



Thomas James Coleman Sr.

April 26, 1933 - February 16, 2022

Thomas James Coleman, Sr. (Tom, Tommy) of Collegedale, TN formerly of Sudlersville, MD lost his battle to colon cancer on February 16, 2022. He was 88 years old. Tom was born on April 26, 1933 in Rock Hall, MD and was proud of his roots. He followed in his father's footsteps and built or re-modeled many homes in the area and constructed commercial buildings as well. As a young man he proudly served in the United States Army's Operation Whitecoat where he participated in the development of vaccines. He also helped train the chimpanzee who traveled to space. Many locals remember him as an outstanding ball player. He was even offered a position with the White Socks which he turned down because of his commitment to his faith. He refused to play on Sabbath. He never regretted his decision, but continued to play for the love of the game. He was most proud of his Rock Hall uniform. For many years he was an active member of the Chestertown Seventh Day Adventist Church where he held many positions for both the Church and Church School boards. Tom had a sand art ministry not only at the beach, but even at the church! He was known as an expert coin collector and had a coin shop in Kingstown for many years. He would continue this passion right up to the end. He is preceded in death by his parents James Wesley Coleman and Naomi Thomas Coleman, his wife of 56 yrs, Dolores Anne Coleman, his eldest son Thomas James (Jamie) Coleman, Jr and 2 grandchildren Michael Charles Cohey, Jr. and Brooke Leah Knapp.

Tom is survived by 2 sisters Lois Townsend of Chestertown, MD and Geneva

Gatling of Placerville, CA. and by his children Jerry Coleman (wife Joyce) of Chestertown, MD, Deb Duphily (husband John) of Carnesville, GA and Kevan (wife Betsy) of Arrowsic, ME. Timothy Coleman (wife Nancy) of Dover, DE, Josh Coleman of Benton Harbor, MI, and Dianna Knapp (husband Ron) of Apison, TN, he is also survived by 14 grandchildren; Beth Pinder, Jeremy and Scott Coleman, William and Tyler Coleman, Chris Coleman, Brandi McGough, Michelle Laux, Tara Clark, Seth and Maddy Coleman, Braden, Eden and Caden Knapp, and by 18 great-grandchildren and an "adopted grandchild" Todd Rhoades. He also leaves behind his wife Patricia Bullock Coleman. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, February 26, 2022 at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD 21620. Visitation will begin at 1:00 pm Service at 2:00 pm. and the internment at the Wesley Chapel Cemetery, Rock Hall, MD Memorial donations may be sent to the Chestertown Seventh-Day Adventist Church. 305 N. Kent Street, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Cemetery Details

Wesley Chapel Cemetery

6179 Rock Hall Road
Rock Hall, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

FEB 26. 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 Webcast in memory of Thomas James Coleman Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 26, 2022 at 11:32 AM

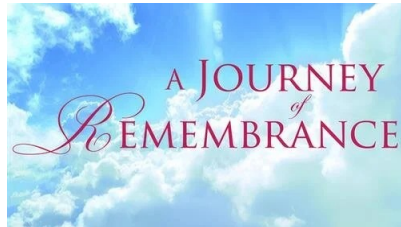
DL

Beautiful service.

Deborah Largent - February 26, 2022 at 08:25 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas James Coleman Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 23, 2022 at 11:49 AM

MA

Such a wonderful video, such great memories! I know this was heart wrenching to make, but blessed many by doing so. He was a wonderful, kind, fun loving, generous man of God. Can't wait to see him in heaven.

Marj - February 26, 2022 at 07:49 AM



*Oh My Goodness, another "Winner" gone from our lives. What a wonderful man he was, all that knew him loved him. A tremendous loss. We loved this "Coleman Family", so many great memories of you all. God bless each and every one of you.
Carol, Barry, Tom and Deb Bloomer. Till we meet again!!!
Video was great!*

Carol Crawford - February 26, 2022 at 08:10 PM



“ *Thomas James Coleman Sr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Thomas James Coleman Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Thomas James Coleman Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



