



## Robert Wesley Coleman

October 2, 1948 - April 8, 2010

Robert Wesley Coleman, Sr. of Chestertown, Maryland died on April 8, 2010 at his home. He was 61.

He was born on October 2, 1948 the son of the late, Walter William Coleman Jr. and Sarah Elizabeth Rose Johnson. He was raised on the farm outside of Betterton, MD and attended school in Kent County. As a young man, at the age of 15, he was known for his unique ability to “break” thoroughbreds. He moved to Virginia and worked at several horse racing venues and later to Elsmere, Delaware. He and his brother, Terry, resided with their Uncle Carl and Aunt Ida Potter, both began working in the construction field as heavy equipment operators with James Julian Construction Company. Mr. Coleman moved to Florida and started his own business named B & K Construction with his wife, Kelly.

He moved back to Kent County, Maryland. Mr. Coleman began Bob’s Backhoe Service which he owned and operated with his life partner, Carol Pletzer.

Mr. Coleman was a member of the Tuckahoe Equestrian Club and the League of Maryland Horseman. He enjoyed operating heavy equipment, construction projects, farming (they raised Angus and Herford steers along with horses), traveling, camping, and trail riding. He was devoted to his late mother who he affectionately referred to as “Boss” along with his brother and best friend Terry; he also loved his entire family.

In addition to Carol he is survived by his children, Bobbi Jo Kaepler of Newark, DE, Robert W. Coleman, Jr. of St. Petersburg, FL, Robert W. "Bobby Jr." Coleman Jr. of Texas, Billy Coleman and Terry Coleman both of Live Oak, FL; stepchildren, Peter Pletzer of Betterton, MD and Christina Pletzer of Chestertown, MD, and siblings, Terry F. Coleman of Lynch, MD, Larry R. Coleman of Lynch, MD, Sally Coleman of Chestertown, MD, Kay Sigler of Tennessee, and Russell Kersey of Lynch, MD, along with eleven grandchildren and several nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles.

He was predeceased by his wife Kelly, brother, William "Billy" Coleman, stepfather, Lester Kersey and stepfather, John Johnson, along with a son, Kelly Coleman in 2009.

Services will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM April 14, 2010 at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD where relatives and friends may call one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center, 619 Crouse Mill Road, Queen Anne, MD 21657. Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home Chestertown, MD.

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Robert Wesley Coleman*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Robert Wesley Coleman*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Robert Wesley Coleman*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Well , ya know that we all know who did it . but , Im not going to name names or anything. As everyone probably is thinking " what does this 11 year old know about this" I know all of it .And he was a pain . He was always screwing things up for my dad . So byee .*

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**Bobbie Lynn Coleman** - February 20, 2012 at 04:48 PM

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“ We all know who .... But ya know. Nobody cares what I have to say about all that bull .

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**Bobbie Lynn Coleman** - February 20, 2012 at 04:22 PM



“ Hey I am soooo sorry you had to die so soon i love you and miss you hope ur in a better place luv bobbie lynn Robert Wesley coleman###imported-begin###Bobbie Lynn Coleman###imported-end##

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October 28, 2010 at 11:04 AM



“ Dear Bob,It's been a month since you've been gone and the boy's and I miss you so much.You were so alive and in such a good mood when I talked to you the day before.I promise you I'm going to find out who gave you the Methadone.I've always loved you and always will.I'm so sorry that you had to leave the one's that loved you so much.When I was up there in 2004 you told me how you wished we were still married and wished we could have raised our son's together.I would have helped and worked with you to get off your drug's @ alcohol but,you just had one big bad influence.?????I talk to you all the time and a few time's I'mm sure you heard me.So ,Bob you talk care of our little son Kelly and I'll still keep on talking to you.Also your daughter BobbieJo misses you so much.We will all be together again someday ,you just be at peace. Love Always And Forever,Debbie,Bobby,Billy,Terry @BobbieJo XOXOXOXOXO###imported-begin###Debbie Coleman @ Bobby,Terry,@ Billy###imported-end##

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May 10, 2010 at 08:27 AM



“ As Bobby was a good friend of both Franny Webb (my ex) and myself. I am sorry to hear today about his passing. May God be with him always. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Challice Webb###imported-begin##Challice M. Webb###imported-end##

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April 19, 2010 at 06:42 PM



“ Family @ Friends,I just wanted to note that besides his business with B@k his late wife Kelly ,Bob started Robert W.Coleman @Sons with his ex-wife Debbie who were married for 11years.Bobby37, Terry@Billy35 and Kelly would have been 31yrs.April 22.He is now with his father and I miss them both so much.Bob was a good man and excellent machine operator.He could scrape a dime off your hand with the bucket of the 580B backhoe.He will be missed so much.Love Always,Debbie,Bobby,Terry@Billy###imported-begin##Debbie @ Bobby,Terry @Billy###imported-end##

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April 17, 2010 at 01:25 PM



“ DearRuth,Im being a very emotional person right now.Thank you so much for your condolences on Bob @ Kelly.I Believe that they are both together and Bobs taking good care of our son.I know in my heart that he loved our sons.He just got distracted by bad influences among other things.Give me a call at 1-407-688-2400.I will be coming up there with Billy in the next month or two.Maybe we can meet somewhere.Im missing Bob and I know hes in a better place with God but,I wish he was still around to be able to talk to him.I Was lucky to be able to talk to him the day before he passed away.He sounded so good.I just cant figure it out.My sons are upset over it and wish there relationship was so much better.Keep in touch.Also Terry,Larry,Mini,Russell@KayKay Im so sorry for your loss.Love,Debbie@ Boys###imported-begin###Debra Coleman###imported-end###

