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Jimmy E. 'Jim' Cole

GROVETON – Services for Jimmy E. "Jim" Cole, 62, of Montgomery were held Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, at the Groveton Funeral Home Chapel with Bros. Buddy Duke and Bill Dickerson officiating.

Burial followed in the Wheeler Cemetery in the Wakefield community. Mr. Cole died Wednesday, Feb. 13, at his residence following a battle with leukemia.

Born March 13, 1945, in Houston, he was a veteran of the Vietnam War and was self-employed. Mr. Cole was a member of the Lone Star Cowboy Church, was a 100 percent disabled veteran and was an avid racer.

He was a member of the American Legion, the NHRA, the IHRA, the "Cook & Eat" race team and was a patriarch of Cole Family Motorsports.

Mr. Cole was preceded in death by his parents, Jeff and Fay Stone Cole; an infant brother; and a brother, Doug Cole.

Survivors include his wife Judy Cole of Montgomery; a son, Jimmy Cole Jr. of Montgomery; a daughter, Tricia Berger of Montgomery; a daughter-in-law, Melissa Cole of Montgomery; four brothers and their spouses, Bill and Sandra Cole of Ratcliff, Gordon and Brenda Cole of Wells, Mike and Jennifer Cole of Montgomery and Jerry and Diane Cole of Kennard; three sisters and their spouses, Betty and Bob Taylor of Lufkin, Cathy and Arnold Best of Kennard and Jeffie and Duane Stone of LaGrande, Oregon; a sister-in-law, Pam Cole of Lufkin; five grandchildren, Evan "Dude" Ballew, Cori "Pal" Cole, Jake "Buddy" Cole, John "Burr-head" Berger and Jillian "Sugie Woogie" Berger, all of Montgomery; and a number of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers included Josh Enyart, Tony King, Wesley Loftin, David Doty, Micha Miller, Ronny DuPree and Evan Ballew. Honorary pallbearer was Wayne Stephens.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to GodSpeed Ministries, 141 Bingham Road, King Mountain, N.C. 28068. Groveton Funeral Home directed the arrangements.