



Kenneth Rea Coles

November 14, 1946 - May 11, 2006

Kenneth Rea Coles, 59 died May 11, 2006 at Maryview Medical Center. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and recently retired from the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Kenny was best know as "Chicken Man" in his softball days. Later in life he gave up softball for golf, which he loved dearly. His parents, Garland and Nella Coles, and his sister, Ann Marie White, preceded him. He leaves to cherish his memory his son, Christopher Coles of Mclean, VA, a daughter, Farrah and Husband Paul Benton and their mother, Beverly Coles, all of Portsmouth. Also Several, Cousins and his Special little buddy "Ollieman"

A Graveside Service will be held Monday at 11:00 A.M. at Olive Branch Cemetery. The Family will receive friends from 6-7 P.M Sunday at Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the SPCA. Special thanks to Dana and Ronnie for being there.

Tribute Wall



“ Chris & Farrah when a parent passes there is a void in your lives that will never be filled again. Always remember your Dad loved you both more than you will ever know.##imported-begin##Sandra Johnston##imported-end##

May 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ My prayers go out to the Coles family. Absent from the body, present with the Lord.##imported-begin##Tommy Waterman##imported-end##

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“ My prayers and thoughts are with the Coles family. Kenny "Chicken Man" was a true friend. I will always cherish the memories of our traveling together out of town, especially the softball trip to Atlanta...what a ball player.

Russell Wright
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“ To the Coles Family, My heart goes out to you in the loss of your husband and father. Words are very difficult at a time like this, but I pray for comfort and peace for you today and the days following. God Bless.##imported-begin##Lucy Wright##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Beverly, I know what you are going through. Gary passed away on November 1st. Having your friends and family there to support is the greatest gift.

Thinking of you

Sally Morrill###imported-begin##Sally Morrill###imported-end##

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“ Kenny Rea, Cobo, Chicken, Dad-Kenny would answer to all of these and he was all of these. I first met Kenny when I was 12 years old at Beazley - he was shooting hoops-something he loved to do when he couldn't play baseball. As he got older he began playing gold and he loved it. Kenny loved his sports -and we know he loved to win. It wasn't a good day if he didn't hit it over the fence or shoot under 80. Kenny received a number of accolades in sports, but loved the Softball Hall of Fame best. From the first day I met him he was the funniest guy I ever knew-whether imitating the 3 stooges or telling jokes. Kenny loved his music and couldn't be beat in music trivia. Kenny Coles had a good life-he had fun in most everything he did. He was so very proud of his gov't service and the "Tiger Team". In the last few years the light in Kenny's eyes had began to dim-he lost some of that twinkle-he lost his way and made some questionable choices-life turned on Kenny, but he always told me "I've lead a charmed life Sweetie". Kenny loved Beverly, Chris & Farrah beyond words - he told me many times "I love them beyond words- I feel the love in my heart, but it won't come out of my mouth."

Kenny is in a better place and I would say not to cry and be sad because Kenny wouldn't want us to do that, but that's not true - it would hurt his feeling deeply if he thought we weren't said that he was gone. He will be missed more than any words or any amount of tears can measure. Kenny we love you. Ruthie Gilmore###imported-begin##Ruth Gilmore Vogle###imported-end##

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“ I went to school with Kenny from the first grade through high school and remember him well. We played basketball together in frinds backyards and he went on to play on the state champion team for Wilson High School. We both went on to work in the Navy Yard although in different shops. I will always remember him as a dear friend who always had a smile on his face. My prayers go out to his family.

Charlie Mastro

Class of '65##imported-begin##Charlie Mastro##imported-end##

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“ My condolences to the Coles family.

I'll always remember Kenny as a friend and mentor both at work and on the softball field. I will miss him.

John Baynor

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“ Farrah and Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you find comfort and peace as you celebrate your Dad's life.
Sincerely, Jo Anne##imported-begin##Jo Anne Kehr##imported-end##

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“ *Farrah and Family, We were saddened to hear about the loss of your dad and offer our sincere condolences.
Marvin and Nancy Bridges Mary Kehr's daughter and son-in-law*###imported-begin###*Marvin and Nancy Bridges*###imported-end###

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“ *Farrah and Family, My thoughts are with you all and I'm sorry for your loss.
Sincerely,
Mary Kehr*###imported-begin###*Mary Kehr*###imported-end###

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“ To the Coles family: I was very saddened to hear of Kenny Coles' passing.

My name is John Elwood Owens and I grew up in Shea Terrace and my father ran the Sixth Avenue Barber Shop for many years. I attended WWHS with Kenny. I now live in Florence, South Carolina. Kenny and I played Little League Baseball together at Buck Childs' Field behind Harry Hunt Jr. High School on the "Bootsie's Food Market" team, around 1956-1958. I remember he was a very good athlete and one of our best ball players. Our team members also included Richard Vincent, Richard Ryles, John Dillon, Dickie Esleeck, and others. After the games, we often went as a team in our uniforms up to Bootsie's Food Market on Sixth Avenue and got free ice cream paid for by John Dillon's uncle who came and watched most of the games.

Our paths diverged after Little League Baseball, but I did see Kenny a few years ago at a WWHS "multi-class" reunion at the Cradock Moose Lodge. It was fun to see him again.

I wish to send to the Coles Family my deepest sympathy for Kenny's passing and my best wishes and prayers go with you during this sad time. I will always remember Kenny as one of our best players who always seemed to come through in a pinch.

Sincerely, John Elwood Owens, M.D., 2482 Trotter Road, Florence, South Carolina 29501-1950##imported-begin##John Elwood Owens##imported-end##

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