



Dr. William H. Coleman

February 18, 1940 - May 11, 2023

William H. Coleman (Dr. Bill) of Scottsboro AL, age 83, went home to the Lord on May 11th, 2023. He was born in Birmingham AL on Feb. 18, 1940 and attended Jemison HS followed by Alabama College (now Montevallo) before then obtaining a PHD in Anatomy and an MD from UAB School of Medicine. Dr. Bill continued his goal of teaching by training Medical Students throughout his distinguished career as a Family Physician. He took the Specialty of Family Medicine forward as President of the American Academy of Family Physicians, promoting Rural Medicine at the State and National level, and working with Congress and President Clinton's White House collective to assure Health Care remains available to all.

Although Dr. Coleman's professional achievements are robust, it was his compassion for others that leave a lasting legacy serving with International Medical Missions, the Lion's Club and their Vision Initiative (recently becoming only 1 of 12 inductees thus far in the Lion's Club Hall of Fame), and the local Mercy Place Celebrate Recovery at First UMC of Scottsboro. Dr. Bill's personal passions included being a Bama Fan, working in his (way too big) garden & yard, loving his Grandchildren, and fellowship with friends.

Dr. Bill is survived by his daughter Sharon Royal, son Dr. Hardin Coleman (Frances), and Grandchildren Stephen & Brandon Royal and Kate & Will Coleman along with several very special nephews & nieces. He was preceded

in death by his parents Edgar Hardin & Ruth Coleman, his brother John Coleman, and recently by his beloved wife of 61 years, Johnnie Frances Gross Coleman.

The family will receive visitors May 15th, 5 - 8 pm, at the Scottsboro Funeral Home and hold a Celebration of Life Service at 3pm on May 16th in the Fellowship Hall of First UMC of Scottsboro with burial to follow in Gross Cemetery. As his Final wish, the Dr. William H Coleman Nursing Career Advancement Scholarship has been created to Promote further training of his respected nursing friends & colleagues at Highlands Medical Center.

In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to support this endeavor and can be sent to the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation c/o the Coleman Family Foundation; 5700 West 112th St, Suite 200, Overland Park KS 66211. The family also sends a special heartfelt thanks to Highlands Home Health and Heartlite Hospice.

Arrangements Entrusted to Scottsboro Funeral Home

Cemetery Details

Gross Cemetery

AL HWY 79
Scottsboro, AL 35769

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **15**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Scottsboro Funeral Home
1502 County Park Road
Scottsboro, AL 35769
(256) 574-3965
scottsbороfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.scottsbороfuneralhome.com>

Celebration of Life

MAY **16**. 3:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church Scottsboro
1105 South Broad St.
Scottsboro, AL 35768

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. William H. Coleman*

October 05, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ *I am so sorry to learn of Bill's passing. Bill was a giant in so many ways, but the way I knew him best was via our mutual involvement with the Rural Medicine Program. There is no way we will ever know how many underserved people in rural Alabama have received medical care because of the tireless efforts of Bill. He was a valued colleague, friend, and mentor. Like many, my life was enriched by Bill. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Larry Wt

Larry Wit - May 16, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ *Dr. Coleman was one of the most remarkable persons that I have ever known. He was my boss and my friend for nearly ten years, and we worked closely together at the UAB Huntsville Regional Medical Campus. He was always so full of enthusiasm no matter what project we worked on, and simply seemed to love life completely. His emphasis on servant-leadership was inspirational. I will miss him greatly.*

Delia and I are so sorry that we cannot attend the Celebration of Life. We are in Chicago for the month of May. Our hearts go out to the family.

Kyle & Delia Siegrist

Kyle Siegrist - May 16, 2023 at 01:25 PM



“ 5 files added to the album *UAB Work*



Caleb Lenox - May 15, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Scottsboro Funeral Home and Pinehaven Memorial Gardens - May 15, 2023 at 11:18 AM

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“ 5 files added to the album UAB OFHeR



Caleb - May 15, 2023 at 11:05 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. William H. Coleman.



May 15, 2023 at 11:00 AM

CM

“ Sad to hear of Dr. Coleman's passing. He was with me when my two sons were born 42 and 39 years ago. He was always very caring and attentive. Thankfully his son is carrying those qualities on.

C McLain - May 14, 2023 at 03:57 PM

LB

“ Dr. Coleman was my doctor for many years. He was caring and compassionate, the best in his field. Years ago when my son was born the company I worked for went out of business and the insurance refused to cover our medical bills. When I went for my follow up visit I broke down, crying, telling dr. Coleman what happened. He was so sweet and cut my bill WAY down. I never forgot his kindness ☐



Lisa Brown - May 13, 2023 at 05:54 PM

JC

“ Dr. Coleman and his wife were instrumental in my youth. They let me tag along on many adventures growing up as a friend to Hardin. I got to experience many things I would not have otherwise. A quality man and family. Sending prayers to the family. You will be missed Doc.

Jeff Chaney - May 13, 2023 at 10:28 AM

BC

“ Bill was a trusted friend and colleague. His contributions to medicine and to rural Alabama are great and long lasting, but it is his loving respect for everybody he met and with whom he worked that will shine forever. He was that rare person who had great passion and solid integrity, no matter how heated a situation or how irritating something might have seemed. There's not another like him.

Bill Curry - May 12, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. William H. Coleman.*



May 12, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ *What a wonderful Dr. I had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Coleman for 46 years as a person and my Dr. for 25yrs. Dr. Coleman talked me into having a procedure done and the first thing he told me when I came too was, well I saved your life today. We lost a treasure when we lost Dr. Coleman. May God Bless him and his family.*

Rayford Latham - May 12, 2023 at 02:32 PM