



## Garry Lynn Cole

Garry Lynn Cole was born April 20, 1954, in Hendricks, MN, to Ralph W. and Sylvia M. (Crocker) Cole. Garry was baptized in the Gary, SD, United Methodist Church. He graduated from Gary High School.

Garry served in the US Marine Corps, the US Army, and the National Guard for a total of 15 years. He was a cook in the Army and the National Guard. After leaving the military, Gary worked many jobs. He worked as a police officer guarding Mt. Rushmore for the forestry service for a couple years. Gary then

worked as a logger thinning trees. He later worked in the oil fields in Wyoming and North Dakota.

Garry had many hobbies. He loved collecting and studying rocks and fossils, gold panning, fishing, camping, cooking, and making wine. Garry would go into the woods to find edible wild mushrooms. He loved watching movies and sports, listening to music, and playing his harmonica. Garry won a hula hoop contest at Shoot Rooster in Hill City in 1983 and was very proud of his accomplishment.

He was a natural born teacher. Anything Garry knew, he was willing to share and teach others.

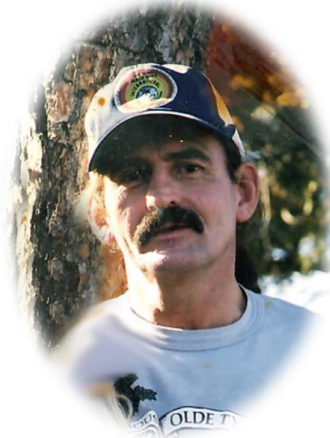
Garry's family always thought of him as a mountain man. He loved being in the hills. He was a Dreamer, Explorer, and Fighter.

Garry, 64, Fort Meade, died Friday, May 4, 2018, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Fort Meade.

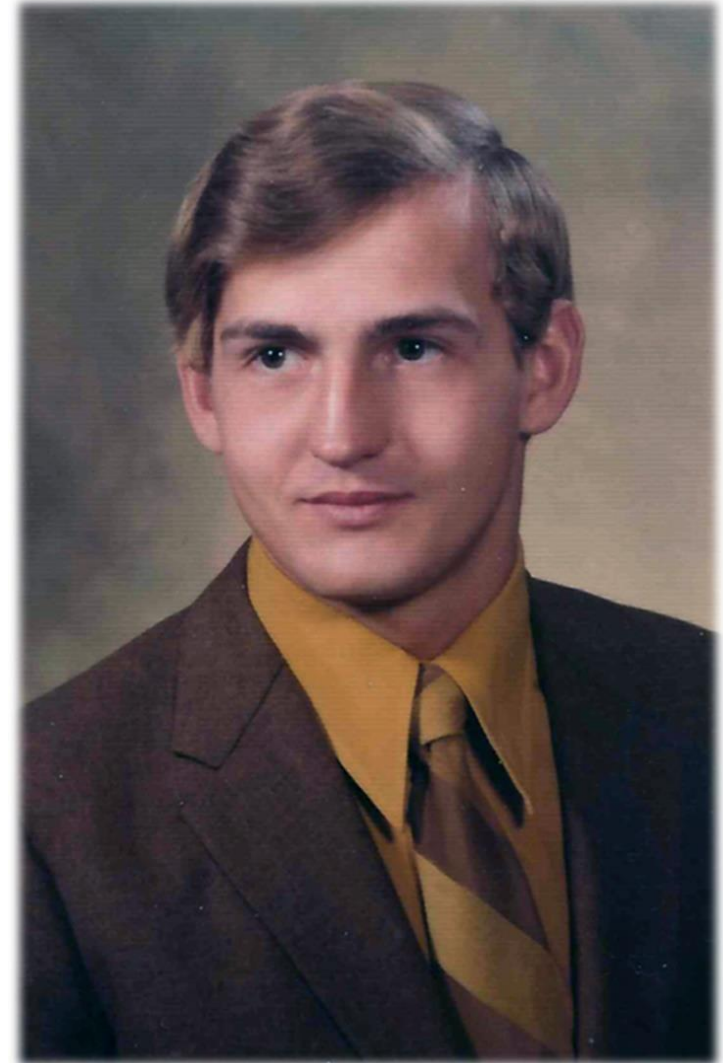
He is survived by two daughters, Stephanie Cole and Sara Cole, both of Rapid City; two grandchildren, Lilyanna and Samuel Kerbawy; two step-sons, Michael Coonce and Zachary Coonce; one sister, Elonne (Lorne) Veen; two brothers, Don (Elaine) Cole and Dennis (Marlene) Cole; and eleven nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Dale; and a niece, Doreen Cole.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



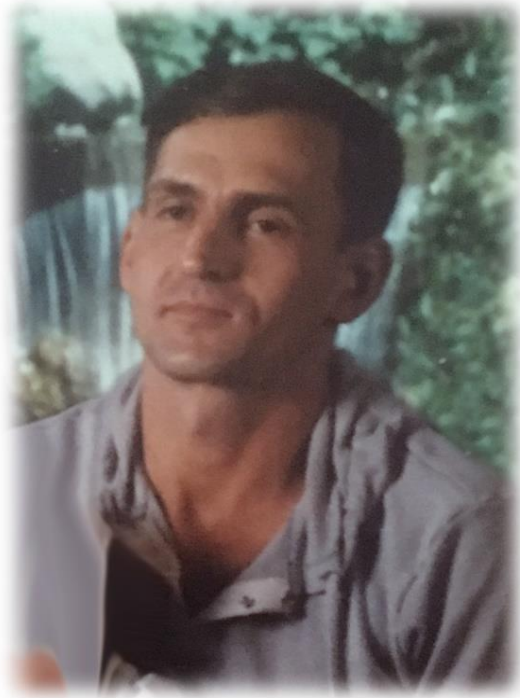
## *In Loving Memory Of*



## *Garry Lynn Cole*

*1954 ~ 2018*

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the VFW in Rapid City following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



***A Father's Farewell to His Children***

*When I must leave you for a little while,  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears,  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile:  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same,  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,  
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*



***In Loving Memory Of  
Garry Lynn Cole***

***Born***  
April 20, 1954  
Hendricks, MN

***Died***  
May 4, 2018  
Fort Meade, SD

***Funeral Service***  
Friday, May 11, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Officiant***  
Pastor David Baer

***Musical Selections***  
"Go Rest High On That Mountain"  
"You Will Never Be Forgotten"

***Pallbearers***  
Ray Stangland ~ Jim Dean ~ Mike Coonce ~ Brad Cole  
Zachary Coonce ~ Matthew Pepin ~ Don "Gunner" Nothem

***Military Honors***  
Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard

***Interment***  
Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota