



Richard Charles Cole

December 29, 1966 - November 29, 2016

Our beloved Richard “Rick” Cole took his peaceful journey to Heaven surrounded by family on November 29, 2016 at the age of 49 – one month before his 50th birthday. Although gone too soon, we are comforted knowing we have one more wondrous angel watching over us.

Rick leaves to cherish his memory his parents; Donna and Jordan Cole, his sisters, Dr. Wendy Cora and Mrs. Lisa Mendez, and his son, Michael James Cole. Rick has an extended loving family of aunts, uncles, nieces, brothers’ in law, and cousins all for whom his presence will be deeply missed. He is predeceased by his beloved grandparents James and Marjorie Minto and Jordan and Estelle Cole who now hold him in their arms in Heaven where he is free from pain, in eternal peace, laughing and reminiscing with all of our family and friends who went before him.

Rick was born in Winter Park, FL on December 29, 1966 to Donna Minto Cole. At the tender age of 6, he was adopted by Jordan Cole who he would call dad for the rest of his life. Jordan knew Rick as his “only son” and their relationship was a gift to them both. Rick graduated Lake Howell High School in 1982 and went on to build a lucrative career fabricating carburetors for vehicles including Nascar Cup Cars as part owner/employee of BLP. Rick’s expertise was well known in the industry as people from all over the country, even as far as Puerto Rico sought his talent.

Rick was a devoted father to his son Michael who he looked upon as his greatest accomplishment. He enjoyed fishing, riding his motorcycle, working

on cars, eating out, and spending time out of doors with his friends, most of whom he knew from childhood. Rick was very close to his family and few things entertained him more than the opportunity to tease his little nieces Gabby & Bella. Family vacations, family dinners, and simply being in his presence as he cracked jokes and filled the room with laughter was a blessing to us all. Although his faith was found later in his adult life, Rick was a spiritual man and involved in his church – Orlando Family Church. To say he will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him is an understatement.

At this time, no formal service has been scheduled as Rick's family mourns him privately. A formal service will be scheduled in the New Year and details shared later.

And he will raise you up on eagles' wings

Bear you on the breath of dawn

Make you to shine like the sun

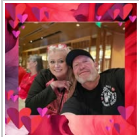
And hold you in the palm of His hand

Tribute Wall

WC

“ It’s midnight officially November 29th 2020. Also officially the toughest day of the year. 4 years ago we lost this man, my beloved older brother Rick. It’s amazing how, 4 years later, my heart hurts as though we lost him just yesterday. We will join together as a family for dinner tonight to support each other through this day & to celebrate the man he was & the too short life he lived. While I know my brother is at peace in Heaven, I’d prefer he still be here beside me. I miss my big brother Rick every single day 💙. It’s important he remain remembered - Richard Charles Cole - gone too soon.

wendy cora - November 29, 2020 at 01:04 AM



“ Rick, i cannot believe it has been over a year since you went to be with grandma and grandpa. I think about you all of the time. I see people that resemble you and for a split second i think it is you. It just doesn't seem real that you can be gone from us on earth. We all see cardinals now and know that is you letting us know you are happy and healthy. We all miss you, your smile, your laugh, your sense of humor and your kindness. Merry Christmas Rick!!!! I love you!!!!

Gina Gampfer - December 24, 2017 at 09:18 AM

LM

“ No words can describe how much you are missed. I truly think about you everyday. I know you hear me when I talk to you. Bella and Gabby sleep with your blanket on them every night. I know this brings them comfort, as it does for me as well knowing you are watching over them as they sleep. One year ago today you received your wings. I thought it would get easier with time, but it really hasn't. I'll miss you always and I will take comfort in knowing you are smiling down on all of us. I love you big brother. ❤️

Lisa Mendez - November 29, 2017 at 05:44 AM

WC

“ One year ago today we lost my big brother. People say the pain of losing someone is unbearable ... while that is true I find that it's the living without them that causes the most pain. Before my brother got sick, he was the life of the party - Ready with a joke and a smile. He never wanted to be center of attention but his sense of humor was contagious. There is such a hole in my heart with him gone. To say I miss him doesn't seem enough ... so much I wish I could say to him ... so much I wish I could have done for him. While I know his pain left him as he joined loved ones in Heaven, I still selfishly wish I'd had more time to love my big brother Rick. God bless you big brother ... my prayers are for you tonight 💙

wendy cora - November 29, 2017 at 12:25 AM

DM

“ Thinking of you today as we get ready to have a Celebration for you on the 29th!! Its been one year since you went to Heaven and we think about you all the time. Michael is such a wonderful son and young man. I know you are proud of him. Blessings for all of us even in times of sorrow and it will not be long before all of us are together again. Be looking for our balloons Wednesday night!

Dena and MichaelCole - November 27, 2017 at 10:05 AM

JM

“ Jennifer Elias Miller lit a candle in memory of
Richard Charles Cole



Jennifer Elias Miller - December 24, 2016 at 09:18 PM

DB

I loved you like a son Rick and I still do. I talk to you every day and I know you hear what I say. The only comfort I have since you left us is knowing you are not suffering anymore. I miss everything about you. Your smile, your jokes, your stories, I miss everything! My heart hurts as much today as it did that night one year ago today when I watched you take your last breath. God took your sweet soul away from us too soon. Please give grandma and grandpa a big hug for me. Until we meet again...I love you. Aunt Dar

Darlene Brown - November 29, 2017 at 01:53 PM