



Rev. Wayne Cole

March 24, 1952 - July 25, 2018

Rev. Gerald Wayne Cole, 66, passed away July 25, 2018.

A native of Charlotte, North Carolina, son of the late Marvin Reid and Hazeline Cathey Cole, he happily retired in March 2017. He had served as Pastor at Crocker Presbyterian Church, Associate Youth Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, Campus Minister at Furman University and most recently had served as an Associate Pastor for First Presbyterian Church of Greer. He served as a member of the Foothills Presbytery from 1982 through retirement.

While his primary interest was always serving in the church, he also thoroughly enjoyed music, bad puns, golf and trivial facts. He was a generous, kind hearted, selfless man with a youthful spirit and phenomenal sense of humor. He loved mentoring and caring for others and often used his humor and love of music to connect with others. He truly made a profound mark on countless lives.

Surviving are his wife, Susie J. Cole of the home; two daughters, Bethany Cole Funk (Alex) of Middletown, Delaware and Michelle Cole Stairs (Jason) of Madison, Mississippi; a brother, Nelson Cole of Reidsville, North Carolina; a sister, Carolyn Gheesling of Charlotte, North Carolina; and four grandchildren, Emma Funk, David Funk, Hazel Stairs and Evelyn Stairs.

A memorial service will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 29, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church of Greer, conducted by Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters and Rev. Ansley Paige.

Visitation will be held 1:00-2:30 p.m. Sunday at the church.

The family is at the home.

The family respectfully request that flowers be omitted and memorials be made to First Presbyterian Church, 100 School Street, Greer, SC 29651 to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and support for seminary students of the Foothills Presbytery.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Greer
100 School Street
Greer, SC 29651

Memorial Service

JUL 29. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Wayne Cole.*



August 17, 2018 at 11:26 PM



“ *Susie, Michelle & Stephanie (and family), I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

Meredith Kaiser - July 31, 2018 at 08:27 AM



“ *I had a nice chat with Wayne over email last year. I had promised to take him fishing the next time he came to Charleston. Sure will miss him. He pastored and supervised me, Jad, Kirk and others on our high school mission trips to Mexico. Wouldn't trade those memories for anything.*

Rob Turner - July 30, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ *Wayne served the Crocker Presbyterian Church in Missouri from 1978-1982 and we have so many fond memories of that time together. We will be remembering him and his family this morning by the lighting of the memorial candle. The family is in our thoughts and prayers.*
Ronnie Layman



Ronnie Layman - July 29, 2018 at 09:08 AM

SL

“ Susie, I am so very sorry for you and your family in the loss of Wayne. He was always so special to me, sharing his faith and being so nurturing of all of our members. He was always there every time I was in the hospital and later at home he would visit and pray with me. He was that way with all our members, our church family. I will always remember his humor, his unwavering faith, his encouragement and guidance. Wayne will be sorely missed but I am so glad that God let our paths cross.

Sharon Lee

Sharon Lee - July 29, 2018 at 12:35 AM

PK

“ My mother, Helen Holladay, loved Wayne. He visited with her a few times, bringing youth group, to our home in North Augusta when she moved here. He touched many lives in special ways. Sending love to his family.

Page Holladay Kight

page kight - July 27, 2018 at 04:37 PM

FB

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Wayne Cole. I direct weddings at First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg. Wayne was my favorite minister to work with. It was always great to see Wayne at the Foothills Presbytery Office on occasion. I will be thinking about all of you during this sad time.



Fran Bagwell - July 27, 2018 at 12:06 PM

TD

“ Our whole family loved Wayne and his family while they were at First Pres in Spartanburg and we are shocked and saddened by his passing. Our condolences to you all.
Fran and Tom Davis

Tom Davis - July 27, 2018 at 10:43 AM



Michelle Hannon

“ Susie - I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for you today.

Michelle Hannon - July 27, 2018 at 09:57 AM

DS

“ Susie, I am so sorry for your loss. I am thinking of you and your family.

Daneen Schatzle - July 27, 2018 at 09:50 AM

DT

“ What a nice, kindhearted person he was. Condolences to his family-
David Tate

David Tate - July 27, 2018 at 07:23 AM

MB

“ Dear Susie and family, You are in my prayers. There are so many good memories of the days at Westminster while at USC. I give thanks for Wayne and for those memories.

Max Bolin

Max Bolin - July 26, 2018 at 07:58 PM

MS

“ I have so many good memories of Wayne and Susie and our "group" at Westminster Fellowship at USC. Wayne always added his voice to our discussions with so much humor. If someone said something "off the wall", his facial expressions were priceless. I enjoyed reconnecting at Montreat, NC when we would meet there with youth conferences, training events, etc. I am shocked and sad that Wayne is gone. My love goes to Susie and her family. Bless you.

Mary B Scheper - July 26, 2018 at 05:07 PM

KS

We just now heard about Wayne's going to HEAVEN and while I know WHERE HE IS without a shadow of a doubt, my heart feels SO HEAVY that he is no longer with us on this earth. I LOVED his kind and gentle spirit with EVERYONE he came into contact with - mixed with his gentle, loving sense of humor. Wayne was a TRUE MAN OF GOD. We will miss you SO MUCH. Susie, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. You were such a WONDERFUL WIFE to Wayne - yours was truly a match made in Heaven. Much, Much love and SO MANY PRAYERS
- Kathy Stewart

Katherine Stewart - July 28, 2018 at 05:07 PM