



Ryland Coleman Hazelwood

July 9, 1935 - June 21, 2025

Ryland Coleman Hazelwood, 89, of Toano, VA, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2025.

Born and raised in western James City County, Ryland graduated from Toano High School and lived a life rooted in hard work, service, and love for the outdoors. He served in the Virginia National Guard and worked for Dow Chemical for 11 years before returning to his roots as a farmer and commercial fisherman, following in his father's footsteps. While many retire in their 60s, Ryland continued working into his late years, serving as the property manager for a local game reserve for the past 30 years.

Ryland was an avid outdoorsman who found joy in fishing, crabbing, and bird hunting. A loyal fan of the Washington Commanders and the New York Yankees, he rarely missed a game. He loved the simple pleasures of life—hosting friends and family for fried catfish and steamed crabs fresh from local waters, watching his beloved bird dogs out in the field hunting and pointing at quail and chuckers. He especially enjoyed spending time with his longtime friend Larry White.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Velasco and Ruby Hazelwood, and his brother, Kenneth. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Brenda; his son, Ryland Jr. (Anita); stepson, James (Robin); and grandchildren, Ryan, Ella,

and Sophie. He also leaves behind many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, June 25th, from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, Virginia, 23140.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Toano Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and the wonderful doctors and nurses at Sentara Hospital for their dedicated care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the James City-Bruton Volunteer Fire Department, 3135 Forge Rd., Toano, VA 23168.

Ryland's presence, laughter, and stories will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Tribute Wall

JH

“ I was saddened to learn today of Ryland’s passing. He was a good man and one of my fondest memories was working for him one summer during my college years. Sympathies to Ryland Jr and the other family members

Joseph E. Hubbard - August 09, 2025 at 02:09 PM

RA

“ I always admired Ryland, He was always a gentleman and friendly.

Ruth Adams - June 26, 2025 at 11:04 AM

DD

“ Debbie Dzula lit a candle in memory of Ryland Coleman Hazelwood



Debbie Dzula - June 25, 2025 at 01:15 PM

DD

“ We all have fond memories of Ryland . As for me, I will always be grateful to him for being the loving son in law he was to our Grandmother. The memory of Ryland will be in our hearts forever. Until we meet again

Debbie Dzula - June 25, 2025 at 01:14 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - June 25, 2025 at 06:57 AM

SH

“ *Susan Hicks lit a candle in memory of Ryland Coleman Hazelwood*



Susan Hicks - June 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM

HW

“ *HENRY WARD lit a candle in memory of Ryland Coleman Hazelwood*



HENRY WARD - June 23, 2025 at 03:46 PM

LK

“ *I have wonderful memories of my Uncle growing up. Whenever I saw him, he was always happy to see me. Although our paths rarely crossed, he has always remained part of my family. May he rest in peace.*



Laura Key - June 23, 2025 at 02:14 PM