



Elsie May Cole

September 24, 1919 - December 7, 2013

Elsie May Cole, daughter of the late Charles A. and Nettie (Young) Holt, was born September 24, 1919 in East St. Louis, Illinois where she grew up.

In 1937, Elsie graduated from Central High School in St. Louis and went on to further her education. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree from California State University in Long Beach, California in 1959 and her Master's Degree from the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona in 1961.

On April 10, 1937, Elsie was united in marriage to Fabian M. Cole in Venice, Illinois. They shared 48 years of marriage together and were blessed with two daughters: Carol and Virgie.

Elsie was an intelligent and hardworking woman. She worked as a research psychologist for Rockwell Aviation and retired from civil service for the United States Air Force in 1977. Perhaps her proudest achievement was human factors work on the first flight to the moon.

In her spare time, Elsie enjoyed working with genealogy and researching her family's history. She was a member of numerous societies related to family history as well as a life member of the American Psychological Association, Human Factors Society and the MENSA.

Elsie passed away Saturday, December 7, 2013 in Life Care Center of Waynesville, Missouri having attained the age of 94 years.

Elsie leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter: Virginia Mahan of Waynesville, MO; two grandchildren: Kevin Cole Cormack and wife Charli of San Francisco, CA and Jennifer Sue Cormack of Whittier, CA; and other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Elsie was preceded in death by her husband: Fabian Cole (1985) and daughter: Carol Cormack (1977).

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 18, 2013 in the Macedonia Cemetery near Doniphan, Missouri with Rev. Christopher Hendrix officiating. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Macedonia Cemetery

Doniphan, MO
<http://www.angelfire.com/mo3/ripleycem/macedoniacem.html>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Graveside Service

DEC 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Elsie May Cole*

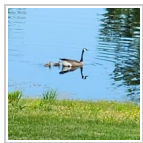
January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Pulaski County and Fort Leonard Wood have been blessed to have both Elsie and Virgie as community leaders and supporters for so many years. I'm sure Virgie will find it hard to bear the loss of her Mom, but she can take comfort in remembrances of Elsie's loving nature and her devotion to her daughter, the fullness of the life Elsie led and the compassionate and inspiring example she set for those around her.*

David Russell, Columbia, MO

David Russell - December 17, 2013 at 03:07 PM



“ *I recall Elsie when lived in Primrose, she was a wonderful lady. Anyone who could raise Vergie has to be incredible! Vergie has been the life of Pulaski County for years!*

Linda Gifford - December 14, 2013 at 10:40 AM



“ *SARA JONES lit a candle in memory of Elsie May Cole*



SARA JONES - December 12, 2013 at 06:14 PM

LR

“ *Laura Richardson lit a candle in memory of
Elsie May Cole*



Laura Richardson - December 12, 2013 at 05:09 PM

BW

“ *Loved Mrs. Cole. Rest in peace.
Beth Wiles*



Beth Wiles - December 11, 2013 at 11:18 PM



Charmaine
Gray

“ *Charmaine Gray lit a candle in memory of
Elsie May Cole*



Charmaine Gray - December 11, 2013 at 11:51 AM



Charmai Gray

Dear Miss Virgie...I met Miss Elsie when I worked as cook for the Waynesville/St. Robert Senior Center. She was quite the character! She sure had a business head on her shoulders, I believe she gave 110% of herself at whatever she did. She was so nice to me and even bought me some nice knives while I worked there. I remember she said," Every cook needs her own knives and when you leave wrap them up in your apron and tak'em with you". I still have them and think of her each time I use them. May the promise of a resurrection of our loved ones comfort you during this sad time.

Keeping you in my thoughts...Leah (Gray) Willoughby

Charmaine Gray - December 11, 2013 at 12:14 PM



JT

“ Janis Thompson lit a candle in memory of Elsie May Cole



Janis Thompson - December 11, 2013 at 07:35 AM



J(

“ Jerri Shreve (Williams) sent a virtual gift in memory of Elsie May Cole



Jerri Shreve (Williams) - December 10, 2013 at 09:09 PM



J(

Virgie, so sorry for the loss of your Dear Mother. She was quite a lady! I shared many laughs with her at the Care Center. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jerri Shreve (Williams) - December 10, 2013 at 09:12 PM

MS

“ Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of Elsie May Cole



Marge Scott - December 10, 2013 at 01:40 PM

MS

Virgie, so sorry to hear of your mother's passing and she will be remembered by so many dear friends. May the Lord give you peace and comfort in this sorrowful time. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Margee

Marge Scott - December 10, 2013 at 01:45 PM

CB

“ Clarence & Darlene Bott lit a candle in memory of Elsie May Cole



Clarence & Darlene Bott - December 10, 2013 at 10:23 AM

DB

“ Dave & Cynthia Bolinger lit a candle in memory of Elsie May Cole



Dave & Cynthia Bolinger - December 10, 2013 at 07:12 AM

DA

We remember Elsie as being a joyful person and the mother of our friend Virgie Mahan. Hello Virgie! We are sorry for your loss. We hope you are in good health and continuing to benefit our Waynesville community in so many ways. PFAA will always have a very special place in my heart.

We moved to Lake of the Ozarks near Warsaw 9 years ago and of course still remember our many dear friends in Waynesville-Ft. Leonard Wood. Our joy this year is in being grandparents with the wives of both sons having babies in 2012. We drove many miles to watch their first year of development-- to Arkansas to see Clay's baby Shaylee and to Minnesota to see Ryan's baby Tucker. Both families are healthy and happy. We are also. Fishing is good for Dave and I'm busy with music and the Benton County Museum. Clay and family are moving to Shawnee, KS soon. Hurray! We love you all. Greetings for a Merry Christmas!!

Dave - December 10, 2013 at 07:19 AM

BL

“ *Bob And Sue Layman lit a candle in memory of Elsie May Cole*



Bob and Sue Layman - December 10, 2013 at 06:13 AM

SJ

“ *SARA JONES lit a candle in memory of Elsie May Cole*



SARA JONES - December 09, 2013 at 09:56 PM

LC

“ *Linda Cole lit a candle in memory of Elsie May Cole*



linda cole - December 09, 2013 at 04:32 PM

DA

Dear Virgie, We are so sorry to hear about your Mother. I will always remember her telling me that you two got your hair color out of a box. She was always so nice to me when I saw her. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbe Adkins - December 14, 2013 at 05:48 PM