



Ernest Joseph Cole, Sr.

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Ernest Joseph Cole, Sr. passed away on Sunday, March 28, 2010.

Beloved husband of the late Shirley Smith Cole. Father of Ernest J. Cole, Jr. and spouse Ellen of Covington, Rebecca Cole of Mandeville, Susan Hargroder and spouse Michael of Dumfries, VA and the late Vicki Cole Hartong. Grandfather of Lydia Hargroder, Savanna, Mason, Caroline and Spencer Cole. Brother of Noralee Sahuque, Myra Patrick, Allen Cole, Calvin Cole and the late Howard Cole, Jr. Son of the late Howard F. Cole, Sr. and Ernestine T. Comfort Cole.

Ernest was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was a life long respected plumber in the community. He enjoyed working in his yard and watching his grandchildren grow up. His fun loving nature and silly jokes always put a smile on your face. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3061 and the St. Paul Athletic Association. A veteran of the U.S. Army.

Age 73 years. A native of Metairie, LA and a resident of Covington, LA for the past 46 years.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral mass from E.J. Fielding Funeral Home Inc., 2260 W. 21st. Ave., Covington, LA 70433 on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 11:00 AM. Visitation on Tuesday from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM and on Wednesday from 9:00 AM until service time.

Interment in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to St. Joseph Abbey, 75376 River Rd., St. Benedict, LA 70457.



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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.



May 21 at 8:46 AM



Jennifer James posted:

He was a great man.

April 13 at 6:33 AM



Wayne Mayberry, lii posted:

Ernie you and Ellen, as well as, your sisters have been in my prayers. Your father was an asset to this community, and we will all feel his loss. Know you are in my thoughts. Best to you always, Wayne Mayberry SPS-85.

April 12 at 6:24 PM



Gail B Deleon posted:

I am so very for your loss. I know how hard it is to loose your parents, especially so close together. I am sure your Dad and Sid are stiring things up. My love and prayers are with you. Gail deLeon

April 8 at 2:19 PM



David & Kim Price posted:

Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. We were sadden to hear about Cousin Ernie's passing. Take comfort that he is in a better place & with his love Cousin Shirley.

April 5 at 6:42 PM



Therese Allen-Varndo posted:

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT THIS TIME, AND JUST REMEMBER HE IS NOW HAPPY ONCE AGAIN WITH MS SHIRLEY

April 4 at 1:52 PM



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EH

Ed & Kim Harvey posted:

Dear Ernie and Family our deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved father, he was a wonderful person I know as for me I sure miss the days of living on Magee st. and seeing your father pass down the road with that bigger than life smile. You & Your Family are in our prayers..Always The Harveys Ed , Kim , Shane & Tyler

April 1 at 12:16 PM

DM

Deirdre Milewski posted:

How lucky am I that I had the chance to know Ernie? Even if just a little bit? He and Shirley gave me my very special friend Becky and I will be forever thankful. My prayers and hugs go out to the whole family and know I am with you in spirit. You know that Ernie is dancing with Miss Shirley in Heaven! My love to all of you. Deirdre

March 31 at 2:21 PM

BP

Bobe & Sybil Parker posted:

I am so sorry that we were unable to attend Ernie's service's. Our hearts and prayers are with you all. Ernie was a great guy and a dear friend. Love forever.Bobe&Sybil

March 31 at 6:57 AM

SD

Scott Davis posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family today. Scott Davis Scott's Plumbing & Repairs

March 31 at 6:40 AM

GS

Gail Sensebe posted:

My deepest sympathy is extended to the entire family on your great loss. Mr. Ernie provided excellent plumbing service and advice on various other home improvements. And, of course, he always had an amusing story or joke to share. What a dear man; he will be missed by many.

March 31 at 4:58 AM



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PF

Paul Farmer Jr. posted:

Dear Ernie, Becky, Susan and family. I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. The loss of a parent is so difficult. Your Dad was special and loved by many. May the good memories you have of him wash away your sorrow. Take care.

March 31 at 3:32 AM

MD

Mark And Liam Dixon posted:

I was saddened to hear this evening of the loss of your father. We will keep you in the prayers of our family.

March 30 at 7:45 PM

RB

Rick And Liz Beter posted:

to the Cole family, we were shocked to here of your sudden loss. Mr. Ernie was a "salt of the earth" kind of man. He was genuine, honest, hard working, and a great plumber! To lose both Mama Cole and him in such a short time has to be tough on you, as siblings. We experienced the same loss with Rick's parents. Please know that we are keeping you in our prayers and thoughts... love y'all Ricky and Liz Beter

March 30 at 4:38 PM

KJ

Kim Renfro Jenkins posted:

So sorry to hear about your loss. I was very good friends with Vickie until her untimely passing in April, 1986. I really never met Mr. Cole, but knew him and the rest of the family through Vickie. My deepest sympathy.

