



## Tillman Jerome Cole

December 26, 1924 - October 4, 2015

Funeral services for Tillman Jerome Cole, 90, of Tyler, will be held on Friday, October 9, 2015 at 10:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Gerry Giles officiating.

Burial will be at Flint Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Cole was born December 26, 1924, in Jacksonville to Leslie and Eva Bailey Cole. He passed away on October 4, 2015 in Tyler. He lived in Bullard and Flint before moving to Tyler in 1958.

Tillman was a member of Marvin United Methodist Church and former member of St. Paul Methodist Church. He was a graduate of Bullard High School and Tyler Commercial College and also attended Tyler Junior College. He retired as operations manager from Five M Nurseries, Inc., in Lindale in 1988.

Tillman served in World War II with Company B, 182nd Infantry, Americal Division on New Caledonia, Fiji, Bougainville Island, Philippine Islands of Leyte, Samur and Cebu and Yokohama, Japan. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received on Bougainville in 1944. He also received the Combat Infantry Badge and several other medals.

Mr. Cole was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Velma Cole; his parents; and sister, Louise Gardner.

Tillman is survived by his loving family including son Gerald Cole and wife Judy of Lindale; son Ronald Cole and wife Paulette of Lindale; six

grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren; and brother-in-law Emory Fielding and wife Geraldine of Tyler.

Visitation is scheduled from 6:30 - 8:00 PM on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in honor of Tillman Cole may be made to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701, The Flint Cemetery Association, P O Box 109, Flint, TX 75762, or the church or charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Cemetery

19251 FM 2493  
Flint, TX 75762

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

OCT 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tyler, TX 75703  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to the family in the loss of your loved one . John 5 : 21,28,29

Delores Allen - October 14, 2015 at 06:47 AM

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“ Tillman Cole was one of the finest men I have ever known. I worked for him at Five M Nurseries. He influenced my life in countless ways. I knew he had been in the Pacific at a very young age in WW2 but didn't know he was awarded the Purple Heart. He always did the right thing, made the best choice, and led by example. Kathleen Matlock, Lindale, TX.



Kathleen Matlock - October 13, 2015 at 05:03 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Tillman Jerome Cole.



October 07, 2015 at 06:51 PM