



Curtis Reginald Coleman

December 28, 1954 - April 7, 2024

Curtis Reginald Coleman was born December 28, 1954 in Albany, Oregon to Helen and James Coleman of St. Paul, Oregon. He passed away on April 7, 2024 at Salem General Hospital due to MDS and the complications of pneumonia.

Never married, Curtis is survived by his siblings, Katherine Sheehy of Santa Maria CA, Cornelia Coleman of Portland, OR, Christopher Coleman and Caroline Richter, both of St. Paul, and Clinton Coleman of Canby, Oregon.

Curtis grew up in St. Paul, Oregon and attended St. Paul Parochial School and St. Paul High School, graduating in 1973 from Newberg High School. Keenly interested in business, he became a securities and equities broker in Portland during the 1980's and 90's, beginning his career at M.S. Wein and ending at Paulson Investments in Portland, Oregon.

After a 16-year career as a stockbroker, he relocated to Santa Maria California in 2003. There, he pursued his education at Allan Hancock College while assuming stewardship of the historic San Ramon Chapel in Sisquoc, California. In 2005, he put his studies on hold to return to Oregon to assist his family in providing end-of-life care for his father, James Coleman. Upon his father's passing a year later, he was encouraged by family members to remain as his mother's companion and caregiver, ensuring that she could continue

living in the family home. He unselfishly assumed this role, providing her with the care, companionship and security she needed in her later years. During this period he resumed his studies, this time at Portland State University. Intellectually curious, he studied financial markets and political systems with equal gusto, unconcerned about sitting in classes with students decades younger than himself, always willing to provide perspective and real life examples as well as pinpoint analyses of any topic under discussion. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science in Fall of 2015 and was making plans for grad school when he was diagnosed with Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), a rare form of blood cancer. Curtis spent his last years fighting his illness while living in St. Paul in the home of his sister, Caroline Richter.

Curtis was intelligent and attractive, with a wry sense of humor and an infectious personality that won him many friends. Music was his life-long passion. He got his first guitar when he was 25, practiced diligently, and became a proficient and expressive musician, developing an encyclopedic knowledge of artists, instruments and musical styles as well as receiving invitations to play in professional sessions. At an early age he understood the importance and responsibility to help others, as attested by the sensitive and loving care he took of his parents in their waning years, a testament to his unselfish generosity of spirit. He was an attentive listener and an expert giver of advice and his kindly heart and humorous spirit will be sorely missed by all his siblings.

There will be a funeral mass on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 10:00 am in the St. Paul Catholic Church, in St Paul, Oregon. Interment will follow at the St. Paul Catholic Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul Catholic Cemetery

St. Paul, OR 97137

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Paul Catholic Church
20217 Christie St.
St. Paul, OR 97137

Tribute Wall

SH

“ So sorry to hear of Curtis' passing. I wish I had known he was living so close. He was always a happy guy in school with a quick witt and laugh.Hugs for you all...Shelly(McKillip)Bernhardt

SHELLY(MCKILLIP)BERNHARDT - May 21, 2024 at 03:25 PM

“ Dear Katie, Connie, Chris, Clinton, Caroline

It's always very difficult to put into words that will help grieving hearts as words are created by human minds when it's God's precious creation that has left the earthly bounds.

Curtis was always a 'leader' of the pack as I remember him as a little boy. The last time I was blessed to spend time with him was on one of the last visits with your Mom at her home. He was very quiet and inward in that conversation which definitely was his serious side.

I remember him best as a little kid bustling about your home with intent and purpose which wasn't easily divulged but always had a definite reason behind it.

One experience that has been and continues to be a favorite in my treasure chest of family gatherings, I can still visualize today. One afternoon Wayne and I were visiting with your Mom which was one of our favorite excursions as we always leaned on every word she said about her past and the experiences of growing up and her early adult days. Curtis, Connie, Caroline and Clint joined us later in the day. We were invited to stay for dinner with all of you. Of course, we never would turn down a dinner invitation at the Coleman house. Curtis and Connie proceeded to put together a lasagna with a process that I had never seen before. Being curious as to why they didn't cook the noodles, Curtis revealed the secret to it's success. . Apparently, he and Connie had made a lasagna together at one time after having enjoyed the contents of several glasses of wine, maybe even several bottles! The layering of uncooked noodles in the casserole dish was a result of the glow of the wine. The results were a fabulous dish! And it truly was! I haven't cooked lasagna noodles since.

I can only imagine how painful it is to lose your older brother especially at such a young age. He truly was a great inspiration to

all of you as you were growing up. May you find peace and comfort in your memories many of which are known only unto each of you.

May God continue to watch over your family. Curtis is truly resting in the arms of his precious parents and those of your family that have gone before him to guide him on his final journey. A joyous reunion!

*Love to each one of you,
Carol*

Carol Hawke - April 30, 2024 at 02:24 PM

CH

“ *Carol Hawke lit a candle in memory of Curtis Reginald Coleman*



Carol Hawke - April 30, 2024 at 01:50 PM

LH

“ *Lorri (Hawke) Headrick lit a candle in memory of Curtis Reginald Coleman*



Lorri (Hawke) Headrick - April 16, 2024 at 05:08 PM

TL

“ *Teresa Larson lit a candle in memory of Curtis
Reginald Coleman*



Teresa Larson - April 16, 2024 at 03:44 PM