



Raymond A. Cole

November 16, 1956 - November 3, 2023

Raymond A. “Ray” Cole, 65, passed away on Friday, November 3, 2023.

Ray was born in Sayre on November 16, 1957, a son of Joseph F. “Joe” Cole and the late Allene J. “Mimi” VanGorden Cole. Ray was raised in Sayre, alongside his late older brother, Vincent J. “Vinny” Cole.

After attending Sayre High School, Ray left Sayre to explore life in Texas and Tennessee, places he lived and worked as a corrections officer for decades. Following his retirement, Ray returned to his hometown of Sayre.

Ray enjoyed spending time with his friends and family, watching sports (especially football), and hunting. He was an active member of the Roma Madre Lodge No. 1342 Order Sons & Daughters of Italy.

Ray is survived by his father, Joe Cole; sister-in-law, Lenore Cole; niece, Lisa J. Cole, and nephews, Joseph V. “Joey” Cole, and Christopher J. “Chris” Cole. He is also survived by several cousins and many other loving family members. Ray leaves behind many dear friends who cared for him deeply, including his close friend Rosanne McClary.

On Thursday, November 9th at 9:30 am, a graveside service will be held at Tioga Point Cemetery, Athens, PA with Rev. Daniel Toomey, pastor of the

Church of the Epiphany, Sayre officiating.

The Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home of Sayre is assisting Ray's Family with arrangements.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by writing to Joe Cole, 815 N Wilbur Ave, Sayre, PA 18840 or visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Tioga Point Cemetery

803 North Main Street
Athens, PA 18810

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 9. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Ray and I met as adults. I wish I'd known him as a kid. Great smile, laugh and personality. Great family. Must be in heaven now as he spent his career in hell. Sorry for that Ray, it's what we always said. Rest in Peace.

jim - November 07, 2023 at 08:17 PM

JR

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Ray at a Cole family reunion when I was an Au Pair for the Cole family in 1996-1997. It was the best year of my life and Ray and his extended family are imprinted on my heart forever. Here are just 2 pictures I hold dear, Ray laughing and surrounded by family!
Rest in peace Ray. Jenny



Jenny Rench - November 07, 2023 at 07:36 PM

 Carol Dutton

“ Joe, I am so sorry to learn about the loss of your son. I remember both Vinnie and Ray when they used to ride their bicycles to Nichols to visit your dad, Frank.

Carol Dutton - November 07, 2023 at 03:04 PM

JT

“ I was sorry to hear of Ray's passing and will miss our conversations and his company. Rip bud

Jeff Terwilliger - November 07, 2023 at 07:47 AM

JJ

“ The O'Connell Family sends our love and deepest sympathy to Joe, Lenore, and the kids at this very sad time. Ray, with Mimi and Vinny, will always remain in our hearts, with loving memories.

Jean O'Connell Jenkins - November 07, 2023 at 06:53 AM

EB

“ Forever in my heart, my "brother" Ray. Joe, Lenore and family, my heart is broken yet again. Favorite memory, Ray and I had our First Holy Communion picture taken (we were what, 8?) and a young neighbor asked if "we got married".

Ellen O'Connell Benedetto - November 07, 2023 at 06:47 AM