Bill Coleman of Seaford, DE and Glenn R. Coleman Jr. of Wilmington, DE and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, James E. Coleman.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, October 10, 2004 at 2pm from the Calvary-Asbury United Methodist Church, Sudlersville, MD where friends and family may call after 1pm.

Interment will be in the Sudlersville Cemetery, Sudlersville, MD. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to the Calvary-Asbury United Methodist Church Building Fund in his memory, P.O. Box 202, Sudlersville, MD 21668.

Arrangements by the Fellows Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home,P.A., Millington, MD.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Neal Coleman*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Robert Neal Coleman*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Robert Neal Coleman*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM