



Melton Ray Cole

October 1, 1947 - January 17, 2011

Melton "Ray" Cole, 63, passed away on Monday evening, January 17, 2011, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph surrounded by his loving family.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 2 PM on Friday, January 21, at the Dey Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph. The family will receive friends and relatives beginning at 1 PM until service time on Friday. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the Donor's Choice.

Ray was born on Oct. 1, 1947 in Braggadocio, Missouri to Howard and Hazel (Murphy) Ward. Ray married Beverly Atherton on Sept. 13, 1969 and together they have celebrated 41 years of marriage. Ray loved construction and operated for the last 10 years Cole Construction Co. He enjoyed building things, golf and hunting. Ray was a kind hearted, generous and honest person who was giving and helpful to anyone who knew him.

Ray is survived by his wife, Beverly; his sons, Dan (Janice) Cole and Rob (Jennifer) Atherton; his daughters, Pat (Dan) McCrery and Corey (Mike) Hoffman; his 7 grandchildren; his 5 great-grandchildren; his brother, Steve (Bernie) Cole; his 3 sisters, Sue (Mike) Duffy, Lynn (Tim) Melvin, and Darlene (Jim) Henderson; and his many nieces and nephews. Ray was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Gloria Miller.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013
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St. Joseph, MI 49085
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Service

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Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Dan & Family,
It is with our deepest sympathy that we offer our condolences to you
and your family in this time of sorrow. We pray that the Lord wraps
you and your family in his arms and holds you close in this time.*

Your extended family at Boelcke Heating and Air Conditioning

Boelcke Heating - January 21, 2011 at 08:34 AM

BH

“ *Boelcke Heating lit a candle in memory of
Melton Ray Cole*



Boelcke Heating - January 21, 2011 at 08:22 AM

GF

“ *Gress Family lit a candle in memory of Melton
Ray Cole*



Gress Family - January 20, 2011 at 09:03 PM

JM

“ *Dan, I am so very sorry to hear about your loss. You are in my
prayers.*

Jennifer Moschiano - January 20, 2011 at 08:34 PM

ST

“ *To: Bev and Family... You had a great run with one super guy. We send you our love and thoughts! Joan and Rod Stewart (San Diego).*

Stewart - January 20, 2011 at 05:31 PM

LA

“ *Larry and I have thousands of fabulous memories where Ray is concerned. He was the best man at our wedding and over the 25+ years since, he has been closer than a brother to our hearts. We were richer for having known him and now Ray has been given eternal life --- no aches, no pains, no pills, no tubes, no more growing old. It is for those of us who remain that we weep. But then we remember his wonderful sense of humor, his good sportsmanship, his smile and terrific laugh and our hearts feel lighter, thankful for having been part of his life and looking forward to when we will all be together again in heaven. With Love . . . Larry & Shar Allen*

Larry Shar Allen - January 20, 2011 at 03:45 PM