



James Lee Cole

March 1, 1956 - November 18, 2013

James Lee Cole, 57, of Potterville, Michigan died suddenly in the comfort of his home on November 18, 2013. Jim was born March 1, 1956, in Charlotte, the son of Merwon "Bruce" and Shirley (Cooper) Cole. He graduated from Charlotte High School in 1974. He belonged to a slow pitch softball team in the 1970s and earned his nickname "Carrot". Jim was a Regional Manager/Technician for P.P.G. and was employed there for 20 years. He was previously employed by Spartan Motors. Jim was an avid Tigers fan and enjoyed building Hot Rods. His current pride and joy was his 1953 Ford F100. Jim was well known for his unique sense of humor and also his very giving nature. If you were a friend in need, Jim was a friend indeed. He will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He believed that Family came first. Many will remember Jim as a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. Jim is survived by his wife, Marcia Casey-Cole; sons, Scott (Olivia) Cole and Justin (Kayla Bruce) Cole, stepson Shayne (Niki) Ertman, stepdaughter, Misty Ertman; grandchildren, Brandt, Shayne, Gage, Logan, Jaden and Madisson; sisters Tammy (Bill) Geddie and Brenda Bogue and many close friends, nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 5-8 pm on Saturday, November 23, 2013 and Sunday from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. A Memorial Celebration will be held at 2:30 pm on Sunday, November 24, 2013 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Celebrant Joseph Pray officiating. Friends and Family are encouraged to drive a classic car to the service and join in the procession to the Senior Center to continue the celebration of Jim's

life with one final car show and party in his honor. The family suggests contributions may be made toward his youngest grandson, Brandt's college education fund. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of James Lee Cole*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 02, 2015 at 01:10 PM

JK

“ *My heart aches for you my friend...I know how much you love him and will miss him. thinking of you and love you!*

Jamie kardosh - November 25, 2013 at 06:50 AM

CR

“ *Marcia - thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*

Craig Rosborough - November 24, 2013 at 11:57 AM

MG

“ Marcia, When the news that Jim had passed was delivered to me, I wanted to vault from where I was seated and rush to you. I think I did actually stand up, but slowly sank back down knowing instantly that there was little comfort I could have offered you. I could only hold my head in my hands and weep for your broken heart. My friend, God’s gift of the perfect union is rare, but one He gave to you and Jim. The rarity of that special gift alone is what gives it its significance and worth. It may seem cruel and unfair that it would be only brief, but that is just not so. It is yours to treasure and carry with you always throughout your own lifetime. For now, allow your heart to ache and your tears to flow, they are your testimony of that extraordinary gift. Jim so obviously touched the lives of many, and will be remembered well. His talent and personality will long live on. With the sharing and celebrating of his life, even decades from now those who might not remember this day, will feel they have always known him well, and feel the closeness of his watch over them. Ed and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers, and are here for you.

Michele Godlewski - November 24, 2013 at 01:34 AM

AS

“ Marcia , I am very sorry I just found out from Brenda about James . I know at times like this things are hard to say and they still are .. I miss you and the whole family and your mom .. i miss coming down there ... I am sorry i cannot be there but again I am so sorry and please tell everyone hi for me Love Andy

Andy Samann - November 23, 2013 at 10:09 PM

PC

“ *the words are hard to find.... Jimmy was not only a great man, and a good friend to many, he was my sister's husband, and best friend. He made an imprint on every life he touched. Our entire family was influenced by James Cole... Again, the words are hard to find... Love you Jimmy.. Thanks for being you, and being in our livesRIP... boog*

patti casey - November 22, 2013 at 09:25 PM

LL

“ *So, so sorry to hear about your husband's death, Marcia. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Larry Long - November 22, 2013 at 04:45 PM

CR

“ *Marcia, my thoughts are with you and your family. Chris*

Christopher Rosborough - November 22, 2013 at 04:14 PM

AK

“ *So sorry for your loss Marcia. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family !*

Aunt Lucille & Kevin - November 22, 2013 at 03:18 PM

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Aunt Lucille & Kevin - November 22, 2013 at 03:03 PM

