



## Gerald "Jerry" E. Cole

November 24, 1933 - October 13, 2018

Cedar Falls – Gerald “Jerry” E. Cole, age 84, of Cedar Falls, died Saturday, October 13, 2018 at UnityPoint Health Allen Hospital in Waterloo.

He was born November 24, 1933, in Cedar Falls, the son of Stephen and Kathleen (Cullen) Cole. He graduated from Cedar Falls High School in the class of 1951. Gerald served in the US Navy from 1953-1955 and in the US Naval Reserve until 1960. On December 28, 1957, he married Elda Refshauge in Cedar Falls. Gerald worked in maintenance for John Deere until his retirement in 1994.

Survived by: his wife; four daughters, Vickie (Michael) Miller of Clarksville, Brenda (Gregory) Gesaman of Norwalk, Elaine (Larry) Teasdale of Altoona, Kimberly (Kevin) Hansen of Waterloo; a son, Jeffrey Cole of Mount Pleasant; grandchildren, David (Ambarlee) Miller of Maquoketa, Christopher (Jennifer) Miller, Sarah (Luke) Lodge and Crystal Moore all of Clarksville, Heather Hummell of New London, Ashley (Terry) Aplara of Trenton, Dana Cole of Mount Pleasant, Kaylen (Daniel) Petullo of Norwalk, and Courtney and Daniel Hansen of Waterloo; 16 great grandchildren; and a sister, Mary (James) DeBoom of Sutherland.

Preceded in death by: his daughter, Janine Cole; a granddaughter, Kara Gesaman; and a brother, John Cole.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am Wednesday, at Nazareth Lutheran Church Larsen Chapel. Visitation will be from 4-7pm Tuesday at Richardson Funeral Service, and also one hour prior to the service at church. Burial will be in

Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls. Military Honors will be provided by Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Online guestbook at [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 273-8628

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **16.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-3525  
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com  
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

## Funeral Service

OCT **17.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Nazareth Lutheran Church - Chapel  
7401 University Avenue  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

## Burial

OCT 17. 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" E. Cole.*



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October 16, 2018 at 04:56 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" E. Cole.*



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October 16, 2018 at 07:22 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" E. Cole.*



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October 15, 2018 at 10:10 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" E. Cole.*



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October 15, 2018 at 08:11 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" E. Cole.*



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October 15, 2018 at 11:48 AM



“ *We extend to you our deepest sympathies for thalassotherapy your beloved Jerry. We have fond memories of the fun "tractor controversy" between Jerry's love of John Deere and our love of Allis Chalmers at our winter homes in Arizona. You were great neighbors and we miss you. May the Lord guide and strengthen you and give you peace during this difficult time.*

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**charlie and mavis widlund** - October 14, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ *The members of the Cedar Falls American Legion Post 237 extends our deepest sympathies to the Gerald Cole family on the loss of Gerald. Gerald was a 35 year member of the Cedar Falls American Legion Post #237 Our country thanks him for his service to our country in the US NAVY.*

*Cedar Falls American Legion #237*

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**Tom Hagarty** - October 14, 2018 at 08:04 AM

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“ *Elda, Bill and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family. It was a pleasure living on the same street with you and Jerry for so many years in Mesa, AZ. Sharing lunches and dinners was always fun. We missed you when you left. Hope life goes a bit easier for you once grief runs its natural course.*

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**Carole Teske & Bill Huch** - October 13, 2018 at 09:13 PM

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“ *Jerry always treated me as one of his own kids - told me what to do and chewed me out once or twice. Love that man!*

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**Lisa Klenske** - October 13, 2018 at 07:46 PM