



William Doty Coleman

January 25, 1925 - November 29, 2013

Coleman, William Doty age 88 of Superior Township passed peacefully November 29, 2013. Beloved husband of 46 years to the late Beatrice. He is survived by seven sons and six daughters: William Jr. of Waterford, Lester (Ruth) of Unionville, TN, Linda Griebe of Ann Arbor, Sharon of Ypsilanti, Kermit (Annie) of Canton, Gary (Mark) Colemansmith of Vancouver, WA, Kenneth (Pam) of Saline, Ronald (Amparita) of Ann Arbor, Karen (the late Mitch) Gnagi of Ypsilanti, Sheila (Vern) Powell of Ann Arbor, Janet (Nick) Figarra of Ypsilanti, Kimberly (Kirk) Rose of Saline, and Daryl (Judy) of Chelsea. Proud grandfather of 38 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Jean (the late Art) Braham, Mayola (the late Bill) Beeson, Marjorie (the late Sam) Currie, Kathleen (Don) Hockenberry, Bernell (the late Dale) Eicher, Joseph (Maria) and Blaine (Marlene). Brother-in-law of Margaret Jorgensen (Steve Drozdowski) of Pinckney and Evelyn Jorgensen. He was preceded in death by his daughter Doris (stillborn in 1969), and sister and brother-in-law Diane (Galen) Ansell. Mr. Coleman was born to Doty and Emma (Banner) Coleman on January 25, 1925 in Lycippus, Pennsylvania and graduated from Georges Township High School in 1943. He enlisted in the Navy on May 26, 1943 and served on the USS Queenfish. He was honorably discharged on March 17, 1946, as Fireman First Class. He came to Michigan from Pennsylvania in 1947 and married Beatrice Jorgensen on December 31, 1947 in Denton, MI. He retired in 1985 from Hoover Ball & Bearing in Ann Arbor. He farmed with his wife on Gotfredson Road. He enjoyed reading,

crosswords and Sudoku. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 PM and Funeral Service Thursday at 11 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth (734) 459-2250. Interment at Cherry Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice. To share a memory with the family or leave a message of condolence, please click on the view and send condolence link on this page.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Doty Coleman*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Steve remembers him fondly and sends condolences to all the children, especially Karen who we see regularly.*

Steven & Gail Phillips - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, prayers go out to the family.
Michael Fleming WRHS Class of 1971*

Michael Fleming - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Coleman Family. Margaret Cantrell-Wilson
WRHS 1974!*

Margaret Cantrell-Wilson - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Your family has done a great service for our
community for years.
WRHS Class of 1978*

Barbara Burnette - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

TB

“ So sorry for your loss, my heart and prayers go out to all of you.
WRHS class of 1970.

Terry Richards Brady - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

FF

“ So sorry for your loss. He certainly raised a wonderful family. Hope you have lots of happy memories to sustain you during this difficult time. Fran Fletcher, WRHS class of 1967.

Frances Fletcher - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

SS

“ So sorry for your loss, Kermit.

Shelly Stephens - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

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“ I am so very sorry for your loss we can never prepare ourselves for the death of a love one and ever so hard when it is a parent...My prayer is with the Coleman family that you will have special memories of your Dad and always remember that he still lives on in you are you are a part of him...I was in school with Kermit WRHS 1973

Paula Horton (Johnson) - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

LF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am thinking of you at this time, and hope you are comforted by your memories of both your dad and mom.

Lauretta Leaveck Flynn - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

RR

“ Sorry to hear of his passing,shopped at his markets because his son Lester was kind to my wife and I back in the 70s.

Roger Robinson - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

DB

“ MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO MR COLEMAN'S FAMILY. MAY YOU FIND COMFORT IN YOUR MEMORIES.

DOREEN BARKSDALE - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

JF

“ Our deepest condolences in the passing of your daddy. May he rest in the sweet loving arms of Jesus. We are thinking of you all at this time. All our love, Jeff, Kathy, Jillian, Elijah, Jeffrey and Emily.

Jeff and Kathy Eicher and family - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

DJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

Daniel James - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

SH

“ My thoughts & prayers to all of you on the loss of your dad...May God give you His comfort & peace @ this sad time...Sue Hawkins, WRHS "76".

Sue Hawkins - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

SO

“ I love you grandpa. Did you have fun with the hippies? Do they like the same tunes you do? I hope you found a Taco Bell that was open. Love You Grandpa, Sofi

Sofi - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM