



James L. "Jim" Cole

May 26, 1942 - April 23, 2012

James L. "Jim" Cole, 69, of Bluffton, passed away Monday, April 23, 2012 at his home. He had been battling leukemia since February 29, 2012.

Jim was born in Garrett, Indiana on May 26, 1942 to Franklin and Kate (Redmond) Cole. They preceded him in death. He married Diana C. (Wyss) on February 4, 1967 in Fort Wayne and she survives.

Jim graduated from Garrett High School in 1960. He retired from Franklin Electric. Jim was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus where he served as a Grand Knight.

Jim is also survived by two sons, Bret Cole (Sherry) of Fort Wayne, Jame Cole (Hope) of Indianapolis, a twin brother, Joe Cole (Bonnie) of Garrett, a brother, John Cole (Pam) of Dayton, Ohio, a sister, Joanne Betts (Dean) of Fredonia, Kansas, seven grandchildren, Alicia Lewis, Heather Jones, Evan Cole, Holly Cole, Jake Cole, Hickory Cole and Hayden Cole.

Calling hours are 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home with rosary at 8:00 p.m. Calling is also one hour prior to services Friday at the church. A funeral mass will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton with Father Francis Chukwuma officiating. Burial will be in the St. Aloysius Cemetery. Preferred

memorials are to 1450 Catholic Radio or Right to Life.

Online condolences may be made at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Visitation

APR **27**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1300 N Main St
Bluffton, IN

Service

APR **27**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ James L. "Jim" Cole

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ I knew Jim from 1995 when I worked at a division of Franklin Electric here in Tulsa. He visited here representing the Benefits Department and addressed employees here, in Wyoming and Colorado with me. Traveling with him and getting to know him was a pleasure. He was a true professional in his field, a kind man and a devoted Catholic. I last saw him around 2000 or 2001 when he was here on business. Because I changed careers we lost track of each other, however I will never forget him. Sorry I just found out he passed away too young, but as they too often say, the Good die young. RIP my friend.

Randall Haslett - September 02, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ Life is so tender, so fragile, so very precious. God is our refuge and strength... Psalm 46:1 Thoughts of deep and sincere sympathy are with you at this time. Just wanted you to know I'm thinking of you during this difficult time. Tonight, when you look up, don't think of Jim as a Star. Think of him as a porch light, welcoming him safely home. Sending you thoughts of peace during your time of sorrow. Jim, I will miss your friendship these past many years.##imported-begin##Rick Stier##imported-end##

May 02, 2012 at 09:15 PM



“ Sorry for your lost I had the pleasure of knowing Jim when he did business with Wilburton FE.##imported-begin##Debby Martin ##imported-end##

April 27, 2012 at 02:33 PM



“ Surely, Jim was won of our favorite people. Glod's peace and blessings to you Diana, Brett and Jame as well as your families. We were deeply saddened to read of Jim's passing. Our friendship has always remained even as distance and job changes have taken us in different directions. Chance meetings at the airport as Jim and I traveled on business were always a welcome suprise. Popcorn and playing cards in the Cole kitchen linger as some of the good times we enjoyed with our kids and each other. Please accept our sincerest condolences.##imported-begin##Larry and Christie Myers##imported-end##

April 27, 2012 at 12:43 PM



“ Joanne,

So sorry to here of Jim's passing. My thoghts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##sandra james lockwood##imported-end##

April 26, 2012 at 10:28 PM



“ Dear Cole Family,
We are so sorry for your loss; we know Jim was a dearly loved dad
and grandpa.
With love and sympathies,
Eric and Kristy###imported-begin###Eric and Kristy
Cameron###imported-end##

April 26, 2012 at 05:34 PM



“ Keeping your family in our prayers!

Rich Wisel & Family###imported-begin###Rich Wisel###imported-
end##

April 26, 2012 at 09:39 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to your family - our prayers are with
you###imported-begin###David & Darlah Brennan###imported-end##

April 26, 2012 at 08:22 AM



“ Joanne, John and families,

We are so sorry to hear about your brother. Our thoughts and
prayers are with you all during this time.

Tammy and Lucy###imported-begin###Tammy Bowman and Lucy
Diosdado###imported-end##

April 25, 2012 at 09:09 PM



“ Diana & Family, I am so sorry to receive the news about Jim's passing. Jim will certainly be miss and he won't be for gotten. The class of 1960 lost a terrific guy as well as a friend and our DJ. You and your family will be my prayers during this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Janet (Skip) Bramel##imported-end##

April 25, 2012 at 07:16 PM



“ Diane,
My sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family. Jim was a wonderful man and I know he will be dearly missed. May God give you comfort in this time of need. We know Jim is now in the arms of Jesus. Again,know that you are in my prayers.
Kathy##imported-begin##Kathy Heckber##imported-end##

April 25, 2012 at 05:46 PM



“ we will keep you in our thoughts & prayers, and wish your heart peace. Bob & Bonnie##imported-begin##Bonnie Harris##imported-end##

April 25, 2012 at 05:28 PM



“ Our condolences to Diane, Bret & Jame and families.
Because of Jim and all of you our Bluffton experience with Corning Inc. was extraordinary. Your friendship will always be treasured.
Sincerely,
Pam, Tom, Joe & Nick##imported-begin##Thomas & Pamela Humenay##imported-end##

April 25, 2012 at 02:42 PM



“ Diane - my sympathy to you and your family. I was so glad to visit with Jim last week. Jim was a wonderful caring man and will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Deb Hidy##imported-end##

April 25, 2012 at 10:32 AM



“ Sorry for you lose. Jim was a great person, dad and husband. Diana, you and your family are in our hearts and prayers from Fresno California##imported-begin##Jamie and Jennifer Snider##imported-end##

April 24, 2012 at 10:28 PM



“ With our deepest Sympathies to Dianne and son's; Brett and Jamie, grandchildren, and Jim's brother's; Joe, John, and Joanne and families. May God Bless you all with many fond memories of a great individual, and Christian man; a husband, father, and brother, Godfather, Uncle and friend to all he ever met. Jim was the kind of person that had a smile that would light up a room, and he was a devoted, loved his Church work with his loving wife; Dianne. I've my own memories of Jim Cole, at Joanne's High School Graduation party, he made us all feel at home, part of the Cole family, and family man; Jim done his best with and for his family all ways, and always. He is with his loved ones now, his Mom and Dad especially, sharing with them all the stories of his family here on earth, he is in God's arms, and everyone that knew Jim was enriched having him in their life. Bob Redmond and Jim are together, talking all about their new surroundings. Such two wonderful Advocates looking down on earth, watching us everyday.##imported-begin##Mary Rose and David Lee Kimmel##imported-end##

April 24, 2012 at 08:55 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers to your family .,##imported-begin##Pat Bennett##imported-end##

April 24, 2012 at 06:47 PM



“ DIANA & FAMILY:

YOU & YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY HAVE OUR SYMPATHY.

SINCERELY,

BILL & LINDA RIPPE##imported-begin##WILLIAM J. RIPPE##imported-end##

April 24, 2012 at 04:19 PM



“ Bret and Jame,

I am so sorry to hear about your father passing. I remember coming over to your house and your Dad was always fun to be around. Both of you and your family are in my prayers.

Mike##imported-begin##Mike Howell##imported-end##

April 24, 2012 at 04:19 PM



“ My sympathy to the Cole family during this time. Just know that Jim will be sadly missed but yet he is still here with us. He has touched so many people during his lifetime. The angels are singing joyfully for his trip home. God is good all the time!
AMEN....##imported-begin##Pam Cobble-Kaylor ##imported-end##

April 24, 2012 at 12:52 PM



“ *Diane, Bret, & Jame*

My thoughts and prayers are with you all in the passing of Jim. I have so many fond memories of Jim but what I always remember about him is that he always was interested in what was going on in your life and how you were doing. So many fond memories of your family having the football team over at your house or swimming or just spending time with your family. Jim will be missed greatly. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless.

Mike Murray##imported-begin##Mike Murray##imported-end##

April 24, 2012 at 12:45 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Diane and family. Praying that God will give you peace and strength in the days and weeks ahead.##imported-begin##Julie and Dan Miller##imported-end##*

April 24, 2012 at 11:49 AM



“ *Although it has been many years, I remember Jim with fondness. Find comfort in the fact that there is eternal life and God has prepared a place for Jim. Dad is under hospice care now and will join Jim soon. My love to Diane, Joanne, John and family. Hugs.##imported-begin##Julie Jeffery-Chamberlain##imported-end##*

April 24, 2012 at 10:52 AM



“ I feel so blessed that I was fortunate enough to have met Jim and the rest of your family several years ago. He was just the best. I feel priveleged to have had him in just a little corner of my life for just a little while.##imported-begin##Mary Glaser##imported-end##

April 24, 2012 at 09:51 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to the Cole family on Jim's loss. Joanne was one of my best friends growing up, so I always had Jim in my life. He always seemed like just another brother to me (different mother). He always had a quick smile, a contagious laugh and you knew he would always take care of you if something happened. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Mary Ann Detrick##imported-end##

April 24, 2012 at 09:41 AM



“ Jim certainly will be missed by many. I will miss Jim as a member of the GHS football teams. And his artistic capabilities. I had Jim on the Prayer List of Love Lutheran church here in New Orleans. Now I will add all of you, his family, classmates and friends that you may received the comfort from the Almighty Comforter. God Bless you all. Kenny##imported-begin##Ken Flora##imported-end##

April 24, 2012 at 09:08 AM



“ Jim will never be forgotten. He was loved by his family and many friends.##imported-begin##Bruce & Peg Nason##imported-end##

April 24, 2012 at 08:45 AM



“ Diana, Bret and Jame, sorry to hear the news of Jim's passing. We will never forget how welcome you made of feel in your home. You are often in our thoughts and know that you are in our prayers at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Randy and Eleanor Danielson##imported-end##

April 23, 2012 at 07:40 PM



“ Our condolences to Diana and the family, our prayers and friendship in this sad time. Peace be with you all.##imported-begin##Tom and Maureen Butler##imported-end##

April 23, 2012 at 05:31 PM



“ Jim's calm manner will be missed. Our prayers are with you during this sad time.##imported-begin##Tom & Joan Byanski##imported-end##

April 23, 2012 at 05:17 PM