



## Norman Lester Cole

July 18, 1953 - December 30, 2025

Norman Lester Cole, 72, of Oxford, Alabama, passed away unexpectedly in his sleep on 12/30/2025 at his home. His life was a testament to hard work, faith, and unwavering love and devotion to his family and friends. His Savior welcomed him home and Norman is celebrating the new year with Jesus and his parents. He was born to Melvin Lester Cole and Pearl Key Cole, on 07/18/1953 in Anniston, Alabama.

He graduated from Oxford High School and was a member of the Class of 1971. He attended college at Jacksonville State University. Norman was a former member of Calvary Baptist Church and Blue Springs Baptist Church where over the years he held several positions such as: Choir Director, Sunday School Teacher, Deacon, and Youth Leader. Currently, he is an active member of Lakeview Baptist Church.

Norman loved life and enjoyed spending time making memories with his wife of 47 years, Audrey, his family, and many friends. One of his greatest joys was being "Pop-Pop" to his Grandchildren.

Norman was an outdoorsman and loved camping, hunting, and fishing, especially with his best friends since grade school: Mike, Charlie, and Brady. Since his retirement, he and Audrey loved road trips, exploring new towns and discovering new restaurants and telling EVERYONE how good..... or bad they were. He was extremely quick-witted and loved to tell jokes to make people laugh (especially, his beloved Sunday School Class). He was often the comic

relief that you didn't know you needed. His smiles and gentle-giant demeanor will be greatly missed.

Norman and Audrey were married on January 7, 1978, in Oxford, AL and were just shy of celebrating their 48th wedding anniversary. Together they raised 2 wonderful children: Jeremy D.

Cole "J.D." (Alex) and Joshua A. Cole "Joshy" (Jodie). He was blessed with five Grandchildren: Kody Crossley, Charlie Crossley, Ashton Stovall, Adallyn Stovall, and Jameson Cole. He thought the world of his sisters: Glenda Whitley, Shirley Ward, and Charlotte Jones. He is survived by his nieces and nephew: Jessica Hicks (Billy), Marcus Jones and Jennifer Williams (Maurice), and many more family and friends.

Norman is preceded in death by his Parents, Melvin and Pearl Cole, In-Laws Harold and Louise Allen, and his Nephew, Matthew Jones.

Pallbearers will be Jeremy Cole, Mike Montgomery, Charles Montgomery, Mike Brady, Trey Brady, and Mike Pearson.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 3rd, 2026, at 2:00 pm at Lakeview Baptist Church in Oxford, Alabama. The family will receive friends from 12:00 pm until the time of the service. A burial service will follow at Oxford Memorial Gardens.

Flowers will be accepted, or donations may be made to Lakeview Baptist Church Building Fund.

# Cemetery Details

## Oxford Memorial Gardens

220 McKibbon St  
Oxford, AL 36203

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

Lakeview Baptist Church  
132 Central Ave  
Oxford, AL 36203

## Service

JAN 3. 2:00 PM (cst)

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132 Central Ave  
Oxford, AL 36203

## Graveside Service

JAN 3 (cst)

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# Tribute Wall

JR

“ June Land Reaves lit a candle in memory of Norman Lester Cole



June Land Reaves - January 04 at 05:46 PM

JR

Norman & Audrey were both students of mine at OHS & I loved them as my own. Very Precious couple. Prayers are going up for the family.

June Land Reaves - January 08 at 05:24 PM

RB

“ Rhonda McKenzie Burris lit a candle in memory of Norman Lester Cole



Rhonda McKenzie Burris - January 04 at 08:17 AM

RB

Audrey, Jeremy and Josh, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember so many wonderful times at Blue Springs with our parents, siblings, children, aunts, uncle and ma-maw. I am praying that God will wrap his loving arms around all of you and give you the peace and comfort that only he can give. There is great joy in knowing that we will all see our loved ones again and never be departed from them for all eternity.

Rhonda McKenzie Burris - January 04 at 08:20 AM

RB

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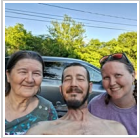
Rhonda McKenzie Burris - January 04 at 08:21 AM

JB

“ Audrey, I'm so sorry. Praying for you & your family. Jane Ginn Brown



Jane Ginn Brown - January 04 at 12:37 AM



“ Norman was a wonderful friend more like older brother to me when we were members of Blue Springs Baptist together. Our Children Josh and Nancy were born a few weeks apart. Im sure she was there to welcome Norman when he arrived in Heaven. She got there 12 years ago. Praying for Audrey and all the family. Love yall.



Claudetta Morgan - January 03 at 01:50 AM

JC

Praying for the family. Norman was a great person. I always saw a smile on Norman every time I saw him. RIP my friend

Jeanie Hawkins Childs - January 03 at 09:50 AM



“ 135 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Miller Funeral Home** - January 02 at 01:49 PM

KK

*Audrey, Joshua, and Jeremy, I am so sorry to hear about Norman's passing. I love you guys and have wonderful memories of going to church at Blue Springs with ya'll and all our friends there. Norman was a wonderful person and friend. I know he is in heaven and I pray that God will comfort you guys, as only He can.*

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**Kathy Kirby** - January 02 at 10:29 PM