



James "Dennis" Cole

Jan. 10, 1947 - June 4, 2024

James "Dennis" Cole, 77, of Morganton, NC, passed away Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

Born in Harlan County, KY on January 10, 1947, he was the son of the late Charles Cole and Ruth Brooks Cole.

Dennis was a US Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He worked as a coal miner and welder in Kentucky and retired from Oak Hill Elementary School. He enjoyed singing and playing the guitar. He loved to be outdoors and gardening.

Dennis is survived by his daughters, Sharon Rose Cole, Melanie "Karen" Kaye Cole, Melinda Denise Cole, and Sherri Napier; grandchildren, Megan Forrester, Justin Bradley Cole (Gabrielle), Devin Scott Cole, Alexis Dawn Cole (Payam Mokhtarian), and Austin Cole; four great-grandchildren; and sisters, Sandra, Brenda, and Mary Ann.

In addition to his parents, Dennis was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Sue Holden Cole; son, Dennis "Shayne" Cole; brothers, Frank, Danny, Roger, and Raymond; and sisters, Florence, Sue, and Emma.

The graveside service will be held at 12 p.m., Friday, June 7, 2024 at Forest Hill Cemetery.

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Tribute Wall

Dennis was a really good friend. We worked together at Oak Hill Elementary up until he had to retire. He loved that old blue truck. We stayed in touch over the years. I am glad he has finally found peace and his beloved Peg..

–Donna Carson

I worked with Dennis at Eastover Mining Company. He taught me how to weld and was a great friend. It truly saddens me to hear of his passing.

–DONNIE R MCLAIN

To Karen, Sharon and Melinda, My condolences go out to you all. I am aware life with Dennis was difficult. May you all find peace.

–Michele Fugate

Dennis, even though you were not my biological father, you are the only father I know. I remember one day you looking at me and saying you know Family don't have to be blood does it? I said no it sure don't. I Remember coming to your house And bringing my coin collection to show you and you would show me Yours. Sometimes we would just sit and talk about nothing. I will always cherish those memories. I'm going to miss you so much. And I want to thank you for being in my life for 57 years. Mom is going to be with you now. We made sure that. and so will Shayne. I know mine would've wanted it that way and I know you do too. Mom loves you so and I know you loved her so now you're together

again.. Till we meet again

–Sharon Cole



Prayers for each of you. May God wrap his loving arms around you and give you comfort now and in the days ahead. Love you all.

–Joann Philpot

I sure am thankful for the time we had these past few years. I love you and will miss you. I hope you have found mom and can stop looking for her.

–Melinda