



Thomas A. Cole

December 1, 1938 - July 5, 2025

Thomas A. Cole, passed away Saturday, July 5, 2025 at the age of 86, and is now reunited with his late wife, Sue. He was born on December 01, 1938 in St. Louis, MO to Saxon and Mary Cole and grew up in University City. As one of eight children, the house on Kingsbury was always full of activity. The Coles would pack up the entire family each June to spend the summer at the cottage on Portage Lake in northern Michigan, where Tom, his brothers and sisters, and eventually their own families would enjoy swimming, sailing, and walking on the beach.

Tom earned an associate's degree in drafting and worked in home remodeling for most of his career. He loved carpentry and building things around the house. He met the love of his life, Sue, while she was out dancing with friends at a club. They married February 17, 1973 in St. Louis and raised two wonderful sons together.

As a man of many interests, Tom developed a love of history from his mother and brothers, and he enjoyed reading about historical sailing ships. He looked forward to traveling with his wife to destinations around the world, including Germany, Prague, Ireland, and various parts of the United States. One of their favorite trips was to New Orleans, where they especially enjoyed the city's restaurants.

Tom is survived by his loving sons, Jonathan Cole (Paul De La Cruz) and Edward (Melanie) Cole; his sweet grandchildren, Josephine Cole and Jude Cole; and his dear brother, Henry "Hank" (Marty) Cole. He was preceded in death by his parents Mary and Saxon Cole; his siblings, Mary "Meme" (Al) Yaeger, Saxon (Liz) Cole, William (Alexandra) Cole, Edward (Joanne) Cole, Rodney Cole, and Harriet (Larry) Bradford.

Tom will be remembered for his relentlessly positive personality. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Memorial contributions may be made to Feed My People Food Pantry. (<https://feed-my-people.org/>)

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Kirkwood
10301 Big Bend Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
(314) 965-8228
info@stlfuneral.com
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

Visitation and Services held in Mausoleum Chapel

Funeral Ceremony

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Service will be held in Mausoleum Chapel.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Tom was such a Joy to be around! He was kind and funny and very caring. He loved his family very much. I will always have fond memories of him.*
I will be attending his service.

Patricia M Dziuba (niece of Tom Cole) - July 11, 2025 at 09:31 AM