



## Ralph L. "Buddy" Cole

August 19, 1934 - October 9, 2014

Ralph Leslie "Buddy" Cole, Jr., 80, of Pilot Point, passed away Thursday, October 9, 2014 in Denton, TX. He was born August 19, 1934 in Denton to Ralph and Sarah (Evans) Cole, Sr. Buddy married Norma Jo (Woodrum) Cole on July 2, 1955 in Denton, TX. He served in the Texas Air National Guard as Staff Sergeant in the crash rescue section of the fire department at OCD Hensley Field in Grand Prairie. Buddy graduated in 1956 from North Texas State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. During his career he worked in numerous fields including Cole Grain Co.-Krum, Denton County National Bank-Denton, F&M State Bank-Krum, Denton Savings Assoc.-Denton, Pilot Point National Bank-Pilot Point, Denton County Judge, Denton County Commissioner Precinct 1, and Fishing Guide on Lake Ray Roberts-Pilot Point. He was the first president of the Krum Young Citizen's Club in the early 50s; an outdoor columnist for the Denton Home Herald, Denton Record Chronicle, and Pilot Point Post Signal which over the years totaled about 1500 columns; first president of the Denton Bass Club; Chairman of the Pilot Point Home Rule Charter Commission in 2009. Governor Mark White appointed him as a member of the Texas Statewide Health Coordinating Council. He served as both president and vice president of the Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce and also served on the Pilot Point City Council. Buddy was a member of First United Methodist Church in Pilot Point, Pilot Point Masonic Lodge #270 where he had served as Master and was a member of the Krum Masonic Lodge, Pilot Point Chapter Order of

Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shriners masonic organizations. He was a Texas Master Naturalist and earned the Pilot Point Distinguished Citizen in 1993. He is survived by his wife, Norma of Pilot Point; two sons, Alan Cole of Denton, Leslie Cole of Coppell; two brothers, Charles Cole of Santa Fe, NM, James Cole of Dallas; sister, Janice Callarman of Krum; nephew, Bill Cole of Victoria; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be held 6:30PM-7:30PM, Friday, October 10, 2014 at Slay Memorial Chapel of Pilot Point. A funeral service will be held at 2:00PM, Saturday, October 11, 2014 at First United Methodist Church in Pilot Point with Rev. Penny Mitchell officiating. Burial will follow at Krum Jackson Cemetery in Krum, TX. Donations may be made to Scottish Rite Hospital, 2222 Welborn Street, Dallas, TX 75219. Online condolences may be shared at [www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center, Pilot Point.

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

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ *My good old friend and fishing buddy. You haven't lived 'till you've seen Buddy put a crawdad on a fishing hook. A good man. Gone but not forgotten.*

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**Jim Pyeatt** - February 13, 2023 at 06:30 PM

DH

“ *My wife and I lived across the street from Buddy and Norma for two years. They were the best neighbors we ever had. We pray that God comfort you as only He can, Norma.*

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**Danny and Janea Hassett** - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Alan, please accept my condolences on the loss of your father. Coach Swafford*

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**Tony Swafford** - October 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *So long Uncle Buddy. You were the best at making people feel accepted and sharing your zeal for life.*

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**Ralph Cole** - October 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ *Buddy Cole was an honorable man and a true public servant for the people of Denton county and it was my pleasure to have worked with him. I am sorry that I am in California.*

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**Vic Burgess** - October 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *May God embrace you in His loving arms of comfort and strength during this time of loss and grief.*

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**Larry Ashby** - October 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *God Bless you Buddy and I know he will you were a great man .  
You will be missed*

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**Bill and Betty Wilson** - October 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *One of the nicest man I have ever met and was lucky enough to work with for a couple of years. Always had a smile, words of wisdom and great humor. Rest in peace and keep on fishing!!*

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**Janet Mathis** - October 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM