



Mr. Phillip Cole Jr.

January 20, 1939 - May 17, 2026

Phillip Cole Jr., Age 87 of Saginaw, Michigan born January 20, 1939, to the union of Vera and Phillip Cole, Sr. in Lambert, Mississippi. Phillip was the oldest son of his 15 siblings, he was lovingly known as, Uncle PC, Pluck, Jr. and the most affection name was, "Petey Wee". He passed away on Sunday, May 17, 2026.

He met the love of his life, Savannah Wheeler (Cole) and they were married on September 6, 1958. They decided to start their life and family in Chicago, Illinois and began a bond of family love and pride. Phillip later retired from construction and relocated to Topeka, Kansas in 1999. Together, four children were born to this union which he cherished and was a great influence in their lives. He only provided words of wisdom and made sure that everyone knew he was the head and not the tail. Phillip excepted Christ at an early age.

After losing the love of his life Savannah Cole in January of 2020, he made the decision to move to Saginaw, Michigan where his sisters resided.

He didn't have a high school education, but he made certain his children were educated. Finishing high school was a deep desire for him, but family came first. Phillip enjoyed Blues, Jazz and Sunday mornings was gospel music. His favorite holidays were always Thanksgiving and Christmas which should always be shared with family.

Left to cherish his memory are his children: daughter, Gracie Dell (Christopher) Lockhart, Cleveland, OH; sons, Norman (Jacqueline) Cole, Sr., Fitchburg, MA and Victor (Deborah) Cole, Sr., Hercules, CA; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The oldest of his siblings are as follows: Mary Alice (Isaiah) Rucker, Rose (Thomas) Simington, Frank (Rosie Pearl) , Bertha Lay, Veria (Earl) Blount, Leola Lockett, Helen Taylor, Jerry W. Cole, Jessie J. Cole, Deborah (Gregory) Howell and Rudy (Quintella) Cole; a host of nieces including special nieces, Towanna, Kristy and Tonsha; nephews, cousins, other family members and friends and special friend, Ms. Leola Smith.

Mr. Phillip Cole, Jr. was also preceded in death by Randy L Cole (his youngest son); siblings, Ruby Windham, Ida Drinkwater and Will M Cole.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 8, 2026, at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. Pastor Mary Allen will officiate. Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Phillip Cole Jr.



Browne's Mortuary - June 08 at 10:48 AM

SA

“ I want to thank the family for acknowledging my mom Leola Smith in the obituary. Mr Phil meant the world to her. She's still wearing his ring. Will forever be loved by her and our family.

Syndie Allbritton - June 10 at 01:03 PM




“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Phillip Cole Jr..



June 05 at 04:34 PM

M?

“ Mary Hannibal, Saginaw, Texas  lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phillip Cole Jr.



Mary Hannibal, Saginaw, Texas  - May 25 at 02:42 PM

WF

“ Wanda Faye Reynolds And The Reynolds Fam lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phillip Cole Jr.



Wanda Faye Reynolds and the Reynolds fam - May 23 at 06:54 AM

KC

“ My uncle, the blue can man



Kristy E Coleman - May 21 at 01:18 PM

TE

“ Missing you so much Uncle Petey Wee... continue to watch over Us 🕊️



Towanna Ereyimwen - May 20 at 06:05 PM

TE

“ Love you Uncle Petey Wee 🥺🙏🕊️



Towanna Ereyimwen - May 18 at 04:46 PM

TE

“ *My Uncle Petey Wee, I'm gonna miss you so much....Your memories will forever remain. Love you so much 🙏🏾🙏🏾*



Towanna Ereyimwen - May 18 at 12:07 PM