



## Monte - Fairfield

March 12, 1936 - January 14, 2010

Monte Cole, resident of Fairfield, passed away on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at the age of 73. He was born in Teague on March 12, 1936 to Margaret Young Cole and G. C. Cole. Over the years he has owned over 75 restaurants and convenience stores, eight of which are in Freestone County. He served as Mayor of Fairfield for three terms from 1986 - 1992. Currently he served as President of the Fairfield Hospital Board and on the board of the Fairfield Industrial Development Corporation. He was voted Fairfield Citizen of the Year in 1984. Monte also served as President of the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, President of the Fairfield Eagle Club, President of the Fairfield Rotary, and was on the board of the Freestone County Appraisal District. He has been a member of the First Baptist Church of Fairfield since 1981 and was instrumental in the design and building of the Christian Life Center. Monte was the Regional Director of the Texas Baptist Mens Group and participated in the Lay Renewal. He has served the community as a public servant since 1982. He was preceded in death by his parent Margaret Young Cole and G.C. Cole. Sons Clay Cole and Joshua Cole and a granddaughter Jessica Cole. Monte is survived by his wife of 47 years Janice Simms Cole of Fairfield. Daughter Caren Cole, son Mark Cole and wife Marsha, daughter Tawnya Cole. Grandchildren Cooper and Lauren Cole, Zachary, Zane, Jack, Margaret, and Sutton Graves. Sister Doris Bellah and brother Bill Cole. There are also many wonderful friends. Visitation will be held on Saturday evening in the Chapel at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home from 6:00 - 8:00

p.m. Funeral Services will be held on Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Fairfield with Pastor Ken Pruitt officiating. Burial will follow at the Fairfield Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Billy Dotson, Larry Iviy, Charlie Ritchie, Kevin Benedict, George Robinson, John Willson, Billy Barlow, and Mark Smith. Honorary pallbearers will be his Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Monte - Fairfield*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Janice,*

*Both Mary Ann and I were so sad to learn of the death of Monte. We sincerely hope that Monte will be at peace in his new place in heaven.*

*Every time we traveled to Fairfield, we always stopped to see if Monte was in the restaurant.*

*Monte was a good friend who will be sorely missed.*

*Tom & Mary Ann Hull*

Tom & Mary Ann Hull - January 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Janice and Family,*  
*Monte was always so friendly to us and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Tommy & Suzann Leadbetter - January 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Monte - Fairfield*

Dan & Tami Griffin - January 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ZN

“ *My prayers are with the family. Zack*

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**Zack Newman** - January 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *My thoughts are with you Janice. You have been through so heartache and pain , but trust in God he will never leave you nor forsaken you .Remember sunshine comes after the rain. To the entire Cole family you are in my prayers.*

*Shanon Cunningham King Class of 1986 Fairfield High*

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**Shanon Cunnigham King** - January 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *My prayers are with the family.  
Monte was a very special person, he was one of a kind. May God Bless each of you.*

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**Pat Bunch** - January 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Our prayers are with your family. Mr. Cole will be missed.*

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**Misty Robinson Lewis** - January 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *I always loved to see Monte. He always had such a big smile on his face that made me smile.*

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**Robin Miller Smith** - January 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM