



Robert John Coleman

May 10, 1951 - December 16, 2025

Robert John Coleman, 74, of Simpsonville, beloved husband, father and “Grandpa”, died Tuesday, December 16, 2025, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer’s.

Born in Travelers Rest, he was the son of the late James Robert and Emma Beatrice Looper Coleman.

To say he was a car enthusiast is an understatement. He was an avid lover of racing and could be found working on cars, even while battling Alzheimer’s. Robert served countless clients as the owner of R. J. Coleman Automotive in Berea for many years. He and Donna enjoyed the fellowship and friendships that were made as members of Berea First Baptist Church, where Robert served as a former Deacon, usher/greeter and served in various capacities at the Reaching Center. Above all, he loved his family, adored his grandchildren, and was fond of his canine companions.

Those left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife, Donna Reaves Coleman; his loving children, Adrian Smith (Holly) and Dawn M. Brenneman (Keith); grandchildren, Brooke, Mackenzie and Trevor; his cousin, Jan Crabtree and numerous surviving cousins.

A visitation will be held on Friday, December 19, 2025, from 10:00 am until

11:15 am at The Howze Mortuary in Travelers Rest. The funeral service will follow in the Chapel at 11:30 am. Burial will be in Mountain View Memorial Park.

The family would like to express their grateful appreciation for the care that Robert received from Interim Healthcare Hospice and from the staff at Brookstone Terrace of Simpsonville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org/sc, or to Berea First Baptist Church, Reaching Center, 529 Farris Bridge Rd, Greenville, SC 29611.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com.

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest is in charge of arrangements. (864) 834-8051

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memorial Park

7 Duncan Rd
Travelers Rest, SC 29690
(864) 834-3184

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Funeral Service

DEC 19. 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



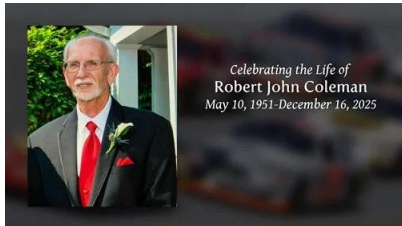
“ *The Howze Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Robert John Coleman*



The Howze Mortuary - December 18, 2025 at 11:12 AM



“ *The Howze Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert John Coleman*



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“ *linda bridges lit a candle in memory of Robert Coleman*



linda bridges - December 18, 2025 at 12:37 PM

ND

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you at this time of need.

Nancy Donegan - December 18, 2025 at 11:37 AM

GV

“ Robert was my very best friend in high school, really! We lost contact at some point when I was in college in Colorado. But I have always missed him and thought about him. We played lots of basketball together at the Furman gym, shooting set shots from near half court and making them. He and I even went to Florida together taking my surfboard but on his car, a Chevelle I think. I was so proud of Robert making the TR High varsity basketball team ... I only ever made the JV team. We went to movies, ate at a popular Greek owned drive-in restaurant high school hangout in Greenville. We were good natured academic rivals, each of us finishing in the top 3 in our Class of 1969 at TR High. He was a wonderfully kind friend to me. I have already missed him so much, but now will miss him even more. I love you Robert!!!

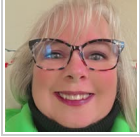
George Varn - December 18, 2025 at 08:31 AM

 Shirley Ammons

“ Sorry to hear about robert passing away he was a great man and will be missed alot prayers are with the family in the coming days and weeks ahead.



Shirley Ammons - December 17, 2025 at 01:05 PM



“ *Nancy Lance lit a candle in memory of Robert Coleman* ”



Nancy Lance - December 17, 2025 at 12:55 PM