



Joseph F. "Joe" Cole

November 16, 1936 - July 31, 2024

Joseph F. "Joe" Cole, 87, passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

Joe was born on November 16, 1936, the son of Louise Petropoly and Frank R. Cole. Joe had three half-siblings: Richard Cole, Lori Cole Summers, and the late Carl Cole. Joe lived his entire life in his hometown of Sayre, PA.

On April 20, 1956, Joe married the late Allene J. "Mimi" Cole. Together, Joe and Mimi visited every state in the U.S. and several countries. Joe and Mimi had two sons who both predeceased Joe, Vincent J. and Raymond A. Cole. When Joe wasn't working on the railroad for Conrail, he was on his own train caboose in Rome, NY where Joe and his sons would spend time together hunting and doing yard work. In his younger years, Joe enjoyed woodworking, gardening, boating, and fishing. Joe loved gathering with friends and family, especially over a game of cards. Joe also enjoyed his lifelong friends at the Roma Madre Lodge No. 1342 Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in Sayre.

Joe is survived by his three loving grandchildren: Joseph V., Christopher J. and Lisa J. Cole. He is also survived by his devoted daughter-in-law Lenore Cole, several other beloved family members, and Dixie Cabucci, a very special person in Joe's life.

On Friday, August 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. a graveside service will be held at

Tioga Point Cemetery, Athens, PA with Father Shinu, pastor of the Church of the Epiphany, Sayre officiating. Following the service, the family will receive friends at the Roma Madre Lodge No. 1342 Order Sons and Daughters of Italy.

The Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home is assisting Joe's family with arrangements.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by writing to the Cole family at 4819 Faulkirk Lane, Lexington KY 40515 or visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com (<http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com/>).

Cemetery Details

Tioga Point Cemetery

803 North Main Street
Athens, PA 18810

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GP

“ When I was a little girl, Christmases always meant days with Aunt Allene and Uncle Joe and my cousins Vinny and Ray. Those are special memories that I cherish. When we moved south, we lost the opportunity to be together as we would have liked, but I know that I am so very grateful for the love my mother and father and I received when Uncle Joe and Aunt Allene came to see my mom in her last days, and then when they went with us as we laid her to rest. Uncle Joe was a stand up guy, and I know he will be missed by those who loved him. God bless.

Gretchen Hock Peoples - August 13, 2024 at 07:28 PM

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“ My name is Ron Hock. I am Uncle Joe's nephew. Uncle Joe saved my life. When I was a little kid, our families (of the two sisters, Allene and Lorna) got together (with others, as our families did not have a swimming pool), and went swimming in Sayre. I did not know how to swim yet, and I slipped under the water in the swimming pool, where the shallow end met the deep end. He saw me, grabbed me, and pulled me to safety. I relive the experience often. At times, when our families would get together, I would remind him that he saved my life. He did not think much of it. I did!

Ron

P.S. I am now 65 years old! Thanks, Uncle Joe!

Ronald G. Hock

Lori A. Cortellini

Ronald G. Hock - August 11, 2024 at 01:50 PM

RH

“ *Many Family Memories, Pictures of Holidays, Snow activities growing up in PA and NY, Rest in Peace, Uncle Joe! RJ & Susan Hock*

RJ Hock - August 07, 2024 at 04:08 PM