



Riley RC Cole

November 27, 2023

Once in a very rare blue moon, an extraordinary individual is born, 88 years ago at a place now called Cole's Landing, Riley C. "RC" Cole was that individual. RC fought a long hard battle with his illness and passed away Monday, November 27, 2023, in a Kingsport, TN hospital.

RC was the son of the late, Robert Edward Lee Cole and Madgie F. Wimmer Cole and was a loving son, brother, husband, father, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. RC joined the Army at age 23, and after returning home he married his soul mate and the love of his life, Peggy Honaker Cole. They moved to District Heights, Maryland, where RC went to work for 7-Eleven and worked his way up to a manager position. After moving back to Whitewood, he opened his first store in 1970 known as RC Cole's Grocery which later became Double R Grocery. He opened a few more stores over the years, and after retiring he could not just sit around so he went to work at Save-A-Lot food store for a small period. RC then became a beloved employee of Hurst-Scott Funeral Home and truly loved the people he worked with. He was a long-time member of the Odd Fellows of Grundy, Virginia, and the Oak Grove Church of Christ where he and Peggy loved to sing. RC was well known as a giver, not a taker. He truly had a heart of gold, if he knew that someone was in need, he would make sure to help, or lend a helping hand. RC was a well-respected man in the community, he always supported the schools and the athletic programs. His death was a great loss to all who knew

and loved him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Girtrue Jackson, Hubert Cole, Robert D. Cole, Dennie Cole, Joyce Honaker, and Lois Ann Houchins.

Those that remain to carry on his loving spirit are his:

Loving wife of almost 62 years, Peggy Jean Honaker Cole of Jolo, WV

Children:

Peggy Ann Cole of Jolo, WV

Linda Cole Adams and her husband David, of Oakwood, VA

Pamela Cole Arrington and her husband, Richard of Warrenton, VA

Joshua Douglas Cole and his wife, Michelle of Kingsport, TN

Sister, Yuvon Mullins and her husband Ray of Richlands, VA

Sisters-in-law, Frances Wimmer and Nora Cole

Grandchildren, Tyler Adams and Paula, Riley Arrington and Alexandria, Lindsey Overfield and Anthony, Shannon Adams and Kaylee Reedy.

Great-grandchildren, Knox Adams, and Jett Castle

Special great-great niece and nephew Hunter Bostic and Piper Bostic.

A host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews also survive along with a host of family and friends. Special thanks to his home health nurse, Sarah Weber, and doctors and nurses of Holston Valley, Johnston Memorial and Hospice.

Funeral services for Riley C. "RC" Cole will be conducted on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 12:00 PM at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev's Charlie Cooper, Hobart Kennedy, and Dennis Wimmer officiating. From Cradle to grave, RC will return to White Mountain to be interred at Cole's Landing. Pallbearers will be Joshua Cole, David Adams, Richard Arrington Tyler Adams, Riley Arrington, and Shannon Adams. Honorary pallbearers will be David Cole, Matthew Cole, Anthony Overfield, and the Staff of Hurst-Scott Funeral Home. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the Casey-Shortt VFW Post# 9640.

Friends may visit with the family on Friday, December 1, 2023, from 6 pm until 9 pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia. A singing service will begin at 7 pm.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Cole's Landing

1530 White Mountain Road
Jewell Ridge, VA 24622

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Singing Service

DEC 1. 7:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
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<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
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Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Riley RC Cole



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - December 23, 2023 at 08:51 AM



“ Thank you everyone for your kind words of our precious daddy. He was well loved and respected by so many. Your words and beautiful flowers will all be cherished and loved by all of us. Thank you so much for everything your prayers are so needed and appreciated.

Linda Adams - December 26, 2023 at 06:01 PM



“ Praying for you and your family. I married a man from Whitewood and had the privilege of meeting Mr. Cole and his wife. My husband Daniel thought the world of him. He said growing up that there would have been many, many times him and his family would have went hungry if it wasn't for this man. My husband has passed now and I never knew Mr. Cole passed away until I came across his obituary today but thank you Mr. Cole for your generosity and kindness to my sweet husband he never forgot this and spoke of helping RC as he called him. I'm praying for this family. I still grieve for my husband nearly 5 years later so I truly understand what you're going through.
Love and Prayers Wanda VanDyke

Wanda VanDyke - December 14, 2023 at 11:50 AM

LA

Thank you Wanda for your kind words. Our dad was a truly special man. He was always willing to help everyone that needed it. I graduated with Daniel. He was a good friend.

Linda Adams - December 26, 2023 at 05:43 PM

JL

“ *Prayers for the Family of R.C. Precious Memories of a great man. My sister Pat and I used to go up to his store in the evenings and shop and visit. May God give you Peace and Strength in the days ahead.* 🙏

Joyce Church Leach - December 02, 2023 at 11:55 AM

LA

Thank you for your kind words and precious memories of our wonderful daddy.

Linda Adams - December 26, 2023 at 05:40 PM

RR

“ *Fly high buddy!!...*



Ryan Rogich - December 01, 2023 at 11:23 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Riley RC Cole.*



December 01, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Riley RC Cole.*



December 01, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Riley RC Cole.*



December 01, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Riley RC Cole.*



December 01, 2023 at 10:06 AM



“ *A really good man. Be comforted.*

Blake Gregory - December 01, 2023 at 04:11 AM

JW

“ *Judy West lit a candle in memory of Riley Cole*



Judy West - November 30, 2023 at 08:51 PM

CK

“ *Such a special person! Great loss for our community. Prayers for the family and our community. God Bless all of you.*



Carnice and Peggy Keen - November 30, 2023 at 08:51 PM

LA

Thank you for your kind words of our precious daddy.

Linda Adams - December 26, 2023 at 05:39 PM

SJ

“ *Friends who are family is how I've always considered RC, Peggy and this sweet family. Friends more precious than gold and who are part of so many of my childhood and lifelong memories. No words can ease your pain as I also know the pain of losing a precious dad and no amount of time would have been enough. Cling to each other and most important to God as I know RC would want you to do. All of my love and prayers for you all, Sarah Herron-Johnson and family*

I know there's the biggest game of rummy going on since he arrived and that can make us all smile.

sarah johnson - November 30, 2023 at 07:10 PM

TH

“ My deepest sympathy to all of you! ☐



Tammy Hackworth - November 30, 2023 at 07:01 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Riley RC Cole.



November 30, 2023 at 06:18 PM

JL

“ Joyce Church Leach lit a candle in memory of Riley RC Cole



Joyce Church Leach - November 30, 2023 at 03:08 PM

LT

“ Love, Richard and Tammie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Riley RC Cole.

Love, Richard and Tammie - November 30, 2023 at 01:40 PM

LT

“ Love, Richard and Tammie purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Riley RC Cole.



Love, Richard and Tammie - November 30, 2023 at 01:40 PM

ED

“ Peggy, we are so sorry for your loss. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Eva Daniels - November 30, 2023 at 01:02 PM

PA

Thank you Ms Eva.

Peggy Ann - November 30, 2023 at 08:35 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Riley RC Cole.



November 30, 2023 at 12:32 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Riley RC Cole.



November 30, 2023 at 11:56 AM

JS

“ To all of RC's family I am so sorry for your loss. RC was a wonderful person to me and everyone. He spent the time with Daddy on his birthday and the last day of his life. I hope you all know how much that meant to me. Prayers for you all through this trying time. Love Jane



Joan Stiltner - November 30, 2023 at 11:42 AM

PA

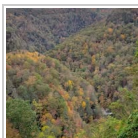
That's what family does. You were a good daughter Jane and loved your daddy as we do ours. We have a broken heart that will never heal. We love you

Peggy Ann - November 30, 2023 at 08:46 PM

LA

Thank you for your kind words. Our hearts are truly broken as you know this pain as well. Love and prayers to you.

