



Bob Cole

March 9, 1942 - February 23, 2023

Bobby (Bob) Virgil Cole, Sr., of Conyers, died Thursday, February 23, 2023, at the age of 80. Bob was born at home in Decatur, Georgia on March 9, 1942 to Virgil Calvin Cole and Dorothy Cole. He was raised in Decatur with his late siblings, Joyce, Linda, and Jack. Bob graduated from Southwest DeKalb High School in 1959 where he discovered his passion for sports and competition. When he wasn't working to support his family at Mathis Dairy, he enjoyed participating in baseball and track. That same year, he joined the United States Navy. During his eight years of service, he not only worked in Air-Sea Rescue but found his first of many outlets for his love of athletics by becoming a coach at the Naval Base in Key West, Florida. It was there that he met his future wife, Cindy Rivero, who worked at the Naval Exchange. In 1966, they were married and moved to Georgia, where they would eventually settle in Conyers to raise their family. Over the years, Bob found other opportunities to be around athletics and competition: coaching and cheering on many of his children's sports teams, umpiring baseball from college to little league, serving as booster club president, announcing football games for all three Rockdale County Schools and Georgia Perimeter College Baseball, racing motorcycles, and playing golf. In addition, his greatest joy and accomplishments revolved around his grandchildren, being a faithful follower of Jesus, a Deacon of his church, master gardening and working hard to provide for his family, whether it was through sales, the dairy industry or transportation.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Virgil Cole; mother, Dorothy Cole; sister, Joyce Tingle; sister, Linda Jones; and brother, Jack Cole. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Cindy; daughter, Lisa Sweat; sons, Virgil and Terry Cole; son-in-law, Eric Sweat; daughter-in-law, Mollie Driver Cole; granddaughters, Taylor Cole, Lily Sweat, Bella Cole, Kate Sosa, and Mary-Liz Dougherty; grandsons, James Cole, Logan Sweat, and Graydon Cole. In addition, Bob is also survived by numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins. The family will receive visitors on Sunday, March 12, 2023, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM at Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers. A memorial service will follow at 3:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Sandra Wilkinson, 941 Rolling Meadows Drive, Loganville, GA 30052.

A livestream of the funeral service will be provided at www.scotward.com

Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

MAR 12. 3:30 PM (ET)

Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Tribute Wall



“ *Scot Ward Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Bob Cole*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - March 12, 2023 at 03:04 PM



Bobby Cole funeral services

David Smith - March 12, 2023 at 07:18 PM

TW

“ *Uncle Bobby was a treasure. If you knew him, you knew you were loved. He was one in a million and he will forever be missed.*

Tricia Williams - March 12, 2023 at 04:08 PM

PC

“ *I loved bobby so...last of my double first cousins..rest in peace..til we meet again*

Patti craver - March 11, 2023 at 06:01 PM

SG

“ *Sherry Jenkins Gatton lit a candle in memory of Bob Cole*



Sherry Jenkins Gatton - March 01, 2023 at 10:33 PM

BR

“ *Bobby came to our house in Sautee for a SWD Class of 1960 luncheon. Everyone was so glad to see him again and fellowship with our ole friend. We are all praying for you Cindy and your whole family. John and I are very sorry for your loss. Bonnie McKenzie Reeser and John Reeser.*

Bonnie Reeser - February 25, 2023 at 08:21 PM

RN

“ *Cindy, Virgil, Lisa & Terry*
I am so very sorry for the passing of Bob the husband, father & Grandfather,
I have known The Cole Family for more years than I can remember. Bob & I served on a lot of committees involving youth, middle school & high school sports in Rockdale County. I like to think we got a lot accomplished for the good of the county.
Bob was always laughing & joking. You would never forget that laugh of his. He was a man that loved his family along with being a man of faith. God Bless, you will be missed by all and never forgotten.

Rose Nance - February 25, 2023 at 11:52 AM

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“ *Dad with his siblings; Joyce, Jack, & Linda.*



Lisa Cole Sweat - February 25, 2023 at 11:02 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Lisa Cole Sweat - February 24, 2023 at 10:03 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Lisa Cole Sweat - February 24, 2023 at 09:53 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album bob



Lisa Cole Sweat - February 24, 2023 at 04:42 PM

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“ *I feel so blessed to have known Bobby for years. We pray for comfort and peace for all of you. Bennie&Ellen Barrett Mann*

Ellen Mann - February 24, 2023 at 12:35 PM