



Margaret Cole

May 15, 1912 - October 9, 2009

Margaret Thomason Cole died October 6, 2009 following a brief illness. She was born May 15, 1912, the last child of nine, of Dr. John William and Sue Hayes Goree Thomason. She attended the Sam Houston Normal Institute Demonstration School in her youth. Her college education was divided between the C.I.A. of Denton, Texas, where she studied art, and Ward Belmont College of Nashville, Tennessee, where she graduated. Prior to her marriage she taught English at Groesbeck, Texas. Margaret married Dr. Thomas Cole November 22, 1938. They had a daughter Jan Cole and a son, Dr. T.C. Cole, Jr. both of Huntsville, Texas. As the youngest child of a large family she took on much of the responsibility of caring for her aged mother and helping her siblings as they aged. She was athletic in her youth, enjoying tennis, golf and swimming. Margaret had artistic and musical talent, but set these things aside to give full time to her family. She organized private French lessons with a Parisian professor at SHSU for Jan, Ruth Wynne Thomason, and herself, and encouraged Jan and Tommy in musical and academic studies. Margaret was a proud member of the D.A.R. later in life and was long member of the First United Methodist Church. She loved to travel, visiting China and Japan, Europe and the British Isles. The whole family often toured the USA together. Margaret said that ladies in Huntsville either played bridge or fished. She fished, enjoying many happy hours with Frances Smither, Sue Smither and Grace Bertch. Many of her friends, her beloved husband, and all her brothers and sisters preceded her in death and she was ever hopeful

awaiting the summons when she might go to join them. Graveside service will be held October 9, 2009, 11:00 AM in Oakwood Cemetery, Huntsville, Texas with Rev. Scott Dornbush officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be October 8, 2009, 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T.C. Cole, Jr., 1207 Avenue J, the house in which she was born and in which she married. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to: Newton Gresham Library, SHSU, John W. Thomason Room, Box 2281, Huntsville, Texas 77341 Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Cole*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear of your loss.*

Bob, Mellicent, Bobby II, Heather, Heath & Justin Wiley - November 24, 2009 at 10:41 AM



“ *Jan- So sorry to hear about your loss. Thinking of you across the miles.*

Love-Patrick and Megan

Megan & Patrick Grzelewski - October 13, 2009 at 10:02 PM

BH

“ *Jan, Tom & Dorothy,
Thank you so much for allowing us the honor of sharing this difficult time with you and other family members. Though the sudden passing of your Dear Mother is a great loss, the last few days have certainly been a wonderful tribute and celebration of a life well lived. The contributions and service to the community of the Thomason-Cole families are well documented and legendary, and you Jan, Tommy and Dorothy have more than carried on that fine tradition. The outpouring of love and respect by the community for all of you was very evident and sincere at the visitations and beautiful service you honored your Mother with. I know how proud she is of each one of you.*

*Our Love and Appreciation to you all,
Bob and Anne Heartfield and Family*

Bob & Anne Heartfield - October 12, 2009 at 11:07 AM

HF

“ *Dear Tommy,
I am so sorry to hear about Margaret. I have thought about her often these past few days while I was in Washington State. My prayers are with you. Thanks for looking in on Eloise while I was gone.*

Harry Allen family - October 10, 2009 at 03:58 PM

DT

“ *Dear Tommy, Dorothy, Jan and family, I am so sorry about the loss of your mother. I know she was a special lady with the way her children became outstanding adults. You are in my thoughts and prayers. You will have many good memories. Also, I want you to know how special you have been to our family.*

Drothea Tarver - October 09, 2009 at 11:33 PM

DE

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR MOTHER, OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

DIANE POOL ECKLES

DARLENE POOL MANN

(DAUGHTERS OF J.D. AND ODINE POOL)

DIANE POOL ECKLES - October 09, 2009 at 07:55 PM

CP

“ Dear Jan, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. She sounds like a remarkable woman. I also wanted to thank you for all the help and support you offered me when I was younger, and I'm hoping I can offer the same for you now if you need it.

Cassidy Perkins - October 09, 2009 at 06:06 PM

HC

“ Dr. & Mrs. Cole, Jr., My deepest sympathy and regret in the loss of your Mother. She raised a great son in you Dr. Cole.

God Bless you and your family. We love you.

Hazel Copeland

Hazel Copeland - October 09, 2009 at 05:24 PM

TR

“ Jan and Tommy: we are both so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. She was a great southern lady who epitomized a gentle dignity and fineness of character that are not often encountered.

Our thoughts are with you.

Tibbie and Harry in Costa Rica - October 09, 2009 at 04:07 PM

RL

“ Dr Cole and Jan,
Your mom was a special lady and she will be missed. she kept us entertained and laughing many times over the years.
please accept our deepest sympathy, condolences, and love.
The Austin Lynches

ray, ruby, will,& becky lynch - October 09, 2009 at 01:10 PM

BG

“ Dr.& Mrs Tommy Cole, My deepest symphity to you and your family in the loss of you Mother. May God Bless you with His love.
Bobby & Margie Gresham

Bobby & Margie Gresham - October 09, 2009 at 10:04 AM

SM

“ Jan - I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. I know it is a difficult time for you and your family. After reading about her, I know where you got your talent and love of adventure.
May God's love comfort you all.

Sharon Martin - October 09, 2009 at 09:29 AM

GM

“ Dearest Dr. Cole, Jan and family,
I know your mom meant the world to you and will be dearly missed.
Dr. Cole, when I worked for you, I remember her smile and funny stories that brightened my day. May you feel God's embracing arms during your time of loss.
In Christian Love,
Ginny Garcia Mayes
Sweetwater, TX

Ginny Garcia Mayes - October 09, 2009 at 08:20 AM

JB

“ Dr. & Mrs. Cole,
I am so sorry for the loss of your mother/mother-in-law. I just drove by her house yesterday and was wondering how she was doing. She was such a sweet lady & was always full of love for Dr. Cole Sr and her children! I know her love for you will help you through the days ahead & knowing that she is finally reunited with Dr. Cole Sr. Take care & know that your family is in our thoughts & prayers.
Love, Jamie & Don Brinegar

Jamie & Don Brinegar - October 08, 2009 at 07:05 PM

LW

“ Dear Tommy:
Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. I hope the love she had for you during her life will bring you strength and comfort in the days to come.

Lynne Werner - October 08, 2009 at 06:57 PM

RP

“ Dear Cole family,
I am a former Marine and forty year fan of Colonel Thomason's literary work. I have driven by the Thomason home many times over the years and am sorry I never stopped to pay my respects. My deepest sympathies at this sad time for your family and friends.
Sincerely, Ray Priest
Conroe

Ray Priest - October 08, 2009 at 02:52 PM

SH

“ The staff and residents at Green Acres of Huntsville wish to extend our deepest condolences for the loss of your beloved Ms. Cole. Our hearts are with you during this time of loss.

Staff and Residents at Green Acres of Huntsville - October 08, 2009 at 01:40 PM

JL

“ Tom, Dorothy, and Jan:

Special memories of Margaret will linger always. She was very dear to me. Her wonderful sense of humor was contagious.

Deepest sympathy and love,

Juanita

Juanita Lynch - October 08, 2009 at 01:14 PM

SM

“ Jan, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sheryl Murphy - October 08, 2009 at 12:35 PM

JP

“ Margaret Thomason Cole family;
Dr. T.C. Cole Jr.

As you share the stories and memories of how she lived her life and how very she meant, may you find comfort and throughout this difficult time, may you also know the deep sympathy and concern that is felt for you and all your family.

James and Bettie Patrick - October 08, 2009 at 12:32 PM

SS

“ Dr. Cole,
Please accept our heartfelt condolences for the loss of your Mom. Our prayers are with you at this time.

Susan and Betty Small - October 08, 2009 at 11:40 AM

CS

“ Dear Aunt Margaret,

*We'll truly miss you. Your smile, your wit,
and your love will always be alive in our hearts.
Jan and Tommy, our thoughts and prayers are
with you.*

*Love,
Carolyn and Leo Sacchi*

Carolyn Sacchi - October 08, 2009 at 11:04 AM

CS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this time.*

Carl H. and Esther F. Sims - October 08, 2009 at 10:08 AM

CM

“ *Tommy, Jan, and Family,
We will always remember what an elegant lady your mother was.
Our families go back many years. Thoughts and prayers.
Ann and Charles Mallery*

Charles and Ann Mallery - October 08, 2009 at 08:26 AM

SK

“ *Tommy & Jan,
I am so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you all.*

Stan Kaltwasser - October 07, 2009 at 09:19 PM

GR

“ *Tommy, I send my sincere condolences to you and Jan. My heartfelt
thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

Geneva Higginbotham Ray - October 07, 2009 at 07:32 PM

BN

“ *Jan and Tommy,
So sorry to read about your Mom. May she rest in peace with all of
her friends. She will be missed. God be with you all in your loss.*

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - October 07, 2009 at 04:47 PM

NJ

“ *Dr. Cole, we are so sorry about the the loss of your Mom. Please
always try to remember all of the good times that you have had with
her. Norma Dell Jones (SHSU Alumni Director 1977-1992) of
Lovelady*

Norma Dell & Jerry D. Jones - October 07, 2009 at 01:29 PM

MC

“ *Tommy- I am so sorry to hear about your mom. My thoughts and
prayers are with you*

Mary Beth Kaltwasser Cook - October 07, 2009 at 11:44 AM