



Gale Cole

October 20, 1942 - November 13, 2010

Gale Frances Cole (Provencher) 68, died suddenly on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at her home in Minocqua, Wisconsin.

Gale was born in Puritan, Michigan on October 20, 1942 to her parents, Frank and Helen Provencher. The family then moved to Ironwood, Michigan where she graduated from St. Ambrose High School in 1960. She married William (Bill) Arthur Cole on August 4, 1963. Bill joined the State Department and, as a diplomat, he and Gale traveled all over the world with their three children. After raising her children over four continents and five countries, Gale became a proud and dedicated employee of the Central Intelligence Agency. Whether it was in Asia, Africa or Europe, she was always focused on the mission and getting the job done, due in large part to her incredible work ethic. Her favorite place to travel was Provence, France to which she felt a special connection. Gale enjoyed shopping for bargains, good food, a glass of wine, visits with her family, reading, and puzzles of all kinds, and she always appreciated a good joke.

Gale is survived by her husband of 47 years, Bill Cole; sister, Kay Ann Wiita; sons, Jeffrey Steven Cole and Eric Paul Cole; daughter, Sara Lynn Cole; and grandchildren, Megan, Kylie, Carson and Zachary.

Gale was preceded in death by her sister Marceline Marie Bogdan.

There will be two memorial gatherings to celebrate her life. The first will take place on Friday, November 19 from 4-7 p.m. at Bolger Funeral Home, 212 West Chicago Ave., Minocqua, WI. The second will be Saturday, November 20 from 2-5 p.m. at Pizza King Joe's Restaurant, 400 Silver St., Ironwood, MI.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity in her memory.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Bill, I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Gale. All of your classmates and friends are very sorry. May God be with you and bless you.*

Marlene Warren

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