



John N. Coleman

August 2, 1940 - June 5, 2016

It is with sadness we announce the loss of John Nicholas Coleman, beloved father, grandfather and brother.

John passed away on Sunday, June 5, 2016. He was 75 years of age.

John was born August 2, 1940, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis to his mother, Vera McLaughlin Coleman, and his father, Alfred Everett Coleman.

He was raised in Corvallis and graduated from Corvallis High School in 1958, lettering in football, basketball and track – the fourth best high hurdler in the state.

He attended Oregon State University, graduating with a degree in Business Administration, where he was a loyal member and alum of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity along with his two brothers, Dick and Jim.

John learned the jewelry business from the ground up from his dad and mom who started “Coleman Jewelers” in 1927. John became very skilled at all aspects of the business, especially after his father died in 1972. He increased the store’s success with more than 40 years of hard work and perseverance. With a whole new way of selling jewelry coming from chain stores, it became time to close the store in 2015. The Gazette Times did a feature story, with a picture of John, which gave great recognition to the Coleman family for

serving the community with quality wedding gifts, jewelry and repair service for 88 years – the longest family-owned jeweler in Oregon.

John was a successful businessman, expanding into downtown commercial real estate and expanding his vineyard into producing wine and his own brand, “Pioneer Hopyard Vineyard”. Besides selling locally, he opened a section of his store into a retail wine shop. He also featured his wine at many community events.

He was an officer on the board of the Downtown Corvallis Association. John served his country as a Lance Corporal Marine in the Reserve Corps fulfilling his 6-year duty to the mandatory draft. He really enjoyed playing in the city commercial basketball league for 15 years and the many friends he made there.

Following his baptism into the Catholic faith, he became a very faithful member of St. Mary’s Church in Corvallis.

John was a quiet, strong-minded family man, kind and gentle. He was a true friend when help was needed – a man as good as his word. He will be greatly missed.

The family is very proud of John’s accomplishments and high spiritual values and struggle to insure him a place in heaven. “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

John is survived by his daughter, Kim Coleman and his son, Jason Coleman, grandsons Nicholas, Aidan and Liam, brothers Jim and his wife Sue, Dick and his wife Edy, Step-Children Dana Bakely and Tom Wilson, and many nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be on Thursday, June 9th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM with

Recitation of the Rosary beginning at 7:00 PM at McHenry Funeral Home.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral services this Friday, June 10th, at 10:00am at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 501 NW 25th St, Corvallis, OR 97330, followed by a reception at John's home.

Contributions in John's memory may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or to the Austin Family Business Program at the OSU College of Business sent in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th St, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR

Rosary

JUN 9. 7:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR

Funeral Service

JUN 10. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
501 NW 25th St.
Corvallis, OR

Tribute Wall

JH

“ John was one of the top athletes in the Class of '58 and I remember him from the CHS track team.....I moved from Corvallis many years ago, but it sounds like John carried on the family tradition of quality and customer service at Coleman Jewelers...prayers to his family.

Jim Hathaway - June 26, 2016 at 11:01 AM

Pat Frishkoff

“ I always enjoyed my time with John, most especially when we sorted through the family and business memoirs from the basement of the store.

My condolences to all of his family.

Pat Frishkoff - June 10, 2016 at 08:36 AM

PF

“ My condolences to the Coleman family. I always enjoyed the time that I spent with John, especially as we sorted through the boxes of memorabilia from the basement of the store. He will be missed.

Pat Frishkoff - June 10, 2016 at 08:31 AM

PF

“ Pat Frishkoff lit a candle in memory of John N. Coleman



Pat Frishkoff - June 10, 2016 at 08:28 AM

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“ *Pat Frishkoff sent a virtual gift in memory of John N. Coleman*



Pat Frishkoff - June 10, 2016 at 08:27 AM

JS

“ *I always enjoyed going into the store. He was always there to help and I bought many gifts and items from them. I come to Corvallis in 1960 but left in 2002. I was sorry to read he had closed the store, but understand times do change. He will be missed by many.*
Sincerely
Judy Rutland Simons

Judy Simons - June 08, 2016 at 11:30 AM