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Garnet Cole Obituary

Garnet M. Cole was born in Caddo, OK on March 22, 1927, and departed this life for life eternal on February 7, 2023. He was reared in Earlsboro, OK. The son of an oilfield worker and graduated from Earlsboro High in May 1945. He played first team in baseball and basketball all four years. He entered the Army in July, 1945 and took his basic training at Camp Joseph T. Robinson in Little Rock, Ar. In December, 1945, he married his high school sweetheart, Maxine A. Carter-also an Earlsboro High graduate and then shipped out in January, 1946, for South Korea, for occupational duty for the year 1946. During his stay in South Korea, he served as the First Sergeant of Headquarters Company, 31st Infantry Regiment of the 7th Division. Upon returning home in early January 1947, he and Maxine moved to Duncan, where he began his work with Amerada Petroleum for the next nine years. During this time, they began their family with two daughters-Linda and Marsha. The Coles were converted to Christ during a revival at Velma Baptist Church in 1952, and indeed began a new life with a new purpose. He was called to preach in 1954, and began preparation for his life's work at Cameron College in Lawton. He moved from Fair Church in 1958 to become pastor of First Baptist in Choctaw, and enrolled at Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee in the fall. He moved from Choctaw in the summer of 1960 to become pastor of Red Fork Baptist Church in Tulsa from 1960 to 1975. He then became Executive Director of Tulsa Baptist Association until his retirement in 1992. He was honored with a doctor of divinity degree from Clarksville School of Theology in 1982. What a blessed time to serve these three churches and the Tulsa Baptist Association. He often stated that he wouldn't take anything for this unique experience. In retirement the Lord allowed him to serve twenty-five Southern Baptist Churches as interim pastor. Dr. Cole is survived by: wife of 77 years, Maxine A. Cole, and a favorite son, G. Mitchell Cole and wife Glenna. He is also



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survived by eight grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. Dr. Cole was preceded in death by daughter, Linda E. Smith and husband Vernon D. Smith of Sand Springs; daughter Marsha A. Ferslew of Tulsa; by his father, C.W. Cole; his mother, Martha A. Cole; two sisters, Marilee Montgomery of Shawnee and Arlene Peters of Oklahoma City; and a brother, David Cole of Fort Smith; and he is survived by many nieces and nephews; and blessed with more good friends than any man deserves. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, Monday, February 13, 2023 at South Tulsa Baptist Church. Interment will be at Floral Haven Cemetery in St. Paul Gardens under the direction of Bixby-South Tulsa Funeral Service.

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TS

Tom Shaw posted:

I am so grateful for my relationship of over 60 years with Garnett Cole and his family. They all have been very gracious and supportive to me and my family. Brother Cole was very instrumental to me in my ministry giving me much encouragement as I was getting started. I am saddened at his passing but greatly rejoice in knowing that he is with his Lord who he loved so much and served so faithfully. My prayers are with Maxine, Mitch and other family members.

February 13 at 7:42 AM

DD

Don And Janell Diehl posted:

Janell and I met Garnet and Maxine while we were members at Red Fork. He had already retired but was very active even part of the weekly visitation and outreach. He also served other churches. We became friends and I loved his preaching. I would sometimes talk Janell into skipping our regular services to go and "hear Brother Cole." I featured him (his story and a favorite sermon) in a book of sermons I published in 2005.

February 12 at 11:33 AM

SE

Steven D. Evans posted:

A candle was lit in remembrance

February 12 at 8:25 AM

SE

Steven D. Evans posted:

The Dr. James Evans family carry many fond memories of Garnet coming and staying in our home for Revivals and He and Our Dad being Great Friends . Lots of laughs always. Dear Maxine You and All Your family are in Our Prayers Always. In Memoriam,Rita, Jim and Steven Evans

February 12 at 8:24 AM



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KB

Karen Burgess posted:

Our deepest heartfelt sympathies to the family. Garnet and Maxine hold a special place in our hearts. He was our pastor and friend. He always had a big smile and big hug and encouraging word anytime you seen him. Garnet and Maxine are my moms best friends. She will miss talking and seeing Garnet. He lived a long blessed life. I know he was greeted in heaven by all that had gone on before him. I'm sure it was a big celebration. Rest In Peace our beloved friend! Love in Christ, Karen Burgess, Norma Felkner, Brenda Hughes

February 11 at 9:39 AM

MS

Marla (Moffitt) Shaw posted:

Dear Maxine and family, I will never forget the impact Garnet has had on our lives. So thankful he performed our marriage ceremony and that you were both involved in my life growing up. You both always made me feel special (and special to the Lord) and for that I'm eternally grateful. May the Lord give you His comfort and strength at this time. What a great reunion awaits us all. Love, Marla (Moffitt) Shaw

February 10 at 7:15 AM



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