



## Richard "Martin" Cole

April 16, 1940 - May 6, 2016

Martin Cole, age 76, of Albia, passed away May 6, 2016, at the Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa.

Martin was born on April 16, 1940, to James "Clarence" and Dorothy "Nora" (Gladson) Cole at their home in Lovilia. He grew up and attended the Lovilia High School. After High School, Martin joined the United States Army and served his country. In December of 1981, he was united in marriage to Shirley Repp. They were married for 31 years before her passing on August 5, 2013.

Martin worked for Maytag his entire life before retiring. After retirement he helped at the Texaco Station in Albia. He was a member of the American Legion Howard Cessna Post #136 in Albia, the VFW and the Astor Masonic Lodge #505. He had a special love for his dog Sassy. He enjoyed playing Bingo, going to casinos, being outdoors, mushroom hunting, and being around people. He was everyone's "grandpa" and was well liked by everyone who knew him. His real joy in life was spending time with his family and friends.

Martin is survived by his 2 step children, Cyndi Price and Mike Anderson; 3 step grandchildren, Jenny, Jody, and Jesse. He is also survived by several great grandchildren and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley; his parents, Clarence and Nora; a brother Norman and a sister Bonnie.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 13, 2016, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Neil Montz officiating. Burial will follow services at Oak View Cemetery in Albia, with military honors provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose, and Lovilia. Following the committal service a luncheon will be held at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, May 12, 2016, at Tharp

Funeral Home in Albia, with Martin's family present from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

An open memorial has been established to the family.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.tharpfh.com](http://www.tharpfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

AF

“ Martin was a good friend of mine and I no I haven't known him long but in the little time I've known him I have been touched by his friendship and kindness and caring.i will truly miss his smile and kind heart.

Autumn Hall - Cincinnati, IA - Friend - May 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ My life was so blessed almost 3 years ago. Martin came into my life. You could separate us after that first day. He came to my house everyday. I cooked for him which he always said where so good. We played bingo went to casinos. Shared holidays very one of them. My family adopted him and loved him. He was like my father but I mostly considered him as my closest friends. My heart is so heavy at this time. It's hard to face the day without him. Martin will be greatly missed by my family and more then anything me. I loved him and will always. I will miss him so much. Fly with the angels and remember I love you more then you know. Prayers

Linda Fisk - Centerville iowa, IA - Friend - May 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ He was such a sweet man. Very sweet and loved to talk about Sassy and her hamburgers!!RIP Martin, you were a great man, it was so neat to learn that you knew my father. I am so sorry for your family's loss...

Susan Leshen - Albia, IA - Acquaintance - May 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Martin was such a special man. Him and his wife Shirley were so sweet to us when we moved next to them. Anytime our dogs disappeared, they were always found at their house. Sassy was the runt of ours which we had to bottle feed to keep alive and we decided to keep her. Martin and Shirley instantly feel in love with her and we made the decision to give them her as an early Christmas present. That was the best decision we could have ever made. They spoiled that dog rotten...lol. I am heartbroken that Martin has passed on and I will miss his smile and his kindness that he showed towards everyone he met. He was a great man!

Jessica Kendall - IA - Neighbor - May 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM