



William A Cole

November 21, 2015

William (Bill) Arthur Cole, 76, of Minocqua, passed away on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff, from pancreatic cancer.

Bill was born in Harrisburg, Illinois on November 29, 1938 to Samuel and Pearl (nee Fritts) Cole. He graduated from Harrisburg Township High School in 1956 and from Southern Illinois University in 1961. He married Gale Frances Provencher on August 4, 1963 in Ironwood, Michigan. Bill served his country in the US Army and then the State Department. As a diplomat, Bill and his family lived in six countries on three continents. He enjoyed boating, fishing, reading and spending time with his dog, Lad.

Bill is survived by his brother, John Philip Cole; sons, Jeffrey Steven Cole and Eric Paul Cole; daughter, Sara Lynn Cole; and grandchildren, Megan, Kylie, Carson and Zachary. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Tom Cole, and his wife of 47 years.

There will a memorial gathering to celebrate his life on Friday, November 27 from 11am to 1pm at Bolger Funeral Home, 212 West Chicago Ave. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity in his memory.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV **27**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services - Minocqua Chapel

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry of hear of Bill's passing. He was a member of our high school class, the Class of 1956 of Harrisburg High School. Bill came to our reunions. I knew he was ill, but found out today that he had passed away. We, the Class of '56 send our deepest sympathy and condolences to his family.

Marlene Warren - December 08, 2015 at 02:34 PM

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“ I am sad to hear of Bill's passing. My condolences to Eric and his family. Bill always had such interesting stories to tell me every time I ran into him.

Kate Buffington - November 25, 2015 at 09:23 AM