

Cole, Gordon M.

Gordon M. Cole, 67, of Hastings, and former resident of Bad Axe, died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2000, at Carveth Village in Middleville. Mr. Cole was born Aug. 4, 1933, in Ellis, Kansas, son of the late Floyd and Delfine (Meserve) Cole. He and Helen M. Bartanen were united in marriage Oct. 16, 1954, in Guam. He graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1951. He served in the United States Navy, being stationed in San Diego and Guam. He was a graduate of Western Michigan University, earning his bachelor's and master's degrees in education. Mr. Cole moved to Hastings in 1959 from Kalamazoo and was employed in the Hastings Area Schools system for 32 years as a teacher, administrator, counselor and coach. He retired in 1991. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Hastings Elks Club, Moose Lodge, Kiwanis Club and the Hastings Country Club. He enjoyed visiting with his family and friends, golfing and travel. Surviving are his wife, Helen; three sons, Greg D. Cole and his special friend, Marcia Hinkel of Temperance; Douglas J. Cole of Holland; Joseph D. Cole and his special friend Kim Croner of Kentwood; two grandchildren, Julie L. Cole and David G. Cole of Hastings; one brother, David Cole and his wife, Rosemary, of Cheshire, Connecticut; eight nieces and nephews; one step-sister, Suzanne Seymour and her husband, Bartholomew, of Grosse Pointe; two step-brothers, Philip J. Capling and his wife, Faith, of Brighton, and Peter B. Capling and his wife, Sue, of Bad Axe. He was preceded in death by one sister, Gloria Hoffman; one half-sister, Mary Lucy Cole; and one-step sister, Mary Ellen Brewster. Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2000, at the Hastings Grace Lutheran Church. The Rev. Michael J. Anton officiated. Burial took place at Riverside Cemetery in Hastings. Memorial offerings may be offered to Hastings Area Schools c/o Mrs. Helen Cole, 653 W. Green St., Hastings, MI 49058. Local information was provided by the MacAlpine Funeral Home of Bad Axe.