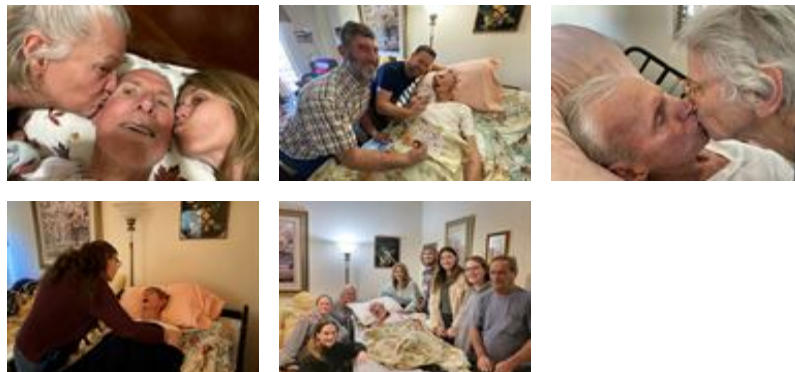
“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas James Coleman Sr..*



February 25, 2022 at 08:04 PM



“ 240 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 23, 2022 at 11:47 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Thomas James Coleman Sr.*



February 22, 2022 at 04:42 PM



“ *Shirley Sutton* lit a candle in memory of *Thomas James Coleman Sr.*



shirley sutton - February 20, 2022 at 05:49 AM

PR

“ *Tim, DeeDee, Josh and family-- Our deepest condolences to you all. Tom was a good friend since we served with White Coats at Ft. Detrick. Our prayers are with you.*
Paul, Louise, Randy, and Rhonda Rouse.

Paul Rouse - February 18, 2022 at 05:21 PM

JC

“ *I will miss Dad Coleman we had some great times together and great memories. Loved his sense of humor. He will be missed by many He was a wonderful man.*
Jeannie and Barry Clothier



Jeannie Clothier - February 18, 2022 at 04:51 PM

SM

“ *Tom and Dee were such nice people and neighbors. We bought out property from hime when they sub-divided their land. Please know I am truly sorry for your loss and keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.*



Sandy McClary - February 17, 2022 at 08:28 PM

CE

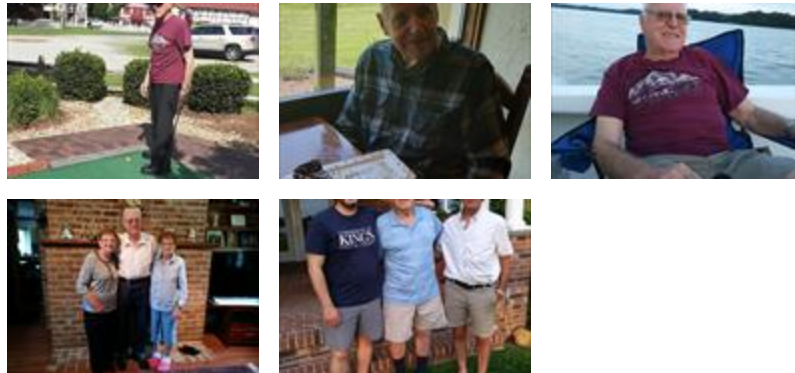
“ *Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas James Coleman Sr.*



Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards - February 17, 2022 at 06:37 PM

DD

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Deborah Duphily - February 17, 2022 at 06:11 PM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of Thomas James Coleman Sr.



June Clark - February 17, 2022 at 02:29 PM

JC

Tim and Tara
So sorry for your loss. You two are I my prayers
June

June Clark - February 17, 2022 at 02:30 PM

GP

“ Gene & Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas James Coleman Sr.



Gene & Lynda Palmatary - February 17, 2022 at 02:05 PM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Thomas James Coleman Sr.*



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - February 17, 2022 at 01:53 PM

MM

Geneva and Lois, we are very sorry for your loss.

Max & Maryann - February 17, 2022 at 01:54 PM

FL

“ *Jerry, Joyce and family, we are sorry for your loss.*



Frankie and Cathy Legg - February 17, 2022 at 01:48 PM

JC

“ *My thoughts are prayers are with you all during this difficult time!
Hugs!*

Jill Coleman - February 17, 2022 at 11:04 AM

GS

“ *George Short sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas James Coleman Sr.*



George Short - February 17, 2022 at 10:50 AM

KD

“ *Kathy Campbell Deighan lit a candle in memory of Thomas James Coleman Sr.*



Kathy Campbell Deighan - February 16, 2022 at 09:21 PM