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William Marion Cole

TRINITY - Services for William Marion Cole, 72, of Trinity and formerly of Tates' Bluff, Ark., will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, at the Tates' Bluff Presbyterian Church in Arkansas with the Rev. Gary Martin officiating.

Burial will follow in the Missouri Cemetery. Richard Cole will play memorial bagpipes at the service.

Mr. Cole died Saturday, Nov. 19, following a battle against a debilitating neurological disorder.

He was born March 6, 1933, in Camden, Ark., and graduated in 1951 from public schools in Prescott, Ark. He attended Southern Arkansas University, the University of Houston and graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1961.

Mr. Cole served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954-1958.

Though his work history included both the insurance and teaching fields, he was proudest of 25 years as caretaker of the late-McGill home place and his family's prominence at the University of Arkansas.

At Tates' Bluff, he was an active member and officer of the Tates' Bluff Presbyterian Church.

He moved to Trinity in 2003 where he joined the First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ann McGill Cole and James Alvin Cole.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law; James Minto and Sue Cole; four nephews, David Cole and his wife, Dr. Peggy Osbourn, Bobby Cole, Richard Cole and his wife, Karen Robinson, Tom Cole and his wife, Joyce Janda Cole; great nieces and great-nephews, Michael, Kaleb, Marshall and McKenzie; and a number of cousins from both the Cole and McGill families.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorials be given to the Tates' Bluff Presbyterian Church, Chidester, Ark., 71726, or to the First United Methodist Church of Trinity, P.O. Box 31, Trinity, Texas 75862.

Pallbearers will include David Cole, Bobby Cole, Richard Cole, Tom Cole, Thomas McGill and Jimmy Ledbetter.

Honorary pallbearers will be Sam Dickinson, Bruce McGill, Bobby McGill, Ben Cole Jr., Bill Bacon, Bill Whitehall, Tom Drew and John Henry Tate.

Waller-Thornton Funeral Home of Trinity directed the arrangements.