



## Raymond Cole, Jr.

January 18, 1946 - January 26, 2017

Raymond Cole, Jr.

On Thursday, January 26, 2017, Raymond Cole Jr. of Alexandria, VA, passed away after a courageous battle against a sudden onset of leukemia. He is survived by Susan, his wife of 42 years; three children Michael, Kimberly, and Jason; his sister Judy Cole Kee and brother Dennis Cole Sr. Ray earned a BS and MS in Electrical Engineering from West Virginia University. He worked for 43 years at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, DC. Ray is known for his love of caving, camping, hiking, and photography. Ray was an avid amateur radio operator with the call-sign K4GAA. Friends and family will gather at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315 on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at 12:00 PM. A memorial service will begin at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society ([www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org)), the West Virginia Cave Conservancy ([www.wvcc.net](http://www.wvcc.net)) or the National Speleological Society ([www.caves.org](http://www.caves.org)). Inurnment will be held privately.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Cole, Jr.*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ *I worked with Ray at NRL in the late 1960s to mid 1970s and numerous times over the years through 2015. We were both fighting cancer at the same time and I am currently fighting AML myself, which I've had since early July. I was sorry to hear about his passin. He will be missed by many.*

August 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I worked with Ray at NRL and view those times as the most educational and enjoyable that I have had in over 40 years in the work space. Ray was an intelligent, caring and overall a great human being who cared for all that he work with. He taught me how to be a caring leader and mentor. I will miss him and I am sure he will be missed by all that ever had the privilege of working with him. Sorry to hear of this news.*

February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ When I heard of Ray's unexpected passing I turned and looked on a shelf behind me; there was his master's thesis titled "Simulation of Photon Counting Distributions" signed by R.E. Swartwout, Don Gochenour and me on May 27, 1970. This was the extension of work I began at NASA. When I arrived back at WVU in 1968 I found students only a few years younger than me. Ray Cole was one, a fellow "ham" and a serious student. My strongest memory of Ray was his informing me about cavers. After the 1968 Farmington mine disaster I began looking for ways to communicate through the earth. It was Ray who informed me about the technology cavers were using. This began a line of research at WVU that was eventually taken over by the U.S. Bureau of Mines. In my mind Ray goes with caving and our through the earth experiments. Rest in peach Ray Cole, Jr.

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February 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the honor of knowing Kim's Father when I lived in Arlington. I love the photograph of him with his headlight on because he would wear it as he repaired things around the place. My dogs would be jumping on him and he would just keep plugging along. I lost my Father not too long ago and I felt so lucky to have him there to help me with things. Kim is one of the loveliest and kindest friends I have ever known. Her and her family will be in my thoughts and prayers for eternity. My greatest prayer is that our Father's are in heaven together and one day we all will be united in a world where there is no pain and only love. I love you Kim, and I'm so sorry for your loss.

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February 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *As a leader, Ray was warm and caring, yet focused on the mission. I thoroughly enjoyed working for him and will always hold him in very high regard.*

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January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Very sorry to hear of Ray's passing. He was a good friend, fellow Mountaineer, and great caver. He was very supportive in my early caving career. He will be greatly missed. Geary Schindel*

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January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM