



Harry Francis Coleburn

August 29, 1938 - May 11, 2025

Harry Francis Coleburn, 86, passed away peacefully on May 11, 2025, at the McLeod Hospice House in Florence, South Carolina.

Born on August 29, 1938 to Colton Park Coleburn and Lilla Frances Long, in Berrien County, Georgia, Harry lived a life marked by dedication, service, and deep personal passions. After graduating high school, he answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Navy March 11, 1957. Assigned to aviation as a radar technician, Harry performed numerous reconnaissance missions across Europe until completing his service on March 9, 1961.

In 1963 after a year of courtship, he wed Amanda Ann Hempel of Hahira, GA, a relationship that continued until his passing. June 9, 2025 would mark the 62nd year of marriage for Harry and Amanda. That same year marked the beginning of a remarkable professional journey with International Business Machines (IBM). Over the course of 47 years, Harry built a distinguished career supporting his customers. His unwavering commitment and tireless work ethic earned him the respect of colleagues and clients alike until his retirement in 2010.

Outside of work, Harry's life was rich with interests that brought joy both to Harry and those around him. A lifelong enthusiast of racing, college football,

and baseball, Harry shared these passions generously over the years. Yet it was his love for raising champion pug dogs that truly stood out. His dedication to the breed led to numerous honors and culminated in the proud achievement of showing at the Westminster Dog Show at Madison Square Garden in New York in 2019—a testament to his expertise and devotion.

Harry and Amanda also found peace and fulfillment in tending to their gardens and flowers season after season. Tomatoes were a particular favorite, and they took great pride in nurturing each plant with care.

A devout Christian throughout his life, Harry was an active member of Trinity Methodist Church in Darlington, South Carolina. He served faithfully in many capacities over the years and lent his voice to the church choir for much of that time.

More than anything, Harry was a loving husband, father, and grandfather—beloved by all who knew him. His legacy lives on through cherished memories held by family and friends whose lives were enriched by Harry's presence.

Harry is survived by his wife Amanda of Darlington, SC, his son, Jonathan (Misty) of Greer SC, his granddaughters Chelsea of Greenville, SC, Madeline, Delaney, Mahalie and Vivianne of Greer, SC, siblings Sue Chancy-Davis (Jimmy) and James Coleburn (Pat) of Hahira, GA and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by the passing of his parents, Colton and Lilla, and his grandson, Alistair, of Darlington, SC.

May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him. A visitation will be held on May 19, 2025, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm at Trinity Methodist Church, 126 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC, followed by a church service from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm. The graveside service will be held, following, from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm at Florence National Cemetery, 803 E National Cemetery Road, Florence

SC.

In lieu of flowers, the Coleburn family asks that donations be made in Harry's memory to the McLeod Hospice House in Florence, SC.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **19**. 1:00 PM (Est)

Trinity Methodist Church
Pearl Street
Darlington, SC 29532

Tribute Wall

PD

“ I have so enjoyed getting to know both Mr. Harry and Mrs. Amanda over the last few years. Y'all were such an inspiration to so many and I loved hearing your stories and memories you both have experienced. Please know you and your family remain in my prayers during this sad time. Much love, Paula Dana



Paula F Dana - May 29, 2025 at 06:50 PM

Jl

“ Jimmy,Lollie,Celeste,Jackie&Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harry Francis Coleburn.

Jimmy,Lollie,Celeste,Jackie&Families - May 17, 2025 at 08:05 PM

Jl

“ Jimmy,Lollie,Celeste,Jackie&Families purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Harry Francis Coleburn.



Jimmy,Lollie,Celeste,Jackie&Families - May 17, 2025 at 08:05 PM

AM

“ May God’s peace surround you and uphold you through this difficult time. Sending up prayers for the entire family.



A. McRavin - May 17, 2025 at 03:31 AM

JF

“ James and Pat and our family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harry Francis Coleburn.

James and Pat and our family - May 16, 2025 at 11:13 AM

JF

“ James and Pat and our family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Harry Francis Coleburn.



James and Pat and our family - May 16, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry Francis Coleburn.

May 15, 2025 at 05:23 PM

DC

“ Amanda Richard and I send our condolences, Thoughts and prayers. Harry will surely be missed.

Danielle Craft - May 14, 2025 at 07:57 PM

YF

“ *Your Covenant Church Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harry Francis Coleburn.*



Your Covenant Church Family - May 14, 2025 at 01:37 PM

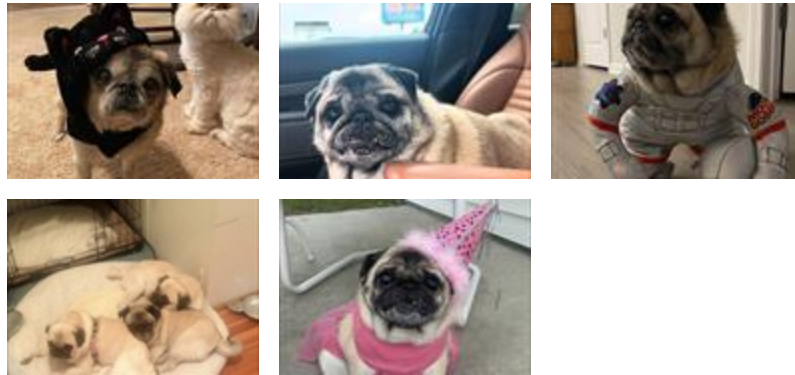
CC

“ *Harry was a good friend and a great neighbor when I lived in Darlington. The last time I saw Harry was at Joe's grill and we talked about the good old days. Harry will be missed my prayers and thoughts are with his family at this time. So sorry for your loss*

cecil chandler - May 14, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ Harry and Amanda have been so special to my family for a long time. My grandparents (Marion and Margaret DeWitt) were members of Trinity and Amanda taught my grandmother’s Sunday school class. My family (Jim and Sissy DeWitt Carroll) have been lucky enough to have had 5 (2 of them mine) of Harry’s pugs as pets. I had Sweet Pea for almost 16 years. When she passed, it was like a grief so deep - I just cannot describe. My dad called Harry and let him know about Sweet Pea. A few weeks later, my parents drove to Harry and Amanda and picked up Little Bit for me. That was in October 2020. I have no children, I have never been married and Harry’s pugs have meant more to me than I can express. Sweet Pea and Little Bit are the most loving, sweet, comforting natured dogs. I will forever be grateful to Harry for being blessed with these two special pugs. Harry wouldn’t let just anyone have one of his dogs. Grateful to have had so many in our family - but especially Sweet Pea and Little Bit. Thank you, Harry. I never got to tell you how much your dogs meant to me and how much they have helped and gotten me through in life.



Marian Carroll - May 14, 2025 at 08:51 AM

TH

“ *Amanda we are so very sorry at the loss of your dear Harry. He was such a wonderful man and he will surely be missed by all who knew him.* ”



Tyson and Eleanor Hubbard. - May 13, 2025 at 07:07 PM

“ Harry was one of the finest men that I knew. He was ALWAYS positive to a fault. My wife and I shared many meals with him at various Darlington eateries. When I was in seminary, he was one of my biggest cheerleaders and encouragers. He and Amanda loved my wife, and Amanda and Amy share the same medical profession, so they enjoyed some discussions about that. After seminary, Harry actively recruited me to serve his church (Trinity Methodist Church) as pastor, and there is no greater compliment he could give me, but I was already committed and called elsewhere.

Harry loved a certain sermon I gave once, and he was there for it. It went something like this, and I'm abbreviating:

The very best lesson my past life taught me, a life held hostage too long in “the world,” was this.....

With persistence, drive, and a little bit of knowledge, I can make a problem into a much worse problem.

We all go through things that don't make sense, but God wouldn't have allowed it if it wasn't going to serve His plan. This is when you have to dig down deep and say, “God, I don't understand this, but I trust You.”

Pain is a marvelous teacher.

Thank the Lord I had a praying friend in Harry!

But for the grace of God go I, largely due to people like Harry who believed in me as God and I rebuilt my life and sent me into ordained ministry and chaplaincy.

Amy and I send love to Amanda and to his entire family.

Yours in Him,

*Rev. Andy Williams, MC
Pastor, Elim Methodist Church
The Oates Community of Lamar, SC
Chaplin, Bethea Retirement Community
Darlington, SC*

Rev. Andy and Amy Williams - May 13, 2025 at 02:53 PM

EM

“*Harry was a great friend and coworker at IBM Florence for many years. His customers and coworkers had the greatest respect for his expertise and dedication to everything he did. May God bless and comfort his family.*”

Ernie McCormick - May 13, 2025 at 02:34 PM

PB

“*Pat Bazen lit a candle in memory of Harry Francis Coleburn*”



Pat Bazen - May 13, 2025 at 02:11 PM

PB

Harry and Amanda and Johnathan were the best back door neighbor's for years. And His Mom Ms Frances. Sure will miss seeing him around Darlington. Great family.

Pat Bazen - May 13, 2025 at 02:13 PM

EG

“ Amanda. Our thoughts and prayers are with and Jonathan and all the family. We always enjoyed being with him and working with him. He was such a wonderful man
Gene and Elaine



Elaine and Gene - May 13, 2025 at 01:57 PM

CC

“ Harry was a good friend and a neighbor for a long time when I lived in Darlington. He will be remembered my prayers and thoughts are with his family at this time.

cecil chandler - May 13, 2025 at 12:48 PM

MW

We so enjoyed being with Harry so much on our dog show adventures across america. He was my idea of a true southern man. Loved his family, God and was always so kind. We will miss him so much.

Mrs. Phyllis Williams - May 13, 2025 at 01:15 PM