



## J. Bruce Coleman

May 9, 1953 - September 6, 2019

Jesse Bruce Coleman, 66, of Oak Ridge, passed away peacefully on September 6, 2019, after a 10 month battle with cancer.

Bruce was retired after 42 years of employment with General Foods/Kraft Corporation. He was born and raised in Lynchburg, VA. He graduated from E.C. Glass High School, Lynchburg, and received a BS Degree in Business Administration from Virginia Tech University. He was an avid Virginia Tech Football fan and an active member of The Hokie Club. He was a lifelong member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Appomattox, VA.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Cleo Coleman of Lynchburg, VA and his wife of 25 years, Judith Anne (Jeffcoat) Coleman of Oak Ridge.

Bruce is survived by his sister, Brenda Isaac (Steve) from Charleston, WV; nephews, Matthew Fidler (Sharry) from Richmond, VA and Patrick Fidler (Kristy) from Charleston, WV; an uncle Kenneth E. Coleman (Dot) from Appomattox, VA, an aunt, Sallie Martin from Floyd, VA; one great niece, Liliana Fidler and two great nephews, Benjamin Fidler and Coleman Fidler; a number of loving cousins, close friend, Steve Perdue, and furry feline companion, Francy. Family would like to express a special thank you to Steve Perdue and James and Debra Chumley for their loving care given to Bruce in his final months. The family is also very grateful to Dr. Brad Sherrill, the staff of Cone Cancer Center and the staff of Beacon Place Hospice House for the excellent and compassionate care that Bruce received.

A celebration of life will be held at 12 PM, September 21, 2019 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Appomattox, VA, with the Reverend John Flood officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Trinity Cemetery Memorial Garden Fund, c/o Linda Moore, 1390 Morning Star Road, Appomattox, VA 24522 or a charity of your choice.

Forbis and Dick Guilford Chapel is serving the Coleman Family and online condolences may be offered at [www.forbisanddick.com](http://www.forbisanddick.com).

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Trinity United Methodist Church

8671 Stonewall Road, Appomattox, VA, US, 24522

**SEP** **Celebration of Life** 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Bruce was a great friend. He was always there for you . Bruce and Judy are now resting together and they are happy. Bruce was always there for me if I needed him he is a and will always be and Judy my friends. He helped me move 2x's along with other things and he always a kind and caring guy R.I.P ...

**Pam Clark** - September 19 at 06:40 PM

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“ Jim and Patti Holder purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of J. Bruce Coleman.



**Jim and Patti Holder** - September 17 at 07:55 PM

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“ My sympathy to the family - Bruce is my second cousin. My dad, John Sparks, from Greensboro, NC, always enjoyed talking with Bruce and delighted in his being such an enthusiastic VA Tech football fan and alum. So sorry about his passing. Celia Ford

**Cecilia Sparks Ford** - September 14 at 01:08 PM

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“ Just learned about this. Bruce was a great guy and extremely devoted to his Virginia Tech Hokies. I met him through the Hokie Club. Was not aware of his illness. Rest in peach and best wishes to family and close friends in moving forward- Tom Hughes- Pinehurst, NC

**Tom Hughes** - September 13 at 08:28 AM

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“ Bruce has been my good friend for 47 years, since we first met at the Phi Sig house at Virginia Tech. He has always been sharp minded, kind hearted, and enjoyed nothing better than hosting his friends. I fondly remember going on 2 "road trips" with him to see the Kentucky Derby while we were in college, and several more with our mutual friends, Steve, Chuck, and Taylor Perdue to see VT bowl games in Florida. As usual, Bruce was the organizer and driving force behind these fun-filled excursions. It was my pleasure to be a regular at his famous VT tailgates since 1992.

My wife Sharon and I were also close with Judy, as we would often stop by and visit her and Bruce in Oak Ridge as we traveled back and forth between Virginia and South Carolina. Bruce always had a cold beer, a good laugh, and a warm greeting for us whenever we came by. The same was true when we went to help him clean out his mom's house in Lynchburg after she passed a few years ago. And we are just the tip of the iceberg with Bruce's huge network of friends. It is no exaggeration to say he will be missed - I know we will miss him. He was a great friend! Here's to you Bruce!!

**Randall German** - September 11 at 01:24 PM

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“ Randall German lit a candle in memory of J. Bruce Coleman



**Randall German** - September 11 at 01:03 PM

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“ I'll never forget Bruce's special laugh and cheerful greeting whenever we would meet at one of the many VT events over the years. Going to the next one without him there will be difficult for all of us. He'll be greatly missed.

**Richard Millard, VT 1976** - September 10 at 05:50 PM

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“ Richard Millard lit a candle in memory of J. Bruce Coleman



**Richard Millard** - September 10 at 05:49 PM

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“ William Courtland Lukens II, VT 1977 lit a candle in memory of J. Bruce Coleman



William Courtland Lukens II, VT 1977 - September 10 at 10:41 AM

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“ Bruce was my brother since Spring of 1974, a Phi Sigma Kappa at Virginia Tech. He was a leader of our fraternity not just at school, but in the ensuing decades.

He was funny, dedicated, caring, loving, concerned son of Virginia. He and I shared a great trip in the summer of 1975 to the Phi Sig national convention and on to upper Wisconsin to see my family.

For years he was the organizer and motivating force for our Virginia Tech football tailgates. His barbrque was the best.

He leaves us with great memories of fraternal love and the power of friendship. He is missed by many.

William Courtland Lukens II, VT 1977 - September 10 at 10:40 AM