



James Frederick Cole

December 12, 1942 - April 21, 2014

Raleigh, NC – James Frederick Cole 71 of Woods Ream Drive Raleigh, NC and formerly of Bluefield died Monday April 21, 2014 in a Raleigh, NC hospital. Born December 14, 1942 he was a son William Paul Cole, Sr. and Harriet Foote Cole. Paternal grandparents were William Jacob Cole and Mary Holbrook Cole, and Maternal grandparents Frederick Norman Foote and Nora Thompson Foote.

He attended Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bluefield, WV and graduated from Bluefield High School in 1960, attended Marshall College (later Marshall University) from 1960 – 1962, then he attended Appalachian Bible Institute during the fall semester of 1962.

He began working summers at Cole Baking Company in 1958 and after the death of his father he began working at Cole Motor Company in January of 1966. Upon the death of his mother in 1969 he also began helping Edna Smith take care of foster children. He simultaneously took classes and graduated Bluefield State College.

In 1988 he moved with the Smith family to Raleigh, NC where he became a substitute teacher at Wake County Schools from 1990 – 2013. During his Raleigh stay, he took classes at North Carolina State and St. August. He was also an accomplished pianist and organist at both Cokesbury United Methodist Church and Jenkins United Methodist Church in Raleigh. Jim enjoyed dancing, photography, and history. Jim played in many local churches where he made countless friends.

Survivors include his brother, William Paul Cole, Jr. and his wife Carol of Bluefield, WV, nephews Senator William Paul Cole, III and his wife Brownie, Charles McHugh Cole and his wife Terri, Thomas Jacob Cole all of Bluefield, as well as great nieces and nephews, adopted sister Sevealyn Smith of Raleigh, NC, foster children Lolita S. Chapman and her husband William, Glenda J. Smith and Linda H. Lee and her husband John, Matt Young and his wife Charlene all of Raleigh, NC, foster grandchildren as well as God children. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday April 26, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 2:00 P.M. with Rev. Terry Edwards, Rev. James Palmer, Dr. Felicia Williams and Rev. Garry Moore officiating. Entombment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Princeton, WV where nephews Jason Cole, Lee Cole, Chaz Cole, Will Cole, Christian Cole, Cameron Cole and Jacob Cole and foster son Matt Young will serve as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to service time. Donations in his memory may be made to The Wade Center, P.O. Box 777, Bluefield, WV 24701.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory of Bluefield is serving the Cole family.

Cemetery Details

Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Previous Events

Service

APR **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *James Frederick Cole*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Denise Page lit a candle in memory of James Frederick Cole*



Denise Page - May 09, 2014 at 12:29 PM



“ *Dear Paul and Family....words cannot express our feelings on your loss of brother Jimmy.. we feel we "kinda" grew up with him during those wonderful years at Claytor Lake...so many memories to cherish.
Our sincere thoughts & prayers are with you and all of the Cole Family.*

Jim & Tonia Russell, Bluefield WV

Jim Russell - April 27, 2014 at 03:46 PM

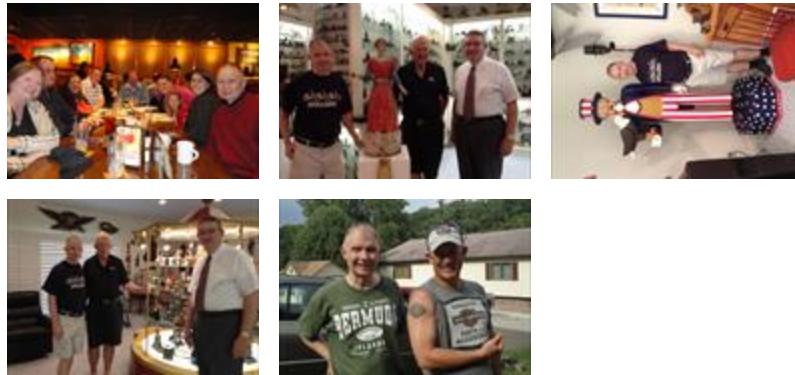


“ *Jim was a kind and gentle man. He love the Cole family reunion and we loved him.*

John & Sandra Cole Fowler & Family - April 25, 2014 at 09:47 AM

KS

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Karen Spracher - April 25, 2014 at 09:10 AM



“ *My HEART GOES OUT TO THE COLE FAMILIES MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU THAT YOUR HEARTS ARE AT PEACE.I WORKED WITH PAUL YEARS AGO.I DETAIL CARS I REMEMBER HIM IN THE BREAK ROOM GOOD MORNING AND READING A BOOK.LATIONIA MANNS*

Lat'tonia Manns - April 24, 2014 at 10:14 PM

DG

“ *My deepest condolences to the Cole Families in their great loss. Jim was a best friend for 53 years! Good Memories of worshipping together at Immanuel; at Summer Assemblies at Massanetta Springs, a steak dinner at the Cole Cabin, plus the innumerable visits to The Maples. Jim has taken his place with all God's saints, in glory everlasting. Let the perpetual light shine on him.*
David Gentry, Bluefield, WV



David Gentry - April 24, 2014 at 03:17 PM

MB

“ Paul and family, my sympathy is with you and your family on the loss of Jimmy. He was a wonderful friend, and such a giving individual. He always had a smile and a kind word. I have wonderful memories of him. Cherish your memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Marie Blackwell



Marie Blackwell - April 24, 2014 at 09:59 AM

ST

“ Paul and family, I want to express my sympathy in the loss of Jimmy. I remember him working at Cole Motor Company and how he would sit at lunch time and read the dictionary. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Stephenia Strike Tibbs

Stephenia Strike Tibbs - April 24, 2014 at 07:13 AM

PC

“ Princess Clemons lit a candle in memory of James Frederick Cole



Princess Clemons - April 23, 2014 at 11:41 PM

EA

“ Ernest And Ann Adams lit a candle in memory of James Frederick Cole



Ernest and Ann Adams - April 23, 2014 at 11:40 PM

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Ernest and Ann Adams - April 23, 2014 at 11:39 PM

GA

“ Ginger Adams lit a candle in memory of James Frederick Cole



Ginger Adams - April 23, 2014 at 11:35 PM

PT

“ Ply Gem AP Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Frederick Cole.



Ply Gem AP Team - April 23, 2014 at 11:26 AM

BS

“ Jimmy was one of my dearest first cousins and a patient teacher/mentor to me as a small child. He was the only person who was willing to spend hours on end with me at our Nanny and Poppy Cole's huge home in Bluefield and stimulate my interest in such arcane subjects (for such a young kid) as U.S. government & politics, world geography, the Spanish language, and even playing the piano. He taught me how to peck out "Country Gardens" with one finger and I can still play it today! Anything I've achieved in my military/government career is partly attributable to his wonderful teaching skills. Jimmy was the most generous, unselfish person I have ever known. During recent phone calls, despite his aggressive, fast-moving cancer that was obviously causing him terrible pain, he stayed upbeat and committed to visiting with us again at the annual Cole family reunion this summer. He never gave up on life or lost his positive attitude. Even though it's sad that such a gentle, caring person is no longer with us, we can be consoled in the blessed assurance that he has now joined his dad Paul, Sr. and his mom Harriett in the joyous, loving presence of the Lord. Rest in peace, Jim. Your many relatives and friends already miss you!

With ever-lasting love and admiration,

Bill

(sent by William Cole Spracher, first cousin, Woodbridge, VA, on behalf of wife Karen, daughter Luciana, son-in-law Craig, and granddaughter Emilia)

Bill Spracher - April 23, 2014 at 09:32 AM