KD

“ *What a difference one life makes! Jim Cole made such an impact. I only hope that he knew how much he was loved and admired by so many. I will miss his silly humor and am heartbroken for my sister Marcia. She was so happy and so in love with Jimmy. I am thankful that they found one another and wish they could have grown old together. God bless the family, Scott, Olivia, Justin, Kayla...Shayne, Niki, Misty and all the grandchildren who loved him so. Thank you Jim for all you gave of yourself, you will be a part of us always...until we meet again.*

Kathy Dobie - November 21, 2013 at 10:20 PM

RB

“ *Marcia and Families, I am so very sorry for your loss. I just met Jim this past 4th of July at his and Marcia's home...He was an awesome man and never met 2 people more suited for each other. The Love in their eyes for one another could be seen by all. He was very warm and welcomed me into his home that very day and I was a complete stranger to him. He will be Dearly missed. May you R.I.P. Jim.*

Renee Bartlett - November 21, 2013 at 08:11 PM

JJ

“ *I have known Jim for 20 years, he was always a joy to be around and work with. I always looked forward to seeing him at our national meetings every year. He will be missed. He was truly a great guy and I was extremely sad to here of his passing. Our prayers are with all his family and friends.*

Jeff Johnson - November 21, 2013 at 08:03 PM

EF

“ *What a blessing to be a friend of Jim Cole. We met playing softball; he was in the outfield, and I was on the pitcher's mound. He caught a lot of my mistakes, as Jim played like it was a personal insult to allow a batted ball to "touch the grass". I came to appreciate his knowledge of how to play the game as well as his competitive nature to "do the right thing", whether it was throwing to the correct spot, or giving himself up to drive in an important run. I can still see his impish grin when he knew we had made the right play. After softball, old cars and older stories bonded our friendship. His craftsmanship was a delight to all around. We last chatted at a golf outing to raise funds for another teammate, John Bartolacci. Same grin, same stories, same concern for another friend. What a blessing to be a friend of Jim Cole, indeed.*

Ed Folsom - November 21, 2013 at 05:54 PM

RG

“ *36So sorry and shocked to hear about Jimmy. I saw him last time I was at home, at a car show. I'am so sorry for your loss, Brenda and Tammy, and to all of Jim's family. May God wrap his arms around you and comfort you at this most difficult time! With Love, your cousin Roxie*

Roxanne Graham - November 21, 2013 at 11:44 AM

SA

“ *Marcia, Scott and all of your families, my heartfelt condolences go out to you all while you deal with this tremendous loss. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*

Sabina - November 21, 2013 at 11:24 AM

SB

“ To Marcia and family. I'm so sorry to hear this sad news of your loved one's passing. I didn't know Jim but from all the condolences left he has left a huge hole in everyone's heart and memories. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Cousin Sally

Sally (Ruhf) Brandt - November 21, 2013 at 11:17 AM

GE

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I had the opportunity to work with and get to know Jim at PPG. He always spoke of his family and enjoyed each day that he was blessed with. Myself as well as many people will never forget Jim in the way he approached his work and life, Thank you Jim for letting me know you and leaving your mark in this world.

Gary Ellis - November 21, 2013 at 08:11 AM

BW

“ Olivia and Scott, Please accept my condolences on the loss of Scott's father, Jim. Prayers and thoughts are with you.

Barbara Reed Wambold - November 21, 2013 at 07:48 AM

NI

“ So sorry to hear of his passing...what a great, fun person. He was a true pleasure to wait on and more importantly a great guy!! Prayers for family and friends in this difficult time.

Nicci - November 21, 2013 at 12:38 AM

OR

“ Praying God will give you comfort in the days ahead. So sorry for your loss.

