



## William J. Coleman

January 21, 1933 - November 6, 2019

Coleman, William "Bill" age 86, died November 6, 2019 in Shelby Township. He was born on January 21, 1933 in W. Hartford, CT to John and Elizabeth (Donohue) Coleman. Bill grew up in Connecticut and upon graduating from high school he joined the US Navy. After his military service, he started a family with Joan and they had 4 children. He owned a gas station in Bristol, CT. In the 1970's he divorced and moved to Clawson and married Charlotte who had 3 children, and they had another child. While living in Clawson he proudly served as a volunteer fire fighter in the community. Later he was employed as a truck driver and met Nancy Hodge (she already had 4 children). The couple were married on April 24, 1981 and made their home in Huntington Woods. Bill was known as "Mr. Ronson" for his extensive collection of Ronson lighters. He was an avid collector and amassed thousands of lighters, having many vintage styles from the 1910-1940. Bill also volunteered regularly at Our Lady of LaSalette at the annual White Elephant Sale. Bill and Nancy previously owned a cabin in Mackinaw and the loved "everything Mackinaw." For many years the two would walk the "Big Mac" on Labor Day. Beloved husband of the late Nancy. Loving father of the Susan (Nick) Pinto, Linda (David) Brown, Karey (Maury) Camacho, Steven (Lisa) Johnston, Steven Coleman, Edward Coleman, Gina Boucher, Diane (Rick) Coleman, Jimmy (Krista) Coleman, Joe (Rose) Coleman, Sherry Coleman and Chip (Deb) Coleman. Also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dear brother of Betty Grecco, Barbara Statler, the late

brother Richard (Sheila) Coleman and Fred Coleman. Visitation Saturday 11 am until time of funeral 2 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Interment Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak. Memorial contributions to any charity of your choice. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street  
(south of 12 Mile Road)  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 9. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
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## Funeral Service

NOV 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

NOV 9. 2:45 PM (ET)

Oakview Cemetery  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ From Mike Greenen: knew Bill in Clawson, MI as a volunteer fireman. He actually got me interested in being a fireman and started out as a CD wannabe member but I slept through most fire sirens because they wouldn't give me a fire dept radio to wake me up. So I finally left the department but stayed close friends with Bill till he got hurt at a fire. I always like Bill for his need to help other less fortunates. We loss contact after that but always wondered what happened to Bill. Glad I ran across this obituary and now I know.

Mike Greenen, Tawas City, MI - March 10, 2021 at 08:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William J. Coleman.



November 08, 2019 at 02:46 PM

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“ 64 files added to the tribute wall



Nick and Sue Pinto - November 07, 2019 at 05:39 PM

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“ Wendy, Charlotte and Todd Luczak purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of William J. Coleman.



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Wendy, Charlotte and Todd Luczak - November 07, 2019 at 04:40 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William J. Coleman.



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November 07, 2019 at 11:45 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William J. Coleman.



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November 07, 2019 at 08:49 AM