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April 13, 2010 at 11:55 PM



“ Dear Deb,  
I am so sorry to hear about Kelly. I remember when he was born and how Bob loved and bonded with him. I don't know if it was because he was the youngest or perhaps Bob was older and more mature. I remember when you and the kids spent the weekend at my home in DC He was a beautiful baby.I'm sure he is holding your boy in his arms as we speak, with a smile upon his face. I know that there is an afterlife and we will all see each other again, leaving the pains of this life far behind. Please give your Mother my condolences. Bobbi Jo loves her brothers so much. God Bless and comfort you Deb and your family. I will keep you in my prayers. love, Ruth###imported-begin###Ruth Rivera###imported-end###

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April 13, 2010 at 11:03 PM



“ *Debbie, Bobs 4wife and mother of his 4 sons. Our youngest Kelly past away and I know in my heart Bob and him are together. I spoke to Bob on Wed. April 7, 2010 about his son Billy being in jail on charges Bob pressed on him. He told me he would drop all charges that he didnt even remembering doing it. I spoke to him twice that day along with his son Terry who was at my house that day. He sounded great on the phone and just cant figure out what happened to a man that was here one day and gone the next day. You never know how much you miss someone until there gone. thats why you should talk and treat a person the way you would want to be treated. Ill miss and love always. Take care of our little Kelly. Love Always, Debbie, Bobby, Terry, @Billy##imported-begin##Debra Coleman##imported-end##*

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April 13, 2010 at 08:01 PM



“ *Grandchildren are a special gift and I love them so  
I track their little footprints everywhere I go  
Their little hand drawn on paper and sometimes on the wall  
But knowing that I have them makes me stand tall  
Full of pride and love to give  
With all my heart I wished I'd lived  
But now I live with Jesus, I'm the new bright shining star  
And I'll be always watching, wherever you are  
At night you can look up to the sky  
I'll be the brightest star that catches your eye  
And you'll know I love you while gazing up there  
And I will listen should you want to talk  
Because I can hear your Prayers*

*I love you all  
Pop Pop Bob##imported-begin##A Bright New Shining  
Star##imported-end##*

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April 13, 2010 at 05:23 PM





“ For Bob's Sons:

*Hold On To The Good, Let Go Of The Bad*

*Sometimes things happen through the years  
Brings us down and fills our eyes with tears*

*We wish a person would have been more loving and kind  
We search ourselves for peace of mind*

*Relationships can be sad  
But hold on to the good, let go of the bad*

*There were some things your Dad might have lacked  
But if someone hurt you, I'll bet he had your back*

*Though emotions were hard for him to share  
His protection of you showed how he cared*

*There is an old saying, "Still Waters Run Deep"  
And this man was good in more than his sleep*

*He really loved you in his heart  
Hold onto that and never part*

*You're all good men and this is true  
Know that God watches over you*

*I'm sorry in your relationship, there was so much strife  
But you must let it go and have a good life*

*Forgiveness is good and heals the soul  
Hold on to the good , let go of the old*

*I love you guys  
From someone who has seen the wings of your Father*

Ruth##imported-begin##Ruth Rivera {Bob's 1st Wife}##imported-end##

April 13, 2010 at 03:00 PM



“ Bobbi Jo,

*I am so sorry for your loss. I haven't seen your Dad in ages, but I remember how much he loved you.*

*One of my favorite memories was when Francis, Sella and I found a pop bottle full of liquid mercury, That's right Mercury: it was in the cellar and we were fascinated by how we could roll it across the dirt floor and it would go back together without picking up any dirt.*

*Daddy went into the cellar and was furious that someone had been messing with his mercury. God only knows what he was doing with it, anyway, Bobby stepped in and said he was the one who had opened the Mercury bottle and apologized and of course Daddy said Oh no Problem, I just thought it was one of the kids. We were scared to death that Daddy was gonna beat us and Bobby saved our butts! And he showed us how he could change the color of metal and demonstrated with his gold wedding band and rubbed it with the mercury and turned it silver. He ran upstairs to show your Mom and we were trailing right behind and when your Mama saw his wedding ring was a different color than hers she shore did a mess a screaming. She thought he had gotten another ring. I don't know if she ever believed his story of changing gold into silver. He made us promise never to touch the mercury again or he would tell Daddy that we were the ones who had been messing with the mercury. He was a great Brother in law to me.##imported-begin##Shirley Collins Geer##imported-end##*

April 12, 2010 at 07:52 PM



“ BOB YOU HAD SUCH A GOOD LIFE UNTIL YOU GOT INVOLVED WITH THE WRONG PEOPLE. YOUR SONS LOVED YOU AND JUST WANTED A LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU. I WISH WE COULD HAVE RAISED OUR SONS TOGETHER. YOU WERE MY FIRST LOVE AND NO ONE CAN CHANGE THAT. LOVE ALWAYS DEBBIE, BOBBY, TERRY, BILLY @KELLY -HE, S WITH YOU NOW .##imported-begin##DEBRA COLEMAN##imported-end##

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April 11, 2010 at 06:57 PM



“ I am so sorry that my popop had to die so soon i did not even get to say goodbye. I really do love him. I hopee he is in a better place.

love,  
bobbilyn##imported-begin##Bobbie Lynn Coleman##imported-end##

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April 11, 2010 at 12:29 PM