



## John Allen Coleman

November 4, 1943 - May 25, 2014

In Loving Memory John Allen Coleman John Allen Coleman was born November 4, 1943, seventh of the ten children of Ernest and Alzina Coleman. He grew up on the family potato farm in Hay Springs, Nebraska. His early recollections are of taking the back seat out of the family car and filling it with big 50 pound bags of potatoes. He and his mother would drive through the countryside, stopping at each farmhouse where very young Johnny would go to the door and ask, "Would you like to buy some good dry land potatoes?" So began his career in sales. John entered Friends Academy in Haviland, Kansas as a high school freshman and was there through junior college (6 years total). It was there that he became part of the popular and widely-traveled barbershop/gospel quartet called The Kingsmen, singing bass in his deep and clear voice The Kingsmen Quartet was offered full scholarship to attend George Fox College and represent GFC in deputation, so he continued his education there for the next two years. At GFC he met his wife, Donna Wilhite. They were married on June 19, 1965. John graduated from Southern Oregon College in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. He spent the next six years as teacher, vice principal, and principal in various public schools. In 1972 John entered the real estate field as salesman and broker, eventually owning his own company, John Coleman Realtors. After 38 years in the real estate field, John became an insurance adjuster in 2011. Other interests of John's were building and remodeling houses, singing concerts with his family, writing biographical books,

documenting family history with pictures and videos, attending gospel music concerts, scoutmaster, and church activities. John loved to travel and has been in every state except Hawaii. He enjoyed two trips to Alaska and a trip to Costa Rica. John was optimistic, friendly and outgoing. He had a gentle kindness about him, and was full of many happy stories and light-hearted jokes. He loved meeting old friends over coffee and making new friends. He was always connecting with people, even up to his last moment. John Coleman died on May 25, 2014. He is survived by his wife Donna; daughters Janet (and Adam) LaMotte, Donelle Drohman, and Julie Coleman; grandchildren David, Jeff, Kate, John, and Anna Drohman; sisters Elsie Cate, Rose (and Emerson) Eckert, Annie (and Scott) Wadsworth, Ruth (and Herb) Stone; brothers Jim (and Dot) Coleman, Steven (and Faith) Coleman; sisters-in-law Marellen Coleman and Hazel Coleman; and countless other relatives and friends across the nation. Memorial gifts may be made to Barclay College Music Department, 607 Kingman Ave, Haviland, KS 67059.

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ As a Real Estate Broker - I was very lucky to work along with John - it came as a shock to know he had passed - I pray the family finds peace knowing he made an impact in many peoples lives - he was truly a person touched by God. Sincerely Johanna & Glenn Hopfer - Newberg, Oregon

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**Johanna Hopfer** - June 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I hope you can find comfort in God's promise that He will soon end all reasons for distress, even death. (Revelation 21:4)

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**Emily** - June 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Sending love to Julie, Donna, Donelle, and Janet, all all who loved John. I remember him as such a fun loving and gentle person, and co creator of a joy filled household, which was always a pleasure to visit. You are all in my prayers and in my heart. Wish I could be there for the funeral. I'll be there in spirit. Love and big hugs. Ami Davolt Campbell

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**Ami (Davolt) Campbell** - June 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Your family in our hearts in your time of sorrow. Sorry for your loss. Love to all. ---Glenna & Bill Davolt

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**Glenna Davolt** - May 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM