

Arthur Edward Coleman

A Celebration of Arthur's Life is being held on Sunday, April 18, 2018 from 1 to 4 PM @ The Ripe Tomato; 2721 State Route 9; Ballston lake, NY. Please rsvp to his daughter Liz @ 518-322-9290 (text or call) by 3/25/18.

Arthur E. Coleman, 79, of Ballston Lake, NY, loving husband, father, brother and uncle died Friday, January 19, 2018. He is pre-deceased by his mother, Grace (Derosia) Coleman, father, Martin Coleman, Sr. and his sister, Suzanne (Coleman) Morris. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Barbara (Van Sickle) Coleman, the love of his life. They have three children; Elizabeth (Douglas Fish) of Clifton Park, NY, Robert and Douglas both of Ballston Lake, NY, brother, Martin Coleman, Jr. of Mt. Tabor, VT, granddaughter, Lillian, and several nieces and nephews.

Art was born in Rutland, VT on April 19, 1938. He is a graduate of Burr and Burton Academy, Manchester, VT, where he discovered his passion for chemistry and where he gave the commencement address in 1981. Majoring in chemistry, Art earned his Bachelor's degree, *cum laude*, from Harvard College in 1960 (where he was a member of Adams House). In 1967, he earned a Ph.D. in chemistry at R.P.I. Shortly thereafter, he started Silar Laboratories, Inc. During his career he authored several patents for silicone chemicals.

During his retirement, Art enjoyed fly fishing in the Battenkill and Big Branch, VT. He spent time volunteering on stream stabilization and habitat improvement projects with USGS, US Fish and Wildlife and Trout Unlimited. He also coordinated roadside cleanup efforts along a section of route 113 in Greenwich, NY. He was an avid woodworker and spent time on his land in Mariaville, NY managing the wood lot and planting trees as a certified Master Forest Owner. He enjoyed wood walks and the Eastern NY Woodworkers Association annual woodworkers show in Saratoga Springs, NY. He volunteered at the Landis Arboretum in Esperance, NY where he also funded the Art and Barbara Coleman Lilac Collection and other projects.

Art will be remembered and missed for his hard work, generosity, and loyalty to his family. A celebration of his life is being planned. Many thanks and appreciation to the doctors and nurses who took care of him.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be sent to The Landis Arboretum, or Trout Unlimited Burnt Hills, NY. With confidence, the family has placed their trust in the loving care of the Townley & Wheeler Funeral Home, 21 Midline Road, Ballston Lake, and they encourage you to view and leave messages on Arthur's Book of Memories at www.TownleyWheelerFH.com.