



Jeffery Michael Cole

October 24, 1974 - April 5, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

Jeffery Michael “Jeff” Cole of Hernando, Mississippi was born on October 23, 1974, and passed away on April 5, 2024, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. A celebration of Jeff’s life will be held on Friday, April 12th, 2024, at Desoto Hills Baptist Church. Visitation will be held from 10:00 until 12:00, with funeral services at 12:00. Graveside service and interment will be at Desoto Memorial Gardens.

Jeff was reared by devoted parents in Franklin, Louisiana. His mother, a gifted pianist, and his father, a talented string player, encouraged and nurtured Jeff’s emerging interest in music. He had an uncommon musical gift and could play piano and guitar, which was self-taught, by ear. Jeff has graciously served more than twelve years as pianist and keyboard player for his beloved Desoto Hills Baptist Church. Holding true to his Louisiana roots, he also enjoyed the rhythm of soulful New Orleans Jazz. As Jeff traveled with his job, he could often be found playing piano during morning hours in hotel lobbies.

Although his love for music was a significant part of his life, Jeff’s greatest passion was his family. He was a devoted husband and a Christian father who invested in the lives of his three children. Weekends spent watching his daughter at cheer competitions or his twin sons at baseball tournaments

brought great joy and pride. Mississippi State tailgating during football season was a family affair and yielded many fun memories his family and friends will treasure for a lifetime.

Jeff was a 1992 graduate of Franklin High School in Lafayette, Louisiana and continued his education at University of Southwestern Louisiana where he met Leanne, his wife of twenty-four years. Following college graduation in 1996, Jeff spent his career in sales. Throughout his employment he held positions with FedEx, Grainger Industrial Supply, and currently was Territory Sales Executive with Beckman Coulter. Jeff never met a stranger, had a compassionate ear, and was eager to serve his clients.

As a newborn, Jeff was diagnosed with a complex congenital heart defect called transposition of the great arteries that left his heart functioning backwards. His lifesaving cardiac care began at three weeks of age. He had endured countless surgeries and procedures to help his deficient heart perform the functions of a normal heart. After a stroke and two heart attacks as a young adult, Jeff enlisted the care of an incredible cardiac team at Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he knew he would eventually need a heart transplant. Without their persistence and intervention on Jeff's behalf, his life would have been much shorter. Jeff was a determined survivor who never complained about his degenerative condition. Dr. Jonathan Menachem and the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Team have been an invaluable resource and support for Jeff and his family during such a difficult season of life.

Jeff was preceded in death by his mother Donna Danjean Cole; maternal grandparents, Sidney Jerome Danjean, Jr and Elsie Lee Talcott Danjean; paternal grandparents, Wade Cole and Julia Verret Cole.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Leanne Messner Cole; daughter, Emma Cole;

sons, Will Cole and Sam Cole all of Hernando, Mississippi; father, Gerald Wayne Cole of Lafayette, Louisiana; sister, Christi Cole Emfinger (Glenn) of Lafayette, Louisiana; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Gary and Judy Messner of Corinth, Mississippi; brothers-in-law, Russell Messner of Corinth, Mississippi and Blake Messner (Donna) of Opelousas, Louisiana; Jeff also leaves a great legacy for his six nephews and two nieces.

Bro. Grant Stegall, Bro. James Lewis, and Marc Lewis of Desoto Hills Baptist Church and Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven will preside over the services. Pallbearers will include Ward Bloodworth, Greg Drumwright, Keith Gray, Tracy Huffman, Randy Meadows, John Phillips, and Jeff Shands.

Memorials in Jeff Cole's memory may be made to Desoto Hills Baptist Church Student Ministry.

Expressions of condolence may be left on Mr. Jeffery Michael Cole's Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Desoto Memorial Gardens

630 Star Landing Rd E
Southaven, MS 38672

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

DeSoto Hills Baptist Church
4680 Getwell Road
Southaven, MS 38672

Funeral Service

APR 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Gerald and Christie I'm so very sorry to hear of Jeffery's passing. May he rest in eternal peace.*

joy aprill - June 14, 2024 at 11:45 AM

CP

“ *Peace and Grace of the Lord enfold and comfort you all. Jeff will be remembered for his kindness to all and love of his family.*



Christina Perry - April 12, 2024 at 04:25 PM

DE

“ *I had the honor of working with Jeff on the Grainger sales team for 7 years.*

The best memories were the regular phone calls early on when he was the new guy and I was the 10 year vet. He quickly caught up to me and I would be the one calling him for advice. What a truly amazing person you were.

One of the best memories was at the Grainger Tradeshow when after a venue sponsored musical act played to 400 of the Grainger government sales team including senior leadership, Jeff casually asked since there was a piano on stage, could he perform an additional song for his teammates?? Jeff preceded to wow everyone in attendance with "Walking in Memphis" singing and playing the piano to perfection. There was quite an ovation after he was finished. More applause than the show band too. Hope to see you again Jeff. With deepest condolences for your family, your friend Dennis.

Dennis - April 12, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.



April 11, 2024 at 03:14 PM



“ The Emfinger family. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.



The Emfinger family. - April 11, 2024 at 02:06 PM



“ From the Jim and Tina Hitt Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.



From the Jim and Tina Hitt Family - April 11, 2024 at 01:06 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.



April 11, 2024 at 11:40 AM

VG

“ Vicki and James Guidry purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.



Vicki and James Guidry - April 11, 2024 at 10:54 AM

DD

“ I'll miss you Jeff. Will never forget the time we all went out to dinner after a team meeting, and Jeff sat down at the piano in the restaurant and played such a beautiful melody. We got in trouble for doing it, but was so glad i was able to hear him play. Will miss you Jeff.

Dan Demetzsky - April 11, 2024 at 10:46 AM



“ Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.



April 11, 2024 at 08:32 AM

BA

“ Brenda Perritt ACMC Crossett, Arkansas purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.



Brenda Perritt ACMC Crossett, Arkansas - April 10, 2024 at 04:04 PM

VB

“ I am a Beckman Coulter customer of Jeff's and I will say that every single interaction I had with him was pleasant. He was always so kind and would go above and beyond to help me and my coworkers with anything that we needed. I am so grateful for the chance to interact with such a selfless, caring, and genuine person. - Valerie Blake

Valerie Blake - April 10, 2024 at 03:42 PM

SR

As a former long term Beckman Coulter employee, I had the privilege of helping to bring Jeff on board and I never ceased to be impressed by his kindness, enthusiasm and passion. Go rest high my friend Steve Rains

Steven Rains - April 11, 2024 at 09:59 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.



April 10, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.



April 10, 2024 at 11:38 AM

RB

“ Ruby, Alex & Sherry, Pat & Buddy purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.



Ruby, Alex & Sherry, Pat & Buddy - April 10, 2024 at 10:38 AM

JO

“ Jon, Belinda, Eliza and Jud Oakley purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.



Jon, Belinda, Eliza and Jud Oakley - April 10, 2024 at 08:01 AM

TM

“ Teaching Methods (Dr. McCubbins) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.



Teaching Methods (Dr. McCubbins) - April 09, 2024 at 12:06 PM

PM

“ Patrick, Tonya, Dalton, Gracie, & Maddy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.



Patrick, Tonya, Dalton, Gracie, & Maddy - April 09, 2024 at 11:18 AM

AA

“ *Alyssa Blair Magnolia, AR purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.*



Alyssa Blair Magnolia, AR - April 09, 2024 at 11:06 AM

BS

“ *Bob, Mandi, Rett & Law Stanley purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.*



Bob, Mandi, Rett & Law Stanley - April 09, 2024 at 09:54 AM

HG

“ *Howard & Andrea Gehrett purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.*



Howard & Andrea Gehrett - April 09, 2024 at 09:20 AM

MM

“ *millie myers lit a candle in memory of Jeffery Cole*



millie myers - April 09, 2024 at 08:26 AM

MG

“ Sincere Condolences & Prayers for All of The Cole Family & Friends. 🙏🙏🙏
We are Friends of Jeffery's Father, Gerald Cole. 🙏🙏🙏
Jules & Mary Lou Guidry



Mary Lou & Jules Guidry - April 08, 2024 at 11:31 PM

H1

“ HMS Class 1987 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.



HMS Class 1987 - April 08, 2024 at 10:16 PM

H1

“ HMS Class 1987 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffery Michael Cole.

HMS Class 1987 - April 08, 2024 at 10:16 PM

KB

“ I knew Jeff from being married to Leanne's uncle and Jeff was such an inspiration to all that knew him. He was a precious soul that's gone way too soon. Was a wonderful piano player, very musical. Our prayers are for the family to have peace, comfort and strength thru this journey. Rest sweet Jeff we will see you again ,in Heaven. God Bless Leanne, Emma, Will and Sam. You're in our prayers.
Love, Mike and Kathy Brooks

Kathy Brooks - April 08, 2024 at 09:38 PM

AF

“ All our love, The Abate Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffery Michael Cole.

All our love, The Abate Family - April 08, 2024 at 08:30 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Jeffery Michael Cole.



April 08, 2024 at 08:30 PM

KM

“ So sorry to hear about Jeff. Love him and Leanne so much. They will always be my BSU kids (USL). Praying for comfort at this extremely difficult time and sending big hugs. So grateful to know he is with Jesus.

Kathy McCutcheon - April 08, 2024 at 06:49 PM

JM

“ Jeff was our son in law and we have watched him grow & change over the years! He loved his family so much and we loved him! We will miss you Jeff! RIP!

Judy & Gary Messner - April 08, 2024 at 06:11 PM