Olivia (Collins) Reed - November 20, 2013 at 10:59 PM

MC

“ *When the stars disappear forever, When the sun shines electric blue, When the mountains and trees tumble into the sea, To rest there for eternity, No matter what you do.....I will still love you, Jimmy*



Marcia Casey-Cole - November 20, 2013 at 09:50 PM

DH

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Doug and I grew up with Scott and Justin. He was a very funny guy and will be greatly missed.. Please Marcia let us know if there is anything we can do or help your family with in this time of sorrow..Jim was there for Mary Lou when his father wasnt in good shape. He always made Mary Lou have a piece of mind. He was a wonderful guy to say the least..*

Doug and Nikki Fish, Connie Hayes and Mary Lou Hull - November 20, 2013 at 09:50 PM

EH

“ *I am a 1974 classmate of Jims, I always liked him, and we both worked for a time at Beacon sales. He had a great sense of humor and my condolences go out to Brenda and his family and friends.....Ed Hanover*

Ed Hanover - November 20, 2013 at 09:06 PM

RW

“ *So sorry to hear this new Jim growing up then we went are seperate ways he was a good friend back so sorry to the family and to Tammy and Brenda God Bless you all and I pray he will give you all strength through this.*

Rick Withrow - November 20, 2013 at 08:26 PM

BI

“ This quote from a Detroit Tigers great fits Jim perfectly. “œlâ€™d like to be remembered as someone who showed up for the job. I consider myself a worker. I love what I do. If I had my time over again, Iâ€™d probably do it for nothing.” Ernie Harwell... And show up for the job Jim did. I remember having breakfast at 5:30 one morning with Jim. Not before we went to work but after we had spent all night painting a huge piece of equipment. We were covered with blue paint. Crazy! I donâ€™t think “no” or “canâ€™t” were words in Jimâ€™s vocabulary. Family, friends or the job, if you need Jim he would find a way be there. Everyone who had a chance to meet Jim is a better person for it. Jim you are dearly loved and will be sorely missed. Thank You!

Bill Irvine - November 20, 2013 at 06:20 PM

WT

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jim. He was such a good friend and softball teammate. My heart goes out to his wife and all his family at this time of sorrow. May God Bless You.

Wendy (Saylor) Tabor - November 20, 2013 at 04:03 PM

EM

“ Scott, Justin, Olivia, and Marcia you are in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. Jim was an amazing man and truly missed.

Erich and Nora Mann - November 20, 2013 at 02:50 PM

SC

“ Tammy & Brenda - I am so sorry to hear this! Of course, I remember him from bowling many years ago and how much fun we all had on our team! He was so easy-going. I have not seen him for years and last time I asked about him, he was doing very well and I was happy to hear that. Condolences also to the rest of his family.

Sherry Copenhaver - November 20, 2013 at 01:17 PM

JR

“ Marcia, Scott, & Justin...We are sorry for your loss. Jim was a kind, funny, thoughtful man who made a direct and immediate impact on the many lives he touched. He will be deeply missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers - may God provide you with His comfort and strength in this time of need. Much love!

Jon and Susan Rogozinski - November 20, 2013 at 01:11 PM

CB

“ My sincere condolences too the entire Cole family and friends of Jim Cole. I knew Jim for 18 years, and surely wish I could have known Him for much longer than that. Jim was a great guy to work with and just hang out with, I considered Jim a great friend as well. Jim will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Craig bier - November 20, 2013 at 12:55 PM

JA

“ MARCIA SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT YOU FOR LEAST TWO DAY'S IF THERE IS ANY THING I CAN DO PLEASE LET ME KNOW. CALL ANY TIME 1-517-441-9092. LOVE YA JACKIE

JACKIE - November 20, 2013 at 12:01 PM

TR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you!!*

The Meckstroth Family (Braxton Robbins) - November 20, 2013 at 11:25 AM

DM

“ *Our deepest condolence for our friend. RIP*

Dick and Jan Minarde - November 20, 2013 at 10:52 AM

PB

“ *Jim- I'm going to miss you not be a part of this world. Despite the fact that I haven't seen you but a few times since I left Charlotte I still had great memories of all the great times we had playing baseball in high school and at LCC. You always had such a great attitude and someone I would want on my side when things got tough. You'll be at rest now and can watch over all of us. Will will be missed Jimmy!!*

Pat Bockenstette - November 20, 2013 at 10:40 AM

PH

“ *Marcia, My heart is heavy for you and your family. Time will ease your pain. Jim will be missed by many but, they have you to keep his spirit alive. Take care friend.*

Patty Heinze - November 20, 2013 at 10:39 AM

MM

“ *Spent many of days and nights on the ball field with Jim in the 70's always had that great smile on his face and a story to tell. RIP my friend.*

