



John W. Cole

December 14, 1933 - January 29, 2018

John Whitley Cole (Age 84) went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 29, 2018. Beloved husband of Betty for 59 years. Loving father of Linda (Dean) Choma, Lisa (Kevin) Hille, and John A. Cole. Proud Grandfather of Justin, Rachael, Joseph, Lily, Sophie, and Jacob. Dear son of the late Myrtle and the late Cloyd Cole. Also leaves his beloved sister Mary (Larry) Brown and his brother Curtis Cole.

Mr. Cole was born in Barbersville, Kentucky on December 14, 1933. Growing up, he never missed a day of school and made sure his grandchildren knew the importance of a good education.

Mr. Cole served in the United States Army as a tank commander and general store manager in Alaska.

He was the owner and broker of Century 21 John Cole Realty in Redford, Michigan where he served and touched the lives of many people for 38 years. His motto was "trust is our biggest asset." He worked very hard and received many honors. He was the past president of Western-Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors and the past president of the Redford Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Cole built his home in Plymouth, Michigan where he loved to sit on his porch and talk with his grandchildren, feed the birds, spot the deer, and plant his garden. He had the best tomatoes and always made sure his family and friends had plenty. He was an avid deer hunter and enjoyed golfing.

Mr. Cole loved giving back to the community and had a special place in his

heart for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. He always wanted to make sure every child had a toy on Christmas Day. He was so loved and respected by many and will be truly missed.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, February 3rd 10:30 AM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (Between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Visitation on Friday 5-8:30 PM. Memorial tributes may be made to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. Interment United Memorial Gardens-Plymouth.

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Cemetery Details

United Memorial Gardens

4800 Curtis Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *John W. Cole*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *One of my first, best memories was working with Lisa, giving the Century 21 office in Redford a "facelift".....We wallpapered, using our womanly expertise, and passed the John Cole test! We love you and you will be missed, Mr. Cole!*

Elizabeth Alamat Rozmarniewicz (the triplet)

Elizabeth Alamat Rozmarniewicz - February 01, 2018 at 01:04 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of John's passing..John and I had many good social and business occasions. He was a good and kind person...Sympathy to his family. Sincerely, Al and Janice Marshall....*

ALBERT MARSHALL - February 01, 2018 at 12:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John W. Cole.*



February 01, 2018 at 12:34 PM

MA

“ *Joan Davis and Mary Lou Paton will be praying for you, Betty and family in the loss of John. Many good memories that is for sure. May God bless all of you during this time of sorrow, He is now enjoying good health again and seeing all his old friends including John and Ralph.*

MaryLouPaton - February 01, 2018 at 11:39 AM

CJ

“ *Curtis, Connie, Curt Jr, Michelle. Kevin, Jeff purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of John W. Cole.*



Curtis, Connie, Curt Jr, Michelle. Kevin, Jeff - February 01, 2018 at 10:01 AM



“ *Uncle John, I want to thank you for all the great memories you left for your children but, also for all of your nieces and nephews. I will cherish forever our Christmas get-togethers when we were all kids. Are Easter excursions to Kentucky, and staying at Travelers Inn to visit family and friends in Barboursville. The Easter egg hunts in the motel rooms when the weather was bad. The snowmobile riding in the backyard. Linda, Lisa, Johnny, Michelle, Kevin, Jeff, and myself, putting on plays for you Aunt Betty my mom and dad in your foyer. Since you are an Army Vet, I am sure you will understand the following. Stand Down we have the watch. Godspeed Uncle John you are loved and will be missed!*

Curt Cole - January 31, 2018 at 07:36 PM



“ *Condolences and prayers to the family*

Duane

Duane Wilson - January 31, 2018 at 07:31 PM

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“ *John was a very nice man. I know he will be missed. Our prayers go out to the family and friends who knew him. Sincere condolences, Love, Nancy and Leon Stern and the Seal family.*

Nancy - January 31, 2018 at 04:55 PM

LM

“ *We love you all and we are praying for strength, peace and hope for all of you during this time. Rest in Peace Mr. Cole!*

Love, Mike, Laura, Griffin and Jordan Modjeski

Laura Modjeski - January 31, 2018 at 04:52 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John W. Cole.*



January 31, 2018 at 04:13 PM

PE

“ Dear Cole Family, I am so sorry for your loss. John was a kindred spirit! I shall miss my conversations with him. Please know the time & care that you bestowed on him is priceless. Peace & prayers,
Peggy & "Vicki"

peggy - January 31, 2018 at 03:26 PM

DM

My deepest sympathy to all who loved and cared for John...May he Rest In Peace.

Dawn Mullen - January 31, 2018 at 04:04 PM

JF

*There will never be another John Cole. When I first met John, I knew he was a gentleman of the good school. And as I worked and traveled with him, I knew I had been right. He had a smile that was contagious; he treated everyone equally; he never had a bad word for anyone. I am proud to have been his friend, and I will never forget him.
Jerry Flury*

Jerry Flury - February 02, 2018 at 07:55 PM