



Vallera "Val" Cole

November 30, 1935 - June 5, 2024

Vallera Joan "Val" Cole of Albany, GA, was born on November 30, 1935, in New Castle, PA. She passed away June 5, 2024. She was a kind and loving mother and grandmother ("Nunny") who was always willing to help family and friends. She was a member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church.

After graduating from New Castle High School, Mrs. Cole worked as a waitress while she attended secretarial school. When she and her husband Dick moved to Maryland, she worked for Western Union to support them while he was in school. She transferred her position to Albany when they moved to Georgia. Val left the workforce when they adopted their children. She later returned to work as an order checker at Moore Business Forms. She retired from Moore and worked part time as a courier for Albany Transcription Service until she retired.

Mrs. Cole learned to swim as a teen and enjoyed swimming laps at Tony's Gym and the YMCA until about 10 years ago. She also played on company softball and volleyball teams when she was younger. When she retired, she enjoyed being part of a ladies bowling league in the morning and a mixed league with her husband in the evening. She enjoyed traveling with her husband and family on business trips and vacations; her favorite place to visit was the beach. They went to the beach as often as they could. She enjoyed entertaining family and friends in her home, home decorating, and shopping.

Mrs. Cole was an avid reader and would read at least one book every week.

Mrs. Cole was a member of the Elks and Moose Lodges. She and Dick enjoyed dinners at the clubs as well as the bands and parties thrown for the members. She was a convert to the Catholic faith and joined St. Teresa's when she moved to Albany. She and the family used to serve as greeters at Mass on Sundays.

Mrs. Cole was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Richard Cole; her parents, Frank and Mildred Cartwright; and one sister, Barbara Pearson. She is survived by her children, Kathy Hardison of Leesburg, GA (Tom) and Brian Cole of Johns Creek (Karen); his grandchildren, Trey Hardison of San Antonio, TX (Ellison); Angie Hardison of Leesburg; and Owen Cole of Johns Creek; great-grandchildren, Henry and Ellie Kate Hardison of San Antonio; her sister, Debbie Falix (Kennett Square, PA); and a host of nieces and nephews and extended family in Pennsylvania as well as many friends around the world and in the Albany area.

The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Home for a wake service on Friday, June 7, at 6:00 P.M. The funeral Mass will be held at St. Teresa's on Saturday, June 8, at noon with interment to follow.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Teresa's Catholic School, 417 Edgewood Ln., Albany, GA 31707; or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (online).

Cemetery Details

St. Teresa's Catholic Church Columbarium

421 Edgewood Lane
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Wake service with visitation to follow

JUN 7. 6:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern
1503 Dawson Road
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-4152
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com?>

Memorial Mass

JUN 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

St Teresa's Catholic Church
421 Edgewood Ln
Albany, GA 31707-3910
(229) 439-2302

Tribute Wall

KD

“ *Val was such a wonderful friend to my mom. Now they are together again. Praying for you all. May the sweet memories comfort you at this difficult time.* ”



Kim Dillehay - June 08, 2024 at 02:15 PM

CH

“ *Dear Mrs. Hardison, Please know that I am so sorry for the loss of your mother and your father. I embrace you in the lovely arms of Jesus, and bid you His unfathomable peace. Your friend, Catherine* ”

Catherine Hunter - June 07, 2024 at 11:09 PM

FT

“ *Praying for your family's strength 🙏🙏.* ”



Floria Truitt - June 07, 2024 at 01:23 PM

MP

“ *Melanie Price lit a candle in memory of Vallera "Val" Cole* ”



Melanie Price - June 07, 2024 at 11:50 AM

TG

“ Tamika Griffin lit a candle in memory of Vallera "Val" Cole



Tamika Griffin - June 07, 2024 at 10:31 AM

JB

“ Jennifer Brown lit a candle in memory of Vallera "Val" Cole



jennifer brown - June 07, 2024 at 09:03 AM

JB

“ I'm praying for you and your family ❤️

jennifer brown - June 07, 2024 at 09:03 AM

DH

“ Kathy, Brian and grand children, i am so sorry for your loss of your parents and grand parents. They were great people. I worked with Val at Moore Business Forms for a long time. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Diane Hatcher

Diane Hatcher - June 07, 2024 at 12:19 AM

VI

“ Victor and Irisha purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Vallera "Val" Cole.



Victor and Irisha - June 06, 2024 at 06:56 PM

DV

“ Debbie, Glenn And Vicki purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Vallera "Val" Cole.



Debbie, Glenn And Vicki - June 06, 2024 at 01:44 PM

LE

“ Love, The Girls (Amanda, Dawn, and Evie) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vallera "Val" Cole.

Love, The Girls (Amanda, Dawn, and Evie) - June 05, 2024 at 09:31 PM

LE

“ Love, The Girls (Amanda, Dawn, and Evie) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Vallera "Val" Cole.



Love, The Girls (Amanda, Dawn, and Evie) - June 05, 2024 at 09:31 PM

GD

“ Gail D. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Vallera "Val" Cole.



Gail D. - June 05, 2024 at 07:12 PM