



## Ricky Cole

January 13, 1967 - April 19, 2007

Richard "Ricky" Earl Cole, age 40, of Keen Mountain, Virginia, passed away Thursday, April 19, 2007 at his home. He was born in Richlands, Virginia and was the son of Earl and Christine Cole of Whitewood, Virginia. He had made his home in the Whitewood area all of his life and was a former Coal Truck Driver. He was a graduate of Whitewood High School Class of 1985.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, are: His Wife: Mary Bartley Cole One Daughter: Heather Priscilla Cole of Lexington, North Carolina One Son: Richard Trent Cole of Lexington, North Carolina One Brother: Harold Kirby Cole and wife, Rhonda of Whitewood, Virginia One Niece: Tessia Cole and Two Nephews: Travis and Trevor Cole Special Aunt: Linnie Hackworth and husband, Thurman; Two Special Uncles: Kirby and Jimmie Cole Special Companion and Dog: Max Funeral services for Mr. Richard Earl Cole will be conducted Sunday, April 22, 2007 at 1:00pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. J.R. Baker and Rev. Jimmie Cole officiating. Interment will follow at the White-Jewell Cemetery on White Mountain near Jewell Valley, Virginia. Pallbearers will be: Jeff Hodges, Travis Cole, Trevor Cole, Bill Davis, Matt Ratliff, and Kenny Bartley. Honorary Pallbearers will be: Chris Shortt, Keith Boyd, Little Bob Smallwood, Chris Horn, and Rick Ward. Friends may call after 6:00pm Saturday evening at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ricky Cole*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Ricky Cole*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *We are very sorry to hear of Rickys passing. Our prayers go out to all the family that we love so very much. May God be with you all through this sad time. Tracy and Shirley*

**Cliff and Alice Miller** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Your are in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you comfort in this time of need. We love you.*

**Tom and Glenna Lowe** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ You will never know how much Ricky meant to me and my family. He has always been such a wonderful person whom my daddy loved and thought SO much of! There will always be a part missing in my heart for him and in my family's heart! Our prayers and thoughts are with you all during this special time of need and always!! He has always been like a brother to me and this loss hurts deeply!! We love you all! If we can be there for you like you were for us, please let us know!!!

*Love You all very much!*

*Lisa Hackworth Harris & Family*

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**Lisa Hackworth Harris** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Our Thoughts and Prayers are with all of you, There are no words that I can say that could tell you and the family how much we love you. Ever troubled time in my life you have always been there for me and my family. I can only pray that God will ease the pain that all of you are feeling . Please know that we all LOVE YOU so very much, May God bless and keep you during this most difficult time time in your life.

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**Scarlett and Joe Mitchell** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CQ

“ We are deeply saddened by your great loss. There are no words that can relieve the pain you are experiencing. We can only pray for you and family that God will help you through this. Love and Prayers, Clyde and Janice

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**Clyde and JANICE Quick** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Hallie and Lorraine** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *We all send our prayers and love to the entire family.*

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**Charlotte Meadows** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. God is our great comforter and He will see you through this. Keep Looking up.*

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**Angela Pierce** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Christine and Family - You are in our thoughts and prayers. Wish we could have been there with you. We will continue to lift you up and I know the precious arms of Jesus will cradle you and keep you until you are together again.*

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**Claudette Wilcher** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Earl & Christine - We are so sorry to hear about Ricky. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Kelly Puckett Goodman** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *Christine:*

*My heart aches for you and your family. I just heard about your sad news and wish there were something I could say or do to ease the sorrow you must feel.*

*May God give you all the strength you need to make it through such a difficult time.*

*God Bless you.*

*Ginny Arendall  
Retired Postmaster*

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**Ginny Arendall** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *AS PART OF YOUR NAPUS FAMILY WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR SON, RICKY. WE ARE COMFORTED BY THE FACT THAT YOUR DEEP AND ABIDING FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD WILL CARRY YOU THROUGH THE DIFFICULT TIMES AHEAD.*

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**CAROL AND CHARLIE MOSER** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Christine and family. May the blessings of heaven rest upon you and your family at this time.*

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**Les Sears** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ We heard of your sad loss when Bonnie sent us an e mail. We want you to know that we are thinking of you and praying for you. May you feel the warmth of the Lord's comforting arms as He holds you. Things happen in life that we don't understand and we have many questions. Ther old hymn says "We'll understand it better by and by." I am sure that all of us as parents look back and see things that we wish we had done differently but all that the Lord asks is that we do our best. I am sure that you tried your best and the Lord will reward you some day. Love,Ingersolls

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**David & Genevieve Ingersoll** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dear Christine and Earl,

*During this time, please keep God close. He is the great healer. The loss of ones child is probably the ultimate test of faith. By keeping that faith, our loving God will see you through, and in time, you will smile again.*

*Our deepest sympathy,  
Connie and Kemper*

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**Kemper Bausell** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Cole family.

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**Marilyn Altizer** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ My prayers are with you and your family.

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**Rose Lipscomb** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Mary, her family as well as the entire Cole family. I know that no words that I say can ease your sorrow. I will always remember Ricky as the boy becoming a man during my summer in Whitewood. May Ricky find the peace that he was looking for.  
God Bless!*

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**Karen Keene Osborne** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. It is always hard to lose a loved one, but especially when he had more life to live.*

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**Charlotte Miller** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Dear Earl and Christine,  
I was so sorry to hear of Ricky's passing. I know there is nothing I can say to help with the loss that you are feeling, just wanted to let you know my prayers and thoughts are with you.*

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**Debbie Maxwell** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ *Christine, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Mike Glass called me this afternoon. I'm sorry that I didn't know in time to visit. If there is anything at all that we can do, please call or email us. You are and have always been very special in my life. My prayers will be with you and Earl.*

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**Tom** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Cole,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. Our words can't even express what is in our hearts. As parents ourselves, we can't imagine what you're going through. Please know our thoughts & our prayers are with you during this most difficult time. God Bless.*

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**Kalvin, Janice Hess & Family** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Words cannot express the sorrow we feel after such a tragic loss. Our thoughts and our prayers are with you. Always remember to keep your faith in God and he will heal your pain. May God Bless each and every one of you. All our love.*

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**Leigh Underwood** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Mary,*

*I am so very sorry for your loss. You and the rest of Ricky's family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*God bless,  
Kim*

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**Kim Elswick Whitt** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BH

“*EARL & CHRISTINE, MY HEART JUST BREAKS FOR YOU BOTH. RICKY USED TO TELL ME HOW MUCH YOU BOTH MEANT TO HIM AND HOW YOU HAD STOOD BY HIM WHEN OTHERS SEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN UP . MAY YOU FIND STRENGTH AND PEACE TO GET THUR THIS TIME AND PLEASE KNOW OUR THOUGHT AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. MAY GOD BLESS YOU!*

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**BARBARA HORTON** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GS

“*May God hold you close in his arms, and bless you as you travel this difficult path. In time the sting in your heart will be replaced with wonderful memories.  
My love is with you*

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**Ginger Shook** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MH

“*Christine and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Even though we are not in touch, please know that you are loved by many. Your NAPUS family is here for you and yours. Words will never help heal, but your faith will pull you through.  
My deepest sympathy and my thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
May God bless you and keep you always. Mary*

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**Mary Harrison-Jones** - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM