



Norma Jo Cole

May 11, 1934 - December 3, 2017

Norma Jo (Woodrum) Cole, 83, of Pilot Point, TX, passed away Sunday, December 3, 2017 in Denison, TX. She was born May 11, 1934 in Denton, TX to Elbert N. Woodrum and Comette J. Ramsey. Norma and Ralph Leslie "Buddy" Cole, Jr. first met as students at Denton High School, and they continued to date as undergraduates at North Texas State College. The childhood sweethearts were married on July 2, 1955, at St. David's Episcopal Church in Denton. Norma and Buddy raised their two boys Les and Alan in Denton, and then moved to Pilot Point to continue their careers. Norma taught 16 years in Denton, including the TWU Demonstration School and Newton Rayzor Elementary School, and 16 years in Pilot Point. Norma believed in civic duty, serving on the Pilot Point Planning & Zoning Commission for many years, including Chairperson. She also served on the Pilot Point Library Board. She attended the First United Methodist Church of Pilot Point, was a member of Eastern Star of Pilot Point, and a member of the Denton County Historical Society. She also was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Benjamin Lyon Chapter. Norma was an active pack leader for her son's Cub Scout den during the early years. Norma enjoyed her social activities. She was an excellent bridge player and hosted many bridge club parties while she lived in Denton and Pilot Point. She loved to attend the Denton Lunch Bunch with dear school mates and friends. She was also very active in the Pilot Point 19th Century Club. She formed lifelong friendships in these clubs. RV Camping was one of her and Buddy's favorite outdoor

activities. Norma also bass fished on many lakes with Buddy and her boys, many times catching the largest fish of the trip. She was often the organizer of family gatherings and enjoyed painting and genealogy. Norma is survived by her two sons, Leslie Elbert Cole and wife Allyson Ann (deceased) of Coppell, TX and Alan William Cole and wife Lori Kathryn of Highlands Ranch, CO; eight grandchildren including Amy Thomas and husband Jeff Thomas, Leslie Baxter and husband Ryan Baxter, Ryan Cole, Ramsey Cole, Rebecca Cole, Hallie Cole, Claire Cole, and Will Cole; five great-grandchildren including Reagan Thomas, Benjamin Thomas, Makayla Baxter, Mackenzie Baxter, and Matthew Baxter. She was preceded in death by her husband, Buddy; parents, Elbert and Comette; and sister, Mary Sue (Woodrum) Bean. Visitation will be on Saturday, December 16, 2017, at 9:00AM at the First United Methodist Church in Pilot Point, TX. The service will be immediately following visitation at 10:00AM with Reverend Jim Porter officiating. Interment after the service at Krum Jackson Cemetery in Krum, TX. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com. Donations may be made in Norma's memory to the Pilot Point Community Library. Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

To send a flower arrangement to the family of Norma Jo Cole, please click [here](#) to visit our Sympathy Store.

Tribute Wall

SK

“ I was just a few weeks old when Norma Jo was born and we lived a few houses away from each other my home was at 1923 Bell Ave. We grew up together being friends from the time we could walk and talk! I remember her parents well, and also her grandmother Woodrum. I was at her wedding and on and on. My deepest sympathy to all her loving family. And may she rest in peace. Sandra Kahn Katz

Sandra Katz - December 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ My deepest sympathy to Les, Alan, and family. Norma Cole was a wonderful teacher at Newton Rayzor. She was patient, kind, and full of energy! When I think of her, sweet memories flood my mind. Third graders like me were blessed to claim her as both teacher and friend.

Angela Nabors Day - December 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Norma will be missed by the officers and fellow members of her DAR Chapter. Condolences to her family and friends. Rynell Novak, Parliamentarian Benjamin Lyon Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Denton

December 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ My deepest condolences on Ms. Cole's passing. I am the daughter of Zida Jackson and niece of Bobbie Craft, both worked for Mr. and Mrs. Cole for years. Ms. Cole named me! Praying for your family.

Jamette Jackson - December 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Norma was a good neighbor on Linden Drive in Denton where they lived back when the boys were small. In fact, my first babysitting job was for the Coles!Such a sweet family.Prayers for your loss.

Jonna Woodson Pigg - December 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Norma was a wonderful lady. Always happy, friendly, and caring. She will be greatly missed!

Glenda McCorimick - December 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Sending prayers for comfort and peace. Norma was a very special lady and we loved her dearly. I saw her last December at the nursing home and it broke my heart that she didn't recognize me. I know it's been hard on her family and friends so I'm praising God that she's at home with Jesus and Buddy.

Ron & Darlene Sanders - December 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM