



## Elwood Earl Cole

November 26, 1928 - July 22, 2017

Elwood Earl Cole, 88, of Waverly, NY passed away Saturday afternoon, July 22, 2017 at Elderwood Health Care in Waverly. Elwood was born at the Peoples Hospital in Sayre, PA on November 26, 1928 the son of T. Earl Cole and Marie Johnson Cole. Elwood served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and following completion of his military service returned home to work in his family's grocery, Coles Red and White Store in Waverly until his father passed away in 1964.

He continued his career in the meat departments at Acme Markets, Grand Union Supermarkets, the Super Duper in Horseheads, NY and the Great American Stores in Owego and Nichols, NY until his retirement. Elwood attended the North Waverly Chapel for many years and was a current member of the Athens Wesleyan Church. Elwood enjoyed spending the winter months in Florida, gardening, woodworking, along with watching the Yankees and Syracuse University sports .

He is survived by his devoted wife of 62 years, Naomi Garrison Cole whom he married on January 1, 1955, sons and daughters in law, David and Sherrie Cole of Waverly, Ronald and Dianne Cole of Sayre, grandchildren,, Meredith Cole Stepka and husband Ross of Corning, Andrew Cole and fiancé Bridget of Endicott, NY, Molly Cole Bespartochnyy and husband Roman of Sayre, step-grandchildren, Charity Payne of Waverly, Charles Havens, of Waverly and John Havens, U.S. Military, four step-great grandchildren, his sister, Jean Marie Cole of Waverly, brother, Eugene Nathan "Buzz" Cole and wife Joan of

Waverly as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, Elwood was predeceased by a grandson, Matthew Cole in 2001, and brothers, Wayne Carl Cole and Kenneth Cole.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Monday, July 24, 2017, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Athens Wesleyan Church followed by a memorial service at 5:00 p.m.

with Rev. Joshua Householder officiating.

Interment will be private in the Glenwood Cemetery, Waverly, NY.

The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the Athens Wesleyan Church, 3903 Wilawana Road, Sayre, PA 18840 in Elwood Cole's memory.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home, Sayre, PA. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

Troy, PA 16947

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 24. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Athens Wesleyan Church  
3909 Wilawana Road  
Sayre, PA

## Service

JUL 24. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Elwood Earl Cole*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Elwood Earl Cole*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Elwood Earl Cole*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Elwood Earl Cole*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Elwood Earl Cole*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Naomi, we are so sorry to hear of Elwood's passing. Please except our condolences and give our best to your family.. Tom and Karen*

**Karen Benton** - July 24, 2017 at 06:51 PM

TP

“ To the Cole family,

*Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. We remember Elwood as a wonderful, kind, joyful person and we loved having him as our neighbor on Walker Hill.*

*God bless,*

*Toni Jo (Huckle) Peterson and Del Huckle, Jr.*

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**Toni Jo Peterson** - July 24, 2017 at 01:46 PM

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“ Please accept our deepest sympathy.

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**VFW Post5 1536** - July 24, 2017 at 06:37 AM

SC

“ My Deepest Sympathies and Condolences are extended to Naomi and the rest of the Cole family

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**Scott Campbell** - July 24, 2017 at 06:17 AM

JH

“ Elwood was the definition of a "good man," but more importantly he was a godly man. He loved his family and worked hard to provide for them. He loved one woman for 62 years, and if I grow up to be like Elwood, well, that will be alright. He was more than just a churchman, he was my friend, and I will miss him greatly. Elwood always had a way of brightening up whatever room he was in, and was always smiling when he greeted you. A kinder soul with a warmer heart, I have yet to meet, and our loss is Heaven's gain. May God bless his memory.

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**Joshua Householder** - July 23, 2017 at 03:57 PM

PB

“ Mom an I want express our condolences for your loss. We will always remember Mr. Cole as a gentle sweet man . You are in our thoughts and prayers. Marge Orlowski and Pat Orlowski Brown

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**Pat Brown** - July 23, 2017 at 11:59 AM

AW

Dave , I'am sorry for your loss. Wish i could be there with you as you have been there for me and our family with our losses . May God bless you and your family. Alex(Moe)

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**alex whitbeck** - July 25, 2017 at 07:42 AM

KF

I will always remember Uncle Elwood's smile. He is now rejoicing with Dad, Uncle Kenny and Matt! You are all in my prayers! Love you all!!

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**Karen Flynn** - July 25, 2017 at 08:23 AM

JG

Naomi,Dave&Ron  
I am so sorry for your loss! Elwood was a great man & Father.  
I haven't seen him in a few years but I no he would never change  
what a great man.

*John&Linda Grandeo*

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**John Grandeo** - July 25, 2017 at 02:28 PM