



James Robert Cole

January 29, 1940 - March 14, 2025

James Robert Cole, age 85, a resident of Jim Arnett Branch in Salyersville, Kentucky passed away Friday, March 14, 2025, at Greg and Noreen Wells Hospice Care Center in Hazard, Kentucky surrounded by family.

Robert was born January 29, 1940 in Salyersville, Kentucky the son of the late Newt and Sally Smith Cole. Daughter, Amanda Gipson, an infant son, brothers, Lawrence Cole, Darvin Cole, Larry Cole, EJ Cole, Elmer Cole, Bille Joe Cole, Mike Cole, Homer Cole, Kelly Cole, and sisters, Wavel Baldrige, Madeline Stephens, Zorri Hughes, Mageline Cole, and Ora Perkins preceded him in death.

Robert was a loving husband, father, papaw, grandpa, great grandpa, great great grandpa, brother, uncle, and friend. He was born to the late Newt and Sally Smith Cole and was a cherished member of the Salyersville, KY community. Known for his kindness, humor, and unwavering commitment to his family, he leaves behind a legacy of love.

Those left to mourn include wife, Karen Cole, and his devoted children: Terry Cole (Sadie) of Salyersville, KY; Randy Cole (Jenny) of Salyersville, KY; Robin McMahan (Shawn) of Jackson, MI; James Craft (Justina) of Pleasant Lake, MI; Joseph (Crystal) Cole of Morrice, MI; Destiny Goble (Jim) of Salyersville, KY; and Jessica Jude (Tommy) of Salyersville, KY. He is also survived by his

sister, Lenea Risner of Jackson, MI, and a special nephew and best friend, Tony Cole, along with many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends who loved him dearly.

Funeral services for Robert Cole will be conducted Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 11:00 AM from the Faith Freewill Baptist Church on Old Burning Fork Road in Salyersville, Kentucky. Clergy Daniel Newsome will deliver comforting words on the day of service. The family will welcome friends Sunday, March 16, after 6:00 PM, all day Monday, and anytime Tuesday prior to funeral services at Faith Freewill Baptist Church on Old Burning Fork Road in Salyersville, Kentucky.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Salyersville Funeral Home in Salyersville, Kentucky. Online condolences and gifts are available on www.salyersvillefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Cole Family Cemetery

Jim Arnett Branch
Salyersville, KY 41465

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)

Faith Freewill Baptist Church
Old Burning Fork Road
Salyersville, KY 41465

Visitation

MAR 17. 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM (ET)

Faith Freewill Baptist Church
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Funeral

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Freewill Baptist Church
Old Burning Fork Road
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Tribute Wall

RL

“ I will never forget Robert playing the guitar and many of our family gathered round listening. Many of them are gone now but Robert has joined them in Heaven. He was always very good to me and I will never forget him.

Ryan Lykins - March 16, 2025 at 02:54 PM

EB

“ Elma Faye Vanover Blakeman lit a candle in memory of James Robert Cole



Elma Faye Vanover Blakeman - March 16, 2025 at 09:49 AM

CC

“ I'll never forget shooting pool back on mining fork hill when I was little with you guys. We are all sad and sorry to see you go Robert, you were loved by many of us! Prayers

Charlie Cole - March 15, 2025 at 08:28 PM

JB

“ Saddened to get the news Thoughts and Prayers for my brogher Terry and his Famkly

Chainsaw

Jerry Bryant - March 15, 2025 at 08:05 PM

SK

“ Love and forever thoughts of you papaw Robert. Until we see you again, please watch over us.



Shena Kelbaugh - March 15, 2025 at 02:13 PM

MC

“ I'll never forget all the fun we had hanging out at Uncle Robert's house and listening to my dad Kenny play music there. My daddy and Momma Cat sure did love you. I'll love and miss you always.



Melinda Cole-Holderby - March 15, 2025 at 12:29 PM