



## Roland Andrew Cole

February 25, 1941 - December 31, 2016

Roland Andrew “Buddy” Cole, 75, passed away on December 31, 2016 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Buddy was born on February 25, 1941 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma to Walter & Helen (Anderson) Cole. Buddy grew up in Bartlesville and moved to Tulsa as a young man to work for Air-X-Changers. Later he owned his own auto mechanic shop where he worked for many years fixing cars as only he could. He had a passion for helping people and he loved his family and friends. He attended Parkland Baptist Church for many years and served in many different capacities. Buddy loved the Lord and gladly served Him when he was able and he had a love for Southern Gospel Music. Buddy loved animals, especially dogs. Bear was his faithful companion of many years and more recently he had Taylor. He loved cars and had a knack for being able to fix just about anything that could go wrong with them. He could actually fix just about anything and loved doing it. He was always willing to lift a helping hand to anyone in need. He was always trying to find a way to run a garage from the nursing home. He had a fondness of food and he loved to grill with his special secret recipes. He never turned down ribs, fried chicken, chicken wings, or turkey legs. And we can’t forget his love for Diet Dr. Pepper or that Walker Texas Ranger was his hero, hence, the song the family walked in to. Most importantly, Buddy loved his family, from the youngest to the oldest. He was a family man who always did whatever he needed to do to provide for them. He had a work ethic that is not to be matched. He instilled Christian values to all who knew him. He had a huge, loving heart and he was quick to forgive and genuinely loved people. Buddy was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Helen, his step-mother Rosie, and his son Brian Cole. He is survived by ex-wife Betty Cole Langston, mother of their daughters, Mrs. Tammy Frisbie (Jerry) of New York, and Mrs. Robin Canton (Chris) of Tulsa; siblings, Edward Cole of Lake Keystone, and Mrs. Joanne Flynn (Wayne) of Broken Arrow; grandchildren, Andrew Frisbie, Ashley Hailey, Amber Frisbie, Samantha Hailey, Brandon Canton, Bradley Cole, and Connor Cole; five precious great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews & cousins, and special friend Alyce Shuport. A special thank you to Coweta Manor, where he lived the past 18 months. Also, to Wayne & Joann Flynn, and Chris & Robin Canton for overseeing his care. Roland “Buddy” Cole will be greatly missed by all who loved him. Memorial Services will be 3:00 pm Friday, January 6, 2017, Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel, Broken Arrow,

Oklahoma.

# Comments

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“ I was Buddy's insurance agent for several years. I always enjoyed coming over and spending time together. He was such a nice guy. He will definitely be missed.

**K.T. Johnson** - February 26, 2017 at 06:20 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with all Buddy's family. I had the pleasure of working with Buddy at Route 66 Harley Davidson. I got to visit with him quite a bit and he always loved talking about his mechanic work, cooking, his dogs and most importantly all of his family. I'll always remember him as such a hard working, sweet and loving person.

**Colleen Vogt** - January 11, 2017 at 06:59 PM

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“ Prayers for Buddy's family I had the pleasure of working with him at Route 66 Harley for several years Russ Pander

**Russ Pander** - January 10, 2017 at 10:13 AM

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“ Lit a candle in memory of Roland Andrew Cole

**Robin Cole Canton** - January 04, 2017 at 09:01 AM

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“ I remember one late night when we were all in bed, I heard a loud pow, so I ran to the kitchen where I thought the noise came from and find my dad eating cookies and milk with the milk DRIPPING OFF HIS HEAD!! I asked what happened and he said a bottle of pop exploded. It apparently scared him (the man that isn't afraid of anything nor anyone). I started laughing so hard and everyone comes in to see what was going on to join in laughing until tears were rolling! My dad was my hero. I always looked up to him. He set the best example of what a father should be. A leader and provider of the household, setting strong Christian beliefs for the family, discipline, no fighting or arguing in front of anyone, fixing everything even if he didn't know how (he learned), no abuse and no tears (had to be tough). He was always there for us and I will always cherish him. It rips my heart out knowing he isn't here anymore but I know he is in Heaven with my brother and will suffer no longer. Rest in peace Daddy, I love you!

**Robin Cole Canton** - January 04, 2017 at 12:20 AM

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“ I remember your dad was the most thoughtful and helping man. I looked up to him as a father figure. One thing that always sticks out in my mind was the old brown caddie that he bought you for your first car. Was so much fun to drive! Love you girls and you're in my prayers!

**Jayne Stephenson Steele** - January 03, 2017 at 11:22 PM