



Raymond Cole

September 29, 1938 - October 14, 2023

Raymond Cole, 85 years of age, left his earthly body on October 14, 2023. Raymond was one of those people who could do most anything, whether it was related to electrical, plumbing, painting, flooring, roofing, automobiles, etc. He had the innate ability/talent to repair or rebuild almost anything. His wife, Gloria, said they had never paid anyone to take care of anything in their houses, cars, golf carts, lawn mowers, or their grandson's wagon. He could do it all and did as long as he was able. He was always willing to help anyone in need, whether it was family or strangers. He gave his time to his community, serving on City Council in McIntyre, GA in earlier years.

Raymond joined the U.S. Navy while still in his teenage years and served as a machinist. He had the great adventure of sailing to both the North and South Poles twice during his years in the Navy. He had great stories of these years and actually compiled them into a book for his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He loved fish fries, family gatherings and eating the best food prepared by his wife, Gloria. He was a member of the Irwinton Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Gloria Sauls Cole, his son, Randall (Regina), daughters Debra Williams (Joey) and Donna Bryant (Curtis) and grandsons, Brian Cole (Chasity), Kevin (Becca) and Kyle Williams (Allison) and Cole Bryant, and 5 great grandchildren, Bryson Cole, Luke, Finn, Vivi and Vali Williams.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Williams Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mark Grinstead officiating. Interment will be at 2:30 in the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

The family will receive friends here at Williams Funeral Home on Thursday from 12:30 until the service hour.

Flowers accepted and those who wish the family has request contributions to St. Judes Childrens Hospital or Irwinton Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Georgia Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

2617 Vinson Hwy
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Previous Events

Receive Friends

OCT 19. 12:30 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville
1670 N. Jefferson St.
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Interment

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Tribute Wall



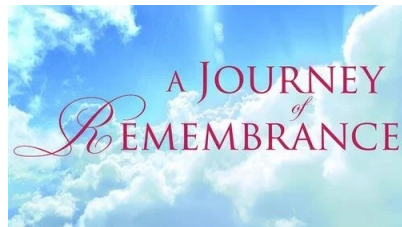
“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Webcast will start approximately 10 minutes before the service in memory of Raymond Cole



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - October 19, 2023 at 11:41 AM



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond Cole



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - October 16, 2023 at 06:09 PM

ES

I have a lot of fond memories of Raymond like so many others in this small community we live and grew up in. He and my brother joined the Navy together I believe but served in different places. In his book he wrote about Jerome losing his life while serving the USA Navy. That meant so much to me. He'll be missed by all who knew him! He and Gloria have a beautiful family that we love!

Evelyn Stratford - October 19, 2023 at 09:12 AM

JB

“ Gloria I am so sorry to hear about your husband. I just heard about this. I didn't know him but I hear he was a very kind person. He's in God's house now but that doesn't help the missing him. Take care of yourself and I am thinking of you.

Jean Black - October 31, 2023 at 04:59 AM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Friends at Johnnie McDade.



Luther Minor - October 21, 2023 at 10:23 AM

FS

“ Dear Kyle & the Cole family:

Please forgive me, because of a previous commitment, I'll not have the supreme honor of attending the visitation/funeral today. But, please accept my sincere, deepest, Christian condolences at this very difficult time. I trust you'll embrace the perfect GRACE our Redeemer so readily offers in the days, weeks, months & years ahead. God bless the Cole family.

Your Christian Friend,

“Mr.” Felton

Felton Swicord - October 19, 2023 at 11:52 AM

SB

“ To the family: We are so sorry to hear about Mr. Raymond. May the wonderful times and memories that you shared help to bring you comfort.
With deepest sympathy, Tony and Susan Budrys



Susan Budrys - October 18, 2023 at 01:00 PM

SK

“ Ms Gloria, Debra, Donna & Randy,

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. After talking with Steve about Mr. Raymond, he said he worked with him at Springhill many yrs ago and always thought a lot of him. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts & prayers at this time.

Steve & Paula King - October 18, 2023 at 11:47 AM

SU

“ Susan Strickland here. Raymond is my uncle on my mom's side. My dad had such respect for him and always said he was a great guy. Very high praise from my dad. I wish your family peace.

susancanter - October 18, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - October 18, 2023 at 07:53 AM

PL

“ *RIP friend. Praying for family.*

Philip Lord - October 17, 2023 at 08:28 PM

DP

“ *Gloria & family. I know this is a sad occasion for you all. A void left in your hearts and households. But not for Raymond. He's rejoicing in his forever home. The first time I met you, Gloria, and Raymond, was when I was hanging out with Judy and Glenda and we visited you both at the home next to Fountains' Hotel. You are on my prayers and in it heart. May God fill the emptiness in wonderful ways. Dianne 'Jackson' Parker.*

Dianne Parker - October 17, 2023 at 12:16 PM

SG

“ *I personally did not have the pleasure of ever meeting Mr. Cole but was blessed with working with his daughter, Donna. I could tell that you did an excellent job raising a loving family. Also, was blessed with the cakes and candies that your wife and Donna cooked with love too. I know they will miss you but know that due to illness that you are in a much better place and all those sweet memories will see them thur this sad time. Sending prayers of comfort. Sue Jones, Macon, Ga*

Sue Jones, Macon, Ga - October 16, 2023 at 09:37 PM

SP

So very sorry.

Sandra Jones Prosser - October 17, 2023 at 02:02 PM

SV

“ *Susan Veatch lit a candle in memory of Raymond Cole*



Susan Smith Veatch - October 16, 2023 at 09:36 PM

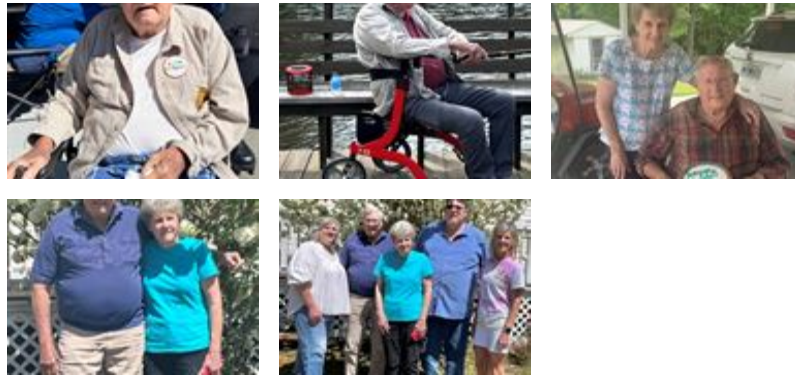
SV

“ *So very sorry for your loss. praying for family.*

Susan Smith Veatch - October 16, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *38 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - October 16, 2023 at 06:10 PM