

Richard M. Cole

April 17, 1945 - April 30, 2014

1945-2014

Richard "Dick" M. Cole, age 69, a resident of Belen, NM passed away on Wednesday, April 30, 2014. He was born on April 17, 1945 to Vern and Evelyn Martinsen Cole in St. Cloud, MN. At an early age his family moved to Ft. Meade, SD where his dad was an EEG Technician. During his school years in Sturgis, he learned as much as he could about rebuilding motors and fixing cars. He also learned to cut meat as a job after school. He joined the United States Navy in 1966 and became a cook on the U.S.S. Enterprise serving approximately 5600 sailors. Sometimes he forgot that there were only three people in the house to cook supper for. He served in the Vietnam War. He was a skilled meat cutter by trade and worked many years in the field including owning his own meat shop. He did NOT like the snow so in 1979 he said he was going to put a snow shovel on the front of his vehicle and travel south until people didn't know what it was. Then he would be far enough away from the snow. In Belen, he worked many jobs doing construction and meat cutting. He also owned a spray on bed liner business. He and his wife, Diana, have owned the Donut King and Rocky Mountain Casuals for many years. He was a jack of all trades. He could do almost anything that came his way. He was the most organized man you could ever meet. If you ever needed a tool or a part for something, you didn't need to go to Home Depot or Sears. He probably had it and he could tell you what drawer, bucket or shelf to find it in his garage. If you were a friend of his, you were a friend for life. He always

had a comment about everything which made you wonder if he was serious or just joking. Any race, especially NASCAR, was an every weekend occurrence. The only thing that stopped him from watching a race was his two grandchildren, Snicklefritz (Shylyn) and Bubba (Taysen). He loved all the talks that they had about guns, hunting, mechanics, school and many other things. They asked their Papa for advice many times and he loved giving it to them. He was a member of Belen Moose Lodge #1680 since 1980. He was an NRA member, a NASCAR Club member and a lifetime member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was preceded in death by his parents, Vern and Evelyn Martinsen Cole. Dick is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 43 years, Diana Eveleth Cole; one daughter, LaRee and husband, (which he considered the son he never had) Ricky Baca; two grandchildren, Shylyn and Taysen, who were his pride and joy; his sidekick, King, his German Shepherd; two sisters, Kay Davis and JoAnn Schmidt and husband, John; and two sisters-in-law, Pam Cowen and husband, Jim and Bev Patterson and husband, Gary. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and many great and special friends. A Visitation will be held at the Belen Moose Lodge #1680 on Monday, May 5th at 11:00 a.m. with a Memorial Service at 11:30 a.m. A Graveside Service will be held at Black Hills National Cemetery, on Friday, May 9th at 2:00 p.m. Sign Dick's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main Street, Belen, NM

Previous Events

Final Visitation

MAY 5. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Belen Moose Lodge #1680
19482 Highway 314
Belen, NM 87002

Memorial Service

MAY 5. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

TP

“ *To the Cole Family;*

I would like to express my deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. He was a great and dear friend to both my father and grandfather, Tony and Vic Perfetti, and loved going to their businesses to catch up with old friends and share stories. He will be greatly missed. Lil Toni Perfetti and Family

Toni Perfetti - May 19, 2014 at 12:00 PM

TP

“ *Toni Perfetti lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Cole*



Toni Perfetti - May 19, 2014 at 11:58 AM

DD

“ *Dixie Dennison lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Cole*



Dixie Dennison - May 16, 2014 at 09:46 AM

BF

“ *Bertha Flores lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Cole*



Bertha Flores - May 07, 2014 at 05:09 PM

SW

“ *Diana and family, Was saddened to hear of Dick;s passing. It brought back many memories, way back to grade school together and the old Union Center days. I know you will miss him unbearably and your lives will never be the same. We are blessed that God gave us the gift of memory so that our loved ones never truly leave us. Remember the good times and they will always bring a smile to your hearts.*

Shirley (Slater) Wall, Sturgis, SD

Shirley Wall - May 07, 2014 at 11:31 AM

PD

“ *Diana & Family,*

Sorry to hear of Richard's passing. I have a memory of Dick talking to me at the Vet's Club in Sturgis after my Dad's funeral and the advice he gave me. That was a long time ago, but I have never forgot it. Take Care and God Bless your Family in this trying time.

