



## William R. "Bill" Cole

May 20, 1937 - May 1, 2023

William R. "Bill" Cole, age 85, of Manteno passed away Monday, May 1, 2023 at Miller Health Care Center in Kankakee. He was born May 20, 1937 in Bushton, the son of Robert & Olive (Courtney) Cole. Bill married Ethel Goetz on August 22, 1971 at Elburn Congregational Church in Elburn, IL.

Bill was an Industrial Arts Instructor. He was a lifetime member of the Ladd Moose Lodge. He enjoyed taking care of his yard, gardening, and woodworking. Bill loved building and restoring homes. He was a hard worker.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Ethel Cole of Manteno; one son, Thomas Cole of Charlotte, NC; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Jacklyn & Bruce Campbell of Yorkville and Diana & Howard Bentley of Concord, NC; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Virginia & Ed Buchanan of Charleston and Judith Cole of Naperville; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Kenneth Cole of Charleston, Fred & Shirley Cole of Effingham, and Lawrence & Debbie Cole of Mattoon; four grandchildren, Logan Campbell, Timothy Campbell, Erica Bentley, and Elizabeth Bentley; and two sisters-in-law, Kathy Cole of Leland, IL, and Maxine Cole of Mattoon. Bill is preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Gertrude Bailey, Marjorie Cole, and Gladys Nichols; and five brothers, Ronald Cole, Charles "Dick" Cole, James Cole, Ralph Cole, and Harold "Butch" Cole.

As per Bill's wishes, no services will be held. Burial will be held at Charleston Cemetery in Charleston, IL.

Memorials may be made to Ladd Moose Lodge 1528 or Mooseheart in North

Aurora, IL.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ethel I was talking to my grandson this morning about something from when we lived on third st. Asked him if he sees Bill around anymore,he told me he died! I didn't know or I would have been there. He was such a good man and a good friend

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**Dorene Baker-Sarff** - August 18, 2023 at 02:12 PM

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“ Always enjoyed Mr. Cole's sense of humor. After graduation it was fun to see him on his mower, sometimes he'd stop to chat and give advice. His yard was always perfect!

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**Diana Hartman Bloxam** - May 17, 2023 at 09:55 PM

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“ Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of William R. "Bill" Cole



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**Joelene Hays** - May 04, 2023 at 01:51 PM

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“ Ethel, Hold onto the memories & smile. Hold onto the love, for love is eternal. Kathy Gerhardstein

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**Kathleen Gerhardstein** - May 02, 2023 at 04:47 PM