March 30 at 4:20 PM

CG

Carol And Ralph Gutierrez posted:

Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. Carol and Ralph

March 30 at 1:18 PM



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BM

Blanche E. McCloskey posted:

Your father was a very special man...loved by so many. My prayers are with each of you Sincerely,
Blanche McCloskey

March 30 at 12:51 PM

PW

Phil Williams posted:

What a fine man, great dad, and super friend! His passing leaves a hole in all of the lives that Ernie touched. But he is reunited with his beloved Shirley. God bless!

March 30 at 12:47 PM

JN

Jim Northey posted:

Earnie Sr. was one of the men I respected most. I'm sorry for your loss. Jim Northey Northey
Plumbing

March 30 at 11:06 AM

SG

Susan Gainey posted:

Becky and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Susan

March 30 at 7:31 AM

CP

Carolyn Pierre posted:

May he rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

March 30 at 5:06 AM

RR

Robbie And Julie Rogers posted:

We loved him and we will miss him so very much.He was a card!! Our love goes out to all of his
children and grandchildren.

March 29 at 2:38 PM



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TG

Tim Griffith & Debbie Speed/Griffith posted:

Our deepest sympathies to the Cole family. Mr Cole now rests with the Angels! I remember him as a young boy riding my bike to his house selling candy. He had a joking personality and liked to kid around alot! My wife Debbie and her mom Shirley Speed, send their love to the family as well! May GOD BLESS and comfort you all during your time of loss! He will be missed!

March 29 at 2:18 PM

CF

Carolyn Sprehe And Family posted:

Dear Ernie and family, What a huge loss for all of you and for so many in the community who loved your dad so very much. He was a part of our lives for over 30 years and we will truly miss him. Our prayers and love are with you at this difficult time. With love and sympathy, the Bob Sprehe Family

March 29 at 2:11 PM

RB

Ray & Joycelyn Baum posted:

So sorry to hear of your father's death. You know he was so well liked by all.

March 29 at 1:22 PM

LM

Lori (Reed) Martin posted:

Ernie has been part of our family since his army days in 1961. At Las Cruces, New Mexico, he and Shirley served as my Godparents. On the same day, my parents served as Godparents to Vicky who was born a few days after me. Our families have had a special bond all these years since, and I hope many years to come. Susan, Ernie and Becky, our lives were touched by you all, and my sisters and I have the most precious memories of those childhood visits. We will miss Aunt Shirley and Uncle Ernie so much, just as we miss Vicky. Our prayers are with you. Love, Lori, Bob & Tyler Martin

March 29 at 11:50 AM

JM

John And Sandra Mendoza posted:

I have very fond memories of the bbqs and football games at the Smith's house, by the Number 2 pump station in Metairie. Of small game hunting trips and fishing from rowed skiffs in the lake. Of great debates about politics, sports and other topics. Of the great love of a husband for his wife, the great love of a father for his children and grandchildren. And, of his great love of the Lord. Ernie is a good friend, a great cousin and we look forward to the day when we will see you again.

March 29 at 8:50 AM



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PE

Paul Esser posted:

Our thoughts & prayers go out to you and your family.

March 29 at 8:46 AM

PB

Patricia Bonneau posted:

I was so sorry to read about the passing of Mr. Ernie. He was a wonderful person inside and out. I think of him whenever I look at my shower. He will be sadly missed. I know he is in heaven with his beloved wife. We are keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers.

March 29 at 8:19 AM

TP

Tracy Patterson posted:

As anyone can see from this guestbook Mr. Ernie was a man that touched many lives in many ways! I am thankful that I was able to get to know him and his family. His love for his family and God were admirable. My condolences to the Cole family, you had a wonderful father and grandfather. Our family was blessed to be able to enjoy his company, and he touched our hearts in a very special way! Until we meet again....we have an angel up above to watch over us all!

March 29 at 7:37 AM

CV

Chris Vicari posted:

To the Cole family: I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Mr. Ernie was an incredible man, father, husband and pillar of the community. He was an example for all of us to follow. I have many great memories of him that I will always treasure. I truly know how much grief you all must have at this time and I will pray that your grief is replaced with the joy of knowing that he has joined your loving Mother and Sister in eternal peace with our Lord.

March 29 at 5:55 AM

RB

Rusty Barkerding posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Many wonderful memories from the KC's, St. Paul's Athletic Association and around town in general. Rusty Barkerding and Family

March 29 at 5:55 AM



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HS

H. Paul Simon posted:

Although I had known Ernie only since Hurricane Katrina when I moved to the North Shore, I soon learned what a fine and highly- respected gentleman he was and with whom I quickly became friends.

March 29 at 5:43 AM

AS

Annette Sonnier posted:

My prayers and sympathy to all of you. My what a loss!! I remember his helping us at St. Peter. We could call him at any time(your Mom also)and he was right there. You children are so fortunate for the example your parents gave you--a great work ethic, importance of education,family, generosity helping others and church. My regrets that I will not be able to attend--know I will be there in spirit. With prayers, Annette Sonnier

March 29 at 5:31 AM

SA

Ssa Alumnae Association posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

March 29 at 4:56 AM

TB

Tab Bourgeois posted:

Ernie and family, I'm truley sad to hear about Mr. Cole, he was one of a kind. i can remember his joking around with us at the ball field as though it was yesterday. Ernie stand tall and be proud of the quality of man your father was. your in my thoughts, Tab

March 29 at 4:11 AM

KM

Karen Taylor Mcknight posted:

The Cole family has our deepest sympathies. Timmy, Elois and Tammy Taylor and Pat, Karen and Devin McKnight

March 28 at 3:13 PM



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AC

Audrey Casey posted:

My family was blessed to have him in our lives recently, he brightened our hearts deeply. I admired him greatly. He displayed his adoration that he had for his wife, children, and grandchildren on a daily basis. The entire Cole family was given the greatest gift of all by having him in their lives. Our hearts are severely broken by this loss.....The Casey Family

March 28 at 10:51 AM

DQ

Denise Quigley posted:

I was so shocked to hear of Mr. Coles passing. My thoughts are with you. I am sure that he is in the arms of his wife once again, his constant companion and love of his life. I am sure that it was a joyful reunion for the two of them as he passed over. Much Love, Denise Quigley

March 28 at 5:16 AM

CB

Charlie, Missy And Mindy Browne posted:

Our deepest sympathy from our family to yours....The Browne's

March 28 at 4:03 AM



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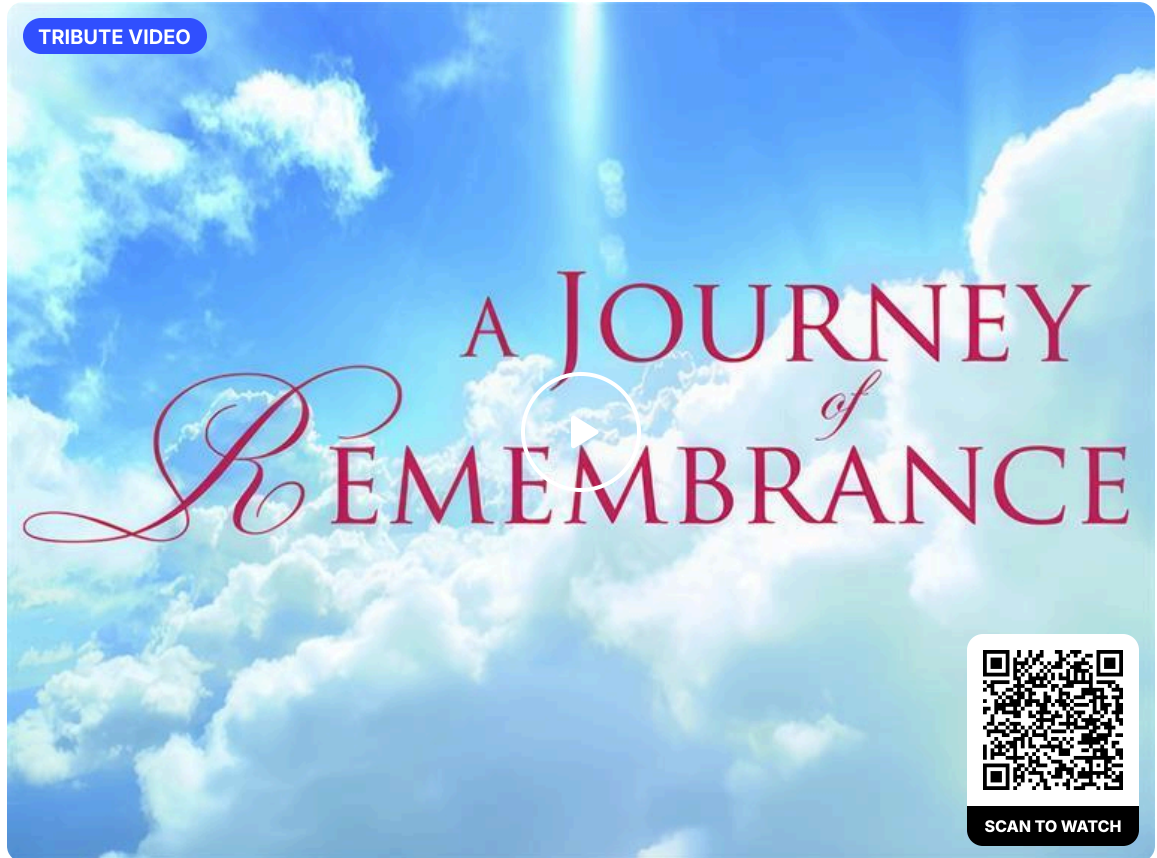
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ernest by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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