



## Naomi Joyce Garrison Cole

April 17, 1936 - November 30, 2023

Naomi Joyce Garrison Cole, 87, formerly of Waverly, NY passed away Thursday, November 30, 2023, at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA. Naomi was born April 17, 1936, in Tioga Center, NY the youngest of 11 children to Walter Garrison and Carrie Shaffer Garrison. She was a graduate of Waverly High School with the class of 1953. On January 1, 1955, Naomi married Elwood Earl Cole. Naomi was employed by Marine Midland Bank in Waverly which later became HSBC Bank for many years. She was subsequently employed by the Guthrie Clinic in Sayre until her retirement. Naomi and her husband Elwood enjoyed spending their winter months in Florida. Naomi loved the Lord and was a devoted member of the Athens Wesleyan Church. She served as church organist/pianist at the North Waverly Chapel in Waverly, NY for over 30 years. Her life revolved around her family and church. She enjoyed playing the piano, eating out with her many special friends, playing board games at Sayre Senior Living, watching birds, and had a great love for dogs.

Surviving are her sons and daughters-in-law, David and Sherrie Cole of Waverly, Ronald and Dianne Cole of Sayre, grandchildren, Meredith, Molly, Andrew, and Pat, step grandchildren, Charity, Charlie, and John, 9 great grandchildren, sisters-in-law, Jean M. Cole and Joan Cole of Waverly as well as several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins. In addition to her parents, Naomi was predeceased by her beloved husband of 62 years, Elwood, on July 22, 2017, grandson, Matthew Cole in 2001, and by

her siblings.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, December 6, 2023, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. followed by a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. at the Athens Wesleyan Church with Pastor Tim Butcher officiating.

Interment will be at a later date in Glenwood Cemetery, Waverly, NY. The family suggests that bequests be directed to the Athens Wesleyan Church, 3903 Wilawana Road, Sayre, PA 18840 in memory of Naomi Joyce Garrison Cole.

The Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home of Sayre is assisting Naomi's family with arrangements.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Athens Wesleyan Church  
3909 Wilawana Road  
Sayre, PA

## Funeral Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Larry Hoey lit a candle in memory of Naomi Cole*



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**Larry Hoey** - December 05, 2023 at 09:27 AM

GT

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Naomi's passing.. I got to know her at Sayre Assisted Living she played games and sat at the cool kids table with my Aunt Marilee.. she would play the piano and my aunt would sing along side of her..what a great lady and I just saw her last week.. she will be sorely missed over there by her friends..*

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**Gwen Tomasso** - December 05, 2023 at 08:20 AM

MW

“ *Dave, Ron and family, Nonee as I called her was such a pleasure.*  
*Mary Walter*

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**Mary Walter** - December 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM

BS

“ *So sorry for Your loss Ron-Your Mom was a great Lady-The Valley has lost a Wonderful Soul-God Bless You and Your Family*

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**Barbara Hallett Sloat** - December 04, 2023 at 08:20 AM

EP

“ *My condolences to the family of Naomi. It has been many years since I last saw her, but I never forgot her. She used to come into Schwartz's store every Friday evening with her sister. My two favorite people. She always had a bright smile. I moved away but thought of her often over the years. RIP Naomi - Heaven will welcome your beautiful smile.*

*Eunice Bennett Puglia*

*Idaho*

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**Eunice L Puglia** - December 04, 2023 at 05:17 AM