



## David Alan Cole

April 1, 1947 - May 12, 2017

David Alan Cole departed this life on May 12, 2017, after a short illness at Sinai Hospital.

David was born in Baltimore, Maryland on April 1, 1947 to the late Wallace and Massie (Stratton) Cole. He was the fourth of five children. David was educated in Baltimore City Public Schools, and graduated from Mergenthaler Vocational High School. After graduation, he obtained his certification as a tool and die maker at Murray Corporation. In 1966, David joined the United States Marine Corp. He received a Purple Heart Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. In 1969, David was honorably discharged from service at the rank of Lance Corporal.

David married his childhood friend, Mary A. Wells on February 28, 1970 at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, where he later became a member and was baptized. From this union, David and Mary had their first and only child, David Marcus Cole, who then blessed them with one granddaughter, Ciara Cole.

David worked as a tool and die maker at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Later, he decided to change his career and started working in the social services field helping the disabled. After working several years with the disabled, David went on to work for a private security company at the Thurgood Marshall Airport from which he later retired.

David was known by most of his family as “Ricky”, a nickname taken from his late uncle. He loved bowling, watching golf and football, playing cards with his friends, listening to music, baking and cooking. David also was a great collector of coins and stamps. His greatest pastime in later years was taping hundreds of movies and keeping them in chronological order, by cataloging each one, which made him proud.

David leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Mary Cole; son, David Marcus Cole; granddaughter, Ciara Cole; two sisters, Louise Simms and Estelle Brewer; one brother, Otha (Marion) Cole; mother-in-law, Georgianna Wells; sister-in-law, Neacie Cole; brothers-in-law, Willie Wells Junior (Deborah), Joseph Wells (Ernestine), Robert Wells (Ethenia), and Troy Wells (Jelly); and a host of family and friends. He was preceded in death by his brother, Larry Cole.

David will truly be missed.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**MAY 23.** 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

**MAY 23.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
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## Wake

MAY 24. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(410) 655-0110  
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *David Alan Cole*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *DEAR FAMILY, MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES, THIS IS A DIFFICULT TIME FOR YOU, MAY THE BLESSINGS FOUND AT ISAIAH 25:8 , BRING YOU COMFORT AND HOPE, DEATH WILL BE DONE AWAY WITH.*

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**Theresa whye** - May 16, 2017 at 12:25 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - May 15, 2017 at 08:51 AM