Pat Dalzell - May 06, 2014 at 12:29 PM

DP

“ *Mrs. Cole and Family-- We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*

Darlene and Dylan Pena - May 05, 2014 at 04:16 PM

DC

“ Dearest Diana, LaRae, Ricky and family,

I am very saddened to have read of Richard's passing. My heart goes out to all of you. What can I say about Richard that you haven't already heard - he was one amazing, loving, gentle man. I pray God's grace, His peace and His comfort continue to be with you throughout! I love you!

Diane Chávez

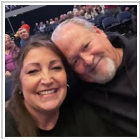
Diane Chávez - May 05, 2014 at 02:29 PM

AC

“ Diana and family---I am very sorry of hear of the passing of your husband, father and grandfather. My deepest sympathy and you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Annette E. Chavez

Annette E. Chavez - May 05, 2014 at 08:08 AM



“ So many memories of boating, camping and nights spent at the Moose Lodge with LaRee and her parents. Pop always had a great smile and a smart a** comment to cheer me up through some rough years in my life. He showed me what a real father was and loved me like a true daughter. My thoughts and prayers are with Diana, LaRee, Ricky and the kids...I love you all!

Kara (Martin) Davenport

Kara Martin Davenport - May 04, 2014 at 04:24 PM

KT

“ *Diana, LaRee & Family - All of you are in our thoughts & prayers.
With Our Deepest Sympathies Ronnie & Kathleen (Dalzell) Trull*

Kathleen (Dalzell) Trull - May 04, 2014 at 11:46 AM

LD

“ *My heartfelt condolences to you Diana, Loree, and extended family.
I haven't seent Dick for many yrs, but still have memories of the
'bull' sessions back in Sturgis. May he RIP.*

Larry Dalzell - May 04, 2014 at 10:57 AM

DK

“ *I have great memories of the fun we had in grade school and the
times when you were at Union center. You were sure a good friend.
Our prayers to your family and to you Diane. Doug and Deanna
Keszler Gering, NE*

Doug Keszler - May 04, 2014 at 10:09 AM

CP

“ *Cheryl P. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for
the family of Richard M. Cole .*



Cheryl P. - May 03, 2014 at 09:17 AM

VP

“ OOOHH Dick, Memories of days gone past...
The lake and the speed boat on week-ends,
Drinking lots of schnapps at the old Frontier
Bar (Many, Many moons ago) Riding in your
muscle car going FAST up Christopher Rd. (we
were Belen's DUKE OF HAZARD Group !) We gave
you my PET pig (Chico) because I could not
butcher it, and you tried for a year to get us
to come over for dinner (of course you were
serving PORK !) NOT :) so you gave us a
membership to the moose for a year. I Love
you Dick Cole, Diana & LaRee..... we WILL
meet again my friend.



Victor & Lori Padilla - May 02, 2014 at 05:58 PM

BC

“ Diana, LaRee, Rick, Shylyn and Taysen,

I am so sorry for your loss. So sad Mr. Cole
died so young. You are a wonderful family
and together you will get through this horrible
loss! May the Dear Lord bless all of you!

Love you guys,
Bernice & Estevan



Bernice Montoya y Chavez - May 02, 2014 at 03:33 PM

JF

“ my friend since I was 15, I will miss you forever or until we meet
again. may your family be blessed with love and kindness for the
rest of their lives, as I know you will watch over them as you always
have. thanks for being my friend. jim

jim fidlar - May 02, 2014 at 12:36 PM

DJ

Diana and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm tinking of you and sending prayers your way. Darlene Johnson

Darlene Johnson - May 02, 2014 at 08:24 PM

CH

*Dear Diane and Family;
I am so sorry for your loss of Dick. I know this is a very hard time and you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all.*

Carole Greiner Hunter

Carole Greiner Hunter - May 08, 2014 at 11:41 AM