



Houston Cole

August 24, 1931 - June 5, 2025

Houston Cole, Sr., 93, of Ashdown, AR was reunited with the love of his life in their heavenly home on June 5, 2025. Houston was born August 24, 1931 to Roy and Bertie (Casey) Cole in Oklahoma. Houston is preceded in death by his parents; beloved wife of 69 years, Evelyn Cole; one son, Jerry Cole; 2 daughters: Linda Hernes and Judy Katherine Shanks; four brothers: Royal Cole, Lawrence Cole, Thurman Cole, and Vernon Cole; and two sisters Ruby Jones and Dovie Cole Hobbs.

Houston was a man of few words and many talents. He was a skilled masonry, craftsman, and mechanic who could fix anything. When he was not working in his yard or tending to his flower beds, he enjoyed fishing, tinkering in his shop, and spending time with his family. He was a devoted father to five children and three of his grandchildren. There were few things Houston enjoyed more than playing with his great-grandchildren, giving life advice to his loved ones, and telling stories about his misspent youth. He never failed to lend a listening ear or a helping hand to those around him.

Left to cherish is memory is one brother, Rayburn Cole and wife Betty of Blanchard, OK; four sisters: Shirley Yount of Fort Gibson, OK, Patsy Thomason of Muskogee, OK, Pauline Hall of Muskogee, OK, and Linda Bynum of Muskogee, OK; three sons, Houston Cole, Jr. and wife Rita of Ashdown, AR, Frank Cole and wife Karrie of Texarkana, TX, and Jesse Cole and wife Jana of Springdale, AR; a daughter, Kathy Nichols of Bartlesville, OK; 12 grandchildren, James Cole and wife Maria, Tabatha Gonzalez and

husband Leo, Tiffany Landaal and husband Caleb, Kayla Stevens and husband John, Kami Clayton and husband Charlie, Daniel Alexander and wife Heather, Brandon Nichols, Jessica Nichols, Shauna Hernes Bradow, Michelle Hendricks, Melissa Castillo, and Linda Skipper; 29 great-grandchildren; and 14 great great-grand children.

There will be a private celebration of life for Houston held with close family in attendance on Sunday, June 15

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Houston & Evelyn when I worked for the Corps of Engineers. Both were truly great and genuine people. I loved the way Houston would tell me a story and it started with "I and Evelyn" !!!

Janet Parker - June 23, 2025 at 09:00 AM

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“ I grew up next door to him and Evelyn. Special neighbors to my family til the end. Sad to hear of this, but even sadder to learn Mrs. Cole had passed. Sending prayers for the family, but they are together again.
Angie Spigner Conaway

Angie Conaway - June 10, 2025 at 07:05 PM

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“ My prayers for the family..

Patsy little - June 10, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ Comfort & Sweetness Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Houston Cole.



June 09, 2025 at 11:38 AM

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“ *My dad was a special man.besides being a great father and husband,he was government contractor for twenty years,chief of police in okla. And ran a ranch in Oklahoma for seveveral years .atruly jack of all trades.he will truly be missed*

Houston Cole jr. - June 09, 2025 at 11:23 AM