



Robert "Chuck" Cole

May 20, 1948 - November 24, 2020

Robert "Chuck" Cole, 72, passed away shortly after 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at Freeman Hospital in Joplin. Chuck was born May 20, 1948 to Everett and Rose Cole and graduated in the Class of 1967. He was a lifelong resident of Carthage. He worked for the Carthage Water & Electric for 30 years and at Ozark Electric Cooperative in Mount Vernon from where he retired.

Chuck was united in marriage to Leanne Walbridge on November 18, 2006 in Eureka Springs, AR; she survives.

Chuck is also survived by four sons, Michael Cole, Shawn Klinge and his wife, Donna, Shad Klinge, and James Keeper; one daughter, Lisa Stiles and her husband, Kip; two sisters, Mary Anna Babcock and Connie Jones and her husband Sam; twelve grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mel and Wilma Walbridge, along with many, many nieces and nephews, and a seemingly endless number of friends.

Chuck is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Edwin; four brothers, John, Lawrence, Richard, and Ronald; two sisters, Sherry Burlingame and Alice Kost.

Some of Chuck's passions in his life were his involvement with the Masonic Lodge, the Carthage Shrine Train Crew, a number of non-profit organizations in Carthage, and golf. In fact, he realized his lifelong dream of making a hole-in-one earlier this year at the Carthage Municipal Golf Course. And, of course, his greatest passion was his family. Which seems only fitting that some of his last words before leaving us were: "Tell everyone I love them."

The body has been taken for cremation, per Chuck's wishes, and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Stone's Throw

Dinner Theater in care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

KT

“ Karen&Randy Tatum lit a candle in memory of Robert "Chuck" Cole



Karen&Randy Tatum - December 08, 2020 at 06:12 PM

PW

“ Linda and I are so saddened by this news. Chuck was a great friend and a great person. Leanne, he will be missed by all. Our condolences to you and all of the family. Page and Linda Wagner

Page A Wagner - December 07, 2020 at 09:04 PM

PG

“ Sorry for your loss. Paul Gooch and the Carthage Shrine Burn Crew send their condolences.

Paul Gooch - December 01, 2020 at 09:30 PM

CH

“ Deepest sympathy to Leanne and family from the Harding's.

cindy Harding - November 30, 2020 at 10:27 PM

DC

“ Chuck and I had been friends since grade school. He rarely met someone he wasn't friends with. On a Sunday many years ago, Chuck, my brother and I were baptized at Temple Baptist. It was a day I know we weren't expecting:). We spoke of it recently and I know Chuck's in heaven today because of that Sunday when we were young. Leann he'll be there waiting when its your time but he won't rush you. He'll just play golf until you get there:)

Dan Curry - November 29, 2020 at 06:33 PM

NF

“ Nancy And Dennis Pyle And Family lit a candle in memory of Robert "Chuck" Cole



Nancy and Dennis Pyle and family - November 28, 2020 at 10:15 AM

JS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Chuck’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to family and friends.

John Stevend - November 27, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ Healing & Hope Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Chuck" Cole.



November 26, 2020 at 06:50 PM

SN

“ Leeann we are so sorry to hear about Chuck! We will keep you and your family in our prayers!

Jeff and Sue Neely

Sue Neely - November 26, 2020 at 03:43 PM

JC

“ The world was a better place because of Chuck

Jane Crawford - November 26, 2020 at 03:35 PM

RF

“ I'm going to miss you Ace! Thanks for being a good friend for many years, Ron Ferguson, Class of 67.

Ron Ferguson - November 26, 2020 at 12:52 PM