



## Mr. Leon Cole Jr.

September 25, 1933 - July 21, 2017

LEON COLE, JR. of Milton, GA died peacefully in his sleep on Friday, July 21, 2017, surrounded by his loving family. Born September 25, 1933, in Columbus, GA, he was the son of the late Leon Cole, Sr. and Ruth Sanders Cole. His survivors include his wife of 55 years, Lillian Mims Cole, and their two children Leonna Schmidt of Prattville, AL, and Leonard Cole and wife Andrea of Cape Elizabeth, ME; his grandchildren Daniel and Joanna Schmidt, and Eliot and Leo Cole; and his brother John Cole and wife Margaret of Columbus, GA.

He graduated from Jordon High School in Columbus and earned music degrees from the University of Georgia, East Carolina University, and Florida State University. He was the band director at Milton High School and surrounding elementary schools from 1967 to 1983, and then taught at Haynes Bridge and Crabapple Middle Schools. Before coming to Milton, he was the band director at Jefferson, Bremen, and Sandy Springs High Schools. He also directed choirs at Buckhead Baptist, Alpharetta First United Methodist, and Ebenezer United Methodist Churches.

The family expects to coordinate an event celebrating his life, to be announced through [www.facebook.com/groups/117917485076](http://www.facebook.com/groups/117917485076). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Alzheimer's Association.

# Cemetery Details

## **Northside Chapel Crematory**

12050 Crabapple Rd  
Roswell, GA 30075

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Leon Cole Jr.*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *So sorry for the loss of this wonderful friend!  
Lillian my thoughts and prayers are with you!  
My Lenten rose is one of my favorite plants in  
my garden! He was so kind and thoughtful to  
share such a treasure with us. My love to you.*



**Carol Holley** - July 25, 2017 at 07:40 PM



“ *Thank you for a lifetime of wonderful memories.  
John Herrin*

**John Herrin** - July 23, 2017 at 09:06 AM



“ *Arlene Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Leon Cole Jr.*



**Arlene Jackson** - July 23, 2017 at 08:48 AM

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“ I love this man~ and will continue to hold his wonderful memories, very dearly in my heart~ whenever school was difficult, or times were rough, music was there~ Mr. Cole's classes were the best part of my day for several years. If I could write a symphony in gratitude, I would~  
Rest In Peace~ you beautiful soul



Anonymous - July 22, 2017 at 08:03 PM

BM

“ Mr. Cole was my music teacher from 4th grade. I have nothing but wonderful memories of him. There are so many life lessons that were learned through my years in band. Mr. Cole lives on in the hearts of all of us who were blessed to have him as a teacher! My love and prayers to Mr. Cole's family.

Bobbie Kendrix Matsumoto - July 22, 2017 at 06:40 PM

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“ Mr. Cole was the teacher and band director every parent wanted for his/her child. We have so many fond memories of Mr. Cole and the years our daughter, Lori was a band member and majorette at Milton High School. We are grateful for his love of the students, the long hard hours he worked to prepare his band programs and to plan the trips the band members enjoyed. These times are etched in our bank of fondest memories. As a Band Parent Association member, her Dad and I worked hard to support his efforts in any way we could. He was inspiring and compassionate about his work and to the students, and they loved him.

Thank you Mr. Cole, a life well-lived.  
Linda and Buddy Stovall

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**Linda Strickland Stovall** - July 22, 2017 at 04:32 PM

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As my mom said above, Mr. Cole and the Dixie Eagles were a big part of my high school years, and I will always be grateful for his influence in my life. The halftime shows he created were works of art, and I know he spent many long hours planning them and helping us perfect them. My condolences to Mrs. Cole, Leonna, Leonard and Andrea and the grandchildren.

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**Lori Stovall LaPlatney** - July 22, 2017 at 05:58 PM

RD

It is with deep sadness that I have to say goodbye to my friend and former band teacher Leon. He was more than just a friend he was like a father to my sister and I. He was always there for his student's in good times as well as bad, if you needed him he was there. As my sister said he is now forming a band of Angels and soon will be conducting an orchestra in Heaven. I will miss him so much. The Dailey Family sends our condolences to The Cole Family during this sad occasion.

Robert (Bob) Dailey, Joan Dailey Towles and Family

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**Robert Dailey** - July 23, 2017 at 06:08 PM