

## Joseph Forrest Cole III

Joseph Forrest Cole III, 59, of Bull Pen Road, Cashiers, passed away Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, at Oteen's Veterans Hospital.

Born in Fulton County, Ga., he was the son of Mary New Cole of Cashiers and the late Joseph F. Cole Jr.

He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Air Force and was a graphic arts service representative of a printing industry. Joseph loved canoeing, kayaking, photography, and was a master carpenter.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Mary Susan Joiner Cole; his daughter, Mary-Ashley Cole of Cashiers; his three sons, Joey Cole and wife Rena of Kennesaw, Ga., Zachary Stallings and wife Ashlea of Amory, Miss., and Matthew Cole of Fairbanks, Alaska; three sisters, Diane Reese of Marietta, Ga., Karen Higdon of Cashiers, and Pam Stercay of Westminster, S.C.; one brother, Stephen Cole of Stone Mountain, Ga.; four grandchildren, Marisa Cole, Hunter Cole, Arabella Stallings and Mesa Stallings.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 2 p.m., at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Cashiers, with Rev. Kenny Owen officiating.

Burial was held Thursday, Nov. 1, at 3 p.m., at Georgia Memorial Park Cemetery in Marietta, Ga. Pallbearers were Joey Cole, Zachary Stallings, Matthew Cole, Stephen Cole, Tim Joiner, and Charles Harms.

The family received friends Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 1 to 2 p.m., prior to the service at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. The body remained at Bryant Funeral Home in Franklin until placed in the church one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, c/o Carol Foster, 1858 Bull Pen Rd., Cashiers, NC 28717.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting [www.MeM.com](http://www.MeM.com).

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