

Donald Leroy Cole

May 5, 1945 - July 16, 2022

Donald Leroy Cole, 77 of Mayview, Missouri passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at his home surrounded by family.

He was born Saturday, May 5, 1945 in Higginsville, Missouri, to the late Albert Cole and the late Betty (Gulley) Cole. He was a graduate of Mayview High School - class of 1964. After high school he joined the United States Army Reserves. He learned to operate heavy machinery in the Army which led to 34 years working for MoDot and owning his own excavating business for 40 plus years. Don also served his community by working as a Deputy for the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department.

Don married Diane (McLaughlin) Cole on August 15, 2009; they were married 13 wonderful years.

Don enjoyed being outdoors, hunting and fishing. Perhaps the greatest joy in his life was his grandchildren. Papa Don never missed a chance to spend time with them or attend their events. His granddaughter Kendall, enjoyed looking for frogs at the pond with him. She would name them and liked looking for the ones she had named. She was upset because one day she couldn't find her large bullfrog, Curly. Papa Don stayed out at the pond after she went home until he found her frog and then drove all the way to Raytown with the frog to show her he was alive and okay. He truly just wanted to make her happy and see her smile again. Papa Don loved his grandchildren and spending every second he could with all of them. Don will be remembered as a hard working, caring father, a doting Papa, and a loving husband. He will be greatly missed

by all he came to know.

Surviving are his wife, Diane of the home; three daughters, Kimberly Bowkley of Stockton, CA, Shannon Rinella of Higginsville and Alecia Groves of Lee's Summit, MO; two sisters, Carol Begeman of Blue Springs, MO and Darlene (Kenny) Fiegenbaum of Mayview; five grandchildren, Kendall Rinella, Adyn Edelman, Stori Groves, Finley Groves, Will Linton.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home 1600 Main St. Higginsville.

A funeral service will follow at 1:00 PM with interment and military honors in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery. Casket Bearers: Tommy Phillips, Jimmy Roller, Cameron Linton, Jeremy Hamilton, Caelin Linton, Jim Havner.

Memorial contributions may be made out to Family Choice C/O Diane Cole.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

20109 Business Highway 13
Higginsville, MO 64037
<http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home, Inc.
1600 Main St.
Higginsville, MO 64037
1-660-584-3400
hoeferfuneralhome@gmail.com
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Funeral Service

JUL 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

JUL 19. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Donald Leroy Cole*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Donald Leroy Cole*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM

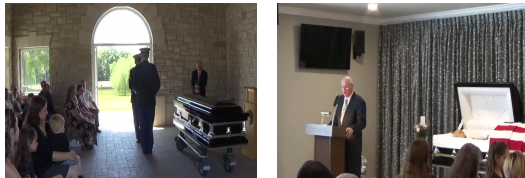


“ *Donald Leroy Cole*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



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Marshall Stewart Sr. - July 20, 2022 at 12:53 PM

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“ We love him so much !



Shannon Rinella - July 18, 2022 at 03:58 PM

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“ Here are a few more memories ❤️



Shannon Rinella - July 18, 2022 at 03:49 PM

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“ I have so many memories of the amazing man who became a dad to me. He was full of love and kindness, he was giving , he was simply the best man I have ever known!
My heart aches knowing I won't get to see his sweet smile until we meet again in Heaven. Life just won't be the same without him.
One memory that sticks out to me the most is how no matter what , Don would always be there for my family . It didn't matter the time, the day, or if he already had plans he would make sure to be there for us FULLY. He chose to not just play the part of my dad but to be a dad to my sister and I and Papa Don to my children and my sister's children. We will forever be thankful for him and miss him so much .

I love you , Don (dad)

Shannon



Shannon Rinella - July 18, 2022 at 03:26 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donald Leroy Cole.



July 18, 2022 at 06:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donald Leroy Cole.



July 17, 2022 at 06:45 PM