



## Lawrence Edward Cole

May 15, 1932 - December 18, 2022

Lawrence Edward Cole, a hard-working provider for his family, died on December 18, 2022. Larry, 90, of Dimondale was born May 15, 1932 in Detroit to Edward and Dora (LeBlanc) Cole. Larry grew up in Detroit, near the Tiger Stadium/Briggs Field, where as a child he would always watch the Tigers play. Larry had a love of cars. He bought and fixed-up numerous autos resulting in a constant parade of them passing through the family's driveway. Larry had to grow up fast as a teenager; becoming the caretaker of his family. Larry was proud to serve his country in the US Army as a military police officer. Career wise, he was a self-employed carpenter until 1964 during which he built their first home in Holt. After leaving the construction business he became a tool and die shipping and receiving manager at Oloffson Corp. retiring as a foreman.

Despite being a homebody, Larry was always present at family gatherings. He was an avid card player, and conversations often went on for hours before going home. One time, Larry's family even convinced him to take a motorhome trip out west to the Rose Bowl. At home, Larry was always friendly and ready to feed anyone who stopped by for a visit. In his spare time, Larry could be found working on house projects to improve their home. You always knew you could find Larry on Sundays at 3 o'clock enjoying dinner with his family. Above all he was absolutely dedicated to his wife Shirley, of 63 years. Standing by her and taking care of her as she battled Alzheimer's. Larry was a

Tiger baseball and Detroit Lions football fan. In fact, his last smile came after the Lion's win on Sunday shortly before he died.

Larry is survived by his sons, Mike (Diane) and Keith Cole, and daughter Karen Berry; grandchildren, Ben (Ashleigh) and Brian (Dayna) Berry; great grandchildren, Cole and Camryn Berry; and sister, Nancy Walker. He was predeceased by his wife, Shirley; son-in-law, Rick Berry; and brother, Jimmy Ronowski.

Friends are encouraged to support Larry's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). A Life Celebration service will be held at 1 PM Tuesday, January 24 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. The family will receive visitors from Noon to 1 pm prior to the service. Following the services the family will adjourn to the Forty Et Eight Chateau, 2949 S Waverly Hwy Lansing MI. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Disabled American Veterans (DAV). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Ridge Cemetery

2074 Aurelius Road Twp office  
Holt, MI 48842

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 24. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Celebration of Life

JAN 24. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Lawrence Edward Cole*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 24, 2023 at 12:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence Edward Cole.*



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January 23, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ *Farwell to a true Lions fan. We'll miss you Larry. Rest easy. Dick middaugh*

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**richard middaugh** - January 20, 2023 at 07:40 PM

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“ Karen, Keith, Mike, and Diane. I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of Larry and Shirley especially during our high school days, both during and after. They both put up with a lot of crap from us "kids" from the basement parties at their house, and all the great weekends at their summer cottage. Larry had a great life and was much loved. Losing a parent isn't easy, but I'm sure he's in a better place now.

Take care!

Howard Soldan

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Howard Soldan - January 13, 2023 at 12:03 PM