Linda Adams - December 26, 2023 at 05:45 PM



“ Christine Hayton lit a candle in memory of Riley Cole



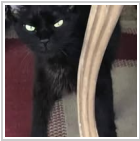
Christine Hayton - November 30, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ *A faithful servant. Praying for the family.* ”



Chelle Carini - November 30, 2023 at 09:07 AM



“ *Davie Horton lit a candle in memory of Riley Cole* ”



Davie Horton - November 30, 2023 at 12:24 AM



“ *Amanda Kitts lit a candle in memory of Riley Cole* ”



Amanda Kitts - November 29, 2023 at 11:41 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Riley RC Cole.* ”



November 29, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Riley RC Cole.*



November 29, 2023 at 09:52 PM



“ *Linda and family, I am so very sorry to hear of RC's passing. He was such a kind man and leaves behind such a wonderful legacy. My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you go through this difficult time.*

Tina Easterling Sellers - November 29, 2023 at 09:04 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Riley Cole*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - November 29, 2023 at 08:52 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss...RC was a good person...Daddy (Lucian Keen) enjoyed visiting/talking with him at his store...prayers*

Connie Keen - November 29, 2023 at 08:38 PM

CR

“ *In our thoughts and prayers to the family of a very beloved person 🙏❤️
Chester and Chris Rife*



Chester & Chris Rife - November 29, 2023 at 08:10 PM

LA

“ *I've been a neighbor of RC for 54 years. He has always been a good man. He would always greet you by saying hello Neighbor. I know the family is having a hard time dealing with this and will miss him as long as they live. RC helped me three years ago when my Dad was sick and I greatly appreciated it, I will miss him. Praying for you Peggy.*

Larry Allen - November 29, 2023 at 07:52 PM

LA

Thank you Larry. Thank you as well for being a good neighbor to mom And dad.

Linda Adams - December 26, 2023 at 05:50 PM

JH

“ *Always enjoyed having RC as a brother-in-law, always kind and helpful to everyone. Betty and I always enjoyed meeting and talking to RC and Peggy. He was a good man.
Johnny Honaker, Sr.*



Johnny Honaker - November 29, 2023 at 07:48 PM

LN

“ *Larry nelson lit a candle in memory of Riley Cole*



Larry nelson - November 29, 2023 at 07:45 PM

EB

“ *Elaine Batten sent a virtual gift in memory of Riley Cole*



Elaine church Batten - November 29, 2023 at 07:40 PM

LN

“ *Leroy Angie Nelson lit a candle in memory of Riley Cole*



Leroy & Angie Nelson - November 29, 2023 at 07:34 PM

SH

“ R.C. and Peggy and their sweet girls and Josh were such good friends to our family Harold and Bertha Herron known to the kids as Uncle Harold and Aunt Bertha. We have no words to describe how thankful we are for this darling family. RC and Peggy were with my Larry when his dad passed and were such a comfort to him. Never forget them. Our prayers for Gods great comfort for sweet Peggy,kids and all who loved and respected this good man. A true Gentleman. We love yall. Sally, Dwayne , Sarah and Jeff and Jaxie.

Sally Herron - November 29, 2023 at 07:06 PM

PA

We love you all. Thank you the kind words. Harold and Bertha were the best neighbors and friends to my parents. We love you all

Peggy Ann - November 30, 2023 at 08:42 PM

LA

Thank you Sally for your kind words. They were such a big part of our life growing up. Larry was truly special to us as well. Thank you all for always be so kind to mom and dad. Love you all.

Linda Adams - December 26, 2023 at 05:54 PM

DB

“ David Beavers lit a candle in memory of Riley Cole



David Beavers - November 29, 2023 at 06:54 PM