



John L. Cole

October 23, 1927 - March 29, 2016

John L. Cole, 88, of Haines City, Florida formerly of Wysox and Mansfield, PA passed away Tuesday morning, March 29, 2016 at the Heart of Florida Hospital in Davenport, FL.

John was born October 23, 1927 at home in Macedonia, Asylum Township, PA

the son of Manley and Agnes Westbrook Cole. He was a graduate of Towanda High School

and later served in the U.S. Army 4th Airdrome Group during World War II. In early years, John was employed by the Karns Construction Company of Monroeton, PA.

On May 14, 1948 he married the former Shirley Hilfiger at her parent's home in East Towanda, PA.

John began his career with Penelec as a lineman and retired as District Manager for the Northeastern District in 1990.

Shirley and John were residents of Mansfield, PA for 25 years and Towanda, PA for 8 years before moving to Florida to make their home following their retirement.

John was a member of the Wysox Presbyterian Church, the First Presbyterian Church of Haines City, Le Ray Lodge No. 471 F&A.M., Mansfield Lions Club and formerly served as a member of the Mansfield Borough Council. John loved spending time with his family and was honored as a league champion in both Bocci Ball and Shuffleboard.

He is survived by his sons; Robert E. Cole and wife Christine J. Cole of New Orleans, LA,

Thomas K. Cole and wife Denise C. Cole of Virginia Beach, VA, grandchildren; Bobbi Lynn White and husband Dan, Jason P. Cole and wife Cara, Justin T. Cole and wife Trish, Zachary K. Cole and wife Lauren Zapf, Carol Vilcek and husband John, Don Stoner and wife Stacey, 9 great grandchildren, sister, Esther Lewis of Towanda, sister-in-law, Sylvia Hilfiger of Towanda as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by; his wife of 61 years, Shirley Hilfiger Cole on April 25, 2009, brother, Michael Cole, sister, Julia Vanderpool, brothers-in-law, Ira Vanderpool, Lester Hilfiger and Gene Lewis and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Russell and Jane Hilfiger.

The funeral service will be held Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. with Rev. Jira Albers, pastor of the Wysox Presbyterian Church officiating.

Interment will follow in Bradford County Memorial Park, Burlington Township, PA.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. and also from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

The family suggests that memorial contributions may be directed to the Wysox Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 339, Wysox, PA. 18854 in John L. Cole's memory.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Bradford County Memorial Park

20452 Route 6
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
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Towanda, PA 18848
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Visitation

APR 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John L. Cole*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *John L. Cole*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *John L. Cole*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *John L. Cole*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *John L. Cole*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *I was sad to hear about John's passing, he was generous to my family and he will be missed. My deepest sympathy to the Cole Family.*

*Sincerely,
Jane Anderson*

Jane - April 11, 2016 at 02:20 PM

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“ *I have fond memories of a wonderful, kind hearted, gentle, sweet man. My family and I were truly blessed for having John in our lives and he will forever have a place in our hearts. May he rest in peace.*
Lisa Maupin-Alvarez



Lisa - April 08, 2016 at 08:09 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of John L. Cole.*



April 05, 2016 at 08:30 PM