Mike McDonald - November 20, 2013 at 10:14 AM

ES

“ *Marcia, I am Jeff Smith's brother who works over at Spartan. Jim and I were childhood friends and played hour and hours of baseball in the field behind the old pool in Charlotte. He was a great baseball and softball player and will be missed by all. Also a great person as we all know. My condolences to your family and know that Jim will always be looking down on you and your grandkids to keep them in line. Take care.*

Ed Smith - November 20, 2013 at 09:27 AM

TC

“ *jimmy was great guy alaways full of smiles and laughterhe sadly missed at spartan motors always there when we needed him to the family he will always be in are thoughts and memory*

tommy cole - November 20, 2013 at 09:25 AM

JR

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Jon and Susan Rogozinski - November 20, 2013 at 09:17 AM

JM

“ *Marcia I am so very sorry for your loss.....I keep trying to find words to comfort you and there are none. I weep with you and my heart breaks with yours.....may Jim R.I.P. and look over you from Heaven above.....Hugs*

Jill Maynard - November 20, 2013 at 07:52 AM

JB

“ *What a measure of a man! Such a kind hearted, awesome person to have known, we will all miss him so. So sorry for your loss! Hugs Love Justin, Tobi, and the girls.*

Justin & Tobi Brummette - November 20, 2013 at 04:29 AM

JB

“ *I met Jim only about 7 years ago, but it seemed as though he had known me my entire life. He would give you the shirt off his back, then go home and get you a coat if you needed that. Couldn't ask for a nicer friend! LEE BRICE LYRICS "I Drive Your Truck" "And youâ€™ probably punch my arm right now If you saw this tear rollinâ€™ down on my face Hey, man Iâ€™ tryinâ€™ to be tough" Sometimes in life we run across people that have such an impact on us that we never know until that last day just how much they ment to us. Jim, the little things that you did each time that we saw you were so awesome. How you kidded around with the girls, how you picked on Tobi and pushed her buttons. Just to get her to give you finger. Then, when you would say, "See she says I'm number one." You were number one, but not like that! You will truly be missed!! By no means is this the only story I have! Thank you soo very much for making my sedan what it is, you will never know just how special that car is to me. How awesome all that you did to make it possible. GOD must have a Street Rod or Muscle car to build cause he called a GREAT PAINTER, and excellent person to come and lead his team!! Time for ghost flames!! Mix up some "Magic Mud!!" Spray that color! When your done lets have a beer! You are in the HALL OF FAME now!! I'll bet that is an awesome spray booth, you get to work in now!*

Justin Brummette - November 20, 2013 at 03:51 AM

JB

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Justin & Tobi Brummette - November 20, 2013 at 01:49 AM

TE

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Jim was a great guy! May God surround you & give you peace in the days ahead. Hugs & love....*

Terri - November 19, 2013 at 11:25 PM

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Terri - November 19, 2013 at 11:24 PM

BR

“ *My heart absolutely breaks for you all. May you all find peace and comfort in each other during this time of sorrow.*

Brandi Reuther - November 19, 2013 at 11:16 PM

LS

“ *To the entire Cole family...we send our absolute deepest regrets and condolences. My heart is with all of you during this time. I can't imagine the pain and grief you are suffering but please know you are in our hearts always. Justin, Scott, Olivia and Marcia we love you all and we are sending you all our prayers....*

Laurie Fosket and Dustin Schafer - November 19, 2013 at 10:11 PM

RF

“ Tammy and Brenda, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers and fond memories are what we have to remember Jim by. May the love of family and friends comfort you during these difficult days, our most heartfelt condolences.

Randy & Roxanne (Minarde) Wooley & Family - November 19, 2013 at 09:42 PM

MM

“ Tammy & Brenda: We were shocked to learn of Jim's passing. He's now reunited with your mom looking down on all of you. Our deepest sympathy. Marsha & Roger McDonald

Marsha & Roger McDonald - November 19, 2013 at 09:17 PM

MB

“ That smiling face.....that iconic laugh.....your love of baseballR. I. P. Jim

Mike Bockenstette - November 19, 2013 at 09:10 PM