



Norma Rae Cole

October 1, 1934 - July 14, 2024

Norma Rae Cole, 89, of Muskogee, Oklahoma went to her Heavenly home on Sunday, July 14, 2024. She was born on October 1, 1934 to Dick Bland Phelps and Ruth Gertrude (Ashwood) Phelps in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She graduated from Muskogee Central High School with the class of 1952.

Norma married the love of her life, Kenneth Lee Cole, on August 3, 1953 at Immanuel Baptist Church. They shared many years of life, marriage and family together.

Norma was an assistant manager at Sears in Muskogee until her retirement in 1995. She was a longtime member of Southeast Baptist Church, where she served coordinating funeral dinners and serving as the "Snack Lady" at Vacation Bible School. She also assisted her husband with the baptisms in the church.

Norma loved her family very much and enjoyed spending time with them. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who will always be remembered for her servant heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dick and Ruth Phelps; her husband Ken Cole; her son, Jim Cole; her in-laws, Lee and Gladys Cole; her siblings, Richard Phelps, Wanda Paull, Dorothy Stone, and Chloe French. Norma is survived by her, daughters Diana Mann and husband David, and Cindy Cole; her son, Kenny Cole; her grandchildren, Colby Cole and wife Lisa, Stacia Thomas and husband Clayton, Jeremy Cole and wife Blanca, Dylan Cole and wife Emily and Taylor Moody; great-grandchildren, Cali Wallis;

Camdyn, Cayden and Carly Thomas; Maverick, Whitlee, and Maylee Cole; and Camron and Sarhayia Thomas; beloved best friend/sister, Mary Welch; and many other family members.

A celebration of Norma's life will be 11:30AM, Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Monty Baggett and Rev. Mike Hart officiating. Interment will be at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Colby Cole, Jeremy Cole, Dylan Cole, Tim Payne, Jeff Cole, and Matt Cole serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearer will be Clayton Thomas.

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Rd
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2334

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Service

JUL 17. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

FP

“ I didn't get to be around Norma very much, but what I remember is her BBQ chicken! Oh my goodness it was good! The best I'd ever had! Diana, Cindy, and Kenny, I am so very sorry for your loss. Mom's ate did a gift from God!
Faith Pharr

Faith Pharr - July 22, 2024 at 06:01 PM

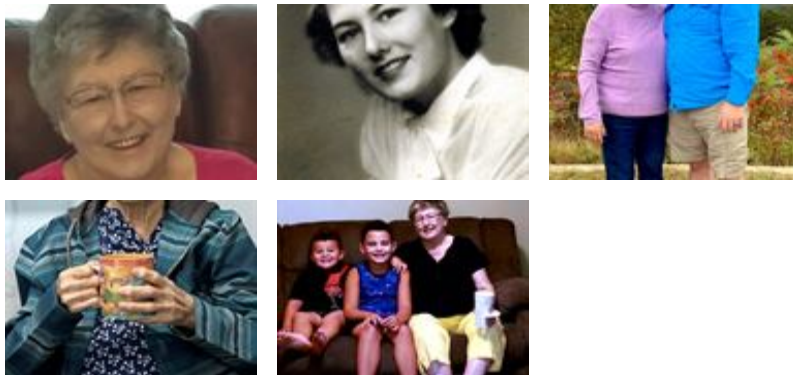
CO

“ Miss Norma was always so upbeat and positive. She was the testimony of a true Christian servant in the way she lived her life. I have fond memories of spending time at the Cole house on Ponca during my teenage years and young adulthood. Norma always made me feel welcomed and at home when I visited.

Cindy Alvarez Overton - July 16, 2024 at 05:19 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - July 16, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Norma Rae Cole.



July 16, 2024 at 03:29 PM



“ Norma (and Ken) was the sweetest person!
Always smiling , the kindest heart ❤️



Glenn/Glenette Briley - July 16, 2024 at 01:07 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Norma Rae Cole.



July 16, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ Marion D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norma Rae Cole.

Marion D. - July 16, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Norma Rae Cole.*



July 16, 2024 at 12:20 PM



“ *Norma Cole, you had to be one of our sweetest patients. We all enjoyed getting to know you and your family. You are truly missed by all of us at the office.*
Mandy, Hailee, Ashlea, Dr.K

Mandy S - July 16, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Norma Rae Cole.*



July 16, 2024 at 11:06 AM



“ *Carl, Dora and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norma Rae Cole.*

Carl, Dora and Family - July 16, 2024 at 11:06 AM

VD

“ Norma was a dear friend and faithful servant. Her and Ken made a great team serving the Lord.

Wendell and Vicki Davis

Vicki Davis - July 16, 2024 at 07:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norma Rae Cole.



July 16, 2024 at 06:58 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Norma Rae Cole.



July 15, 2024 at 07:27 PM

KL

“ Karen Legate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norma Rae Cole.

Karen Legate - July 15, 2024 at 07:27 PM