



Nedra Cole

April 13, 1936 - October 20, 2009

Nedra Dawson Cole After a courageous seventeen year battle with breast cancer, Nedra Dawson Cole of Elkins Lake left this life on October 17, 2009. Her faith in Jesus Christ as Savior has now taken her to her new life in her heavenly home. Nedra is survived by her husband of 54 years, J B Cole, one son, Page Cole and his wife Carol of Wylie, Texas, two grandchildren, Chad and Abby Cole and one sister Polly Brown of Elkins Lake. She is preceded in death by her parents, Buck and Pauline Dawson of Nowata, Oklahoma. Nedra was born April 13, 1936 near Talala, Oklahoma and grew up on a farm and ranch operated by her parents. She graduated from Talala High School where she excelled as a student athlete. She earned the Bachelor's Degree from Southeastern Missouri State University and later while working and caring for her family, she earned the Master's Degree from Texas Women's University graduating with honors. Long service in special education distinguished Nedra's professional career. She worked in the public schools of five different states and retired from the Windham School District in Huntsville. She was certified as an educational supervisor, an educational diagnostician, and a classroom teacher for special education students. Nedra will be most frequently remembered for her warm, gracious spirit and loving heart. She was generous with kindness and concern for other people. Acquaintances have said they never met anyone who had a bad word to say about Nedra. One friend was heard to remark, "I like to see Nedra coming because she gives such good hugs!" Nedra will also be remembered for keeping in contact

with friends through many years. High school friends knew that she would remember their birthday. Friends made through her husband's career as well as her own career continued to receive holiday greetings despite the years and miles that separated them. And in later years, e-mail allowed her to keep in touch with many whose friendship she cherished. Nedra's family will remember her with great love and admiration. She was the one who planned the get-togethers and prepared the food for celebrations. She patiently cared for her widowed mother, Pauline Dawson, until her death at age 92. She accommodated her husband's career with frequent moves and wherever they moved she always made a home that welcomed others. She deeply loved her son and his family and especially enjoyed sharing the life and accomplishments of her grandchildren. After moving to Elkins Lake, Nedra endeared herself to two special groups of friends. One group was made up of retired military personnel and their families. The other special group, "The Card Group", had weekly get-togethers and frequently traveled together both in the United States and abroad. Nedra was often the "travel agent" for the group and cherished the memories of those trips. A Memorial service will be held Tuesday, October 20, at 10:00AM at University Heights Baptist Church where Nedra was a member. Visitation will be Monday, October 19 from 2-4 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Interment will be with her family in Memorial Cemetery in Nowata, Oklahoma. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Nedra Cole*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear JB, Polly & Family, We are sincerely sorry to hear of Nedra's passing. We didn't know her very well, but the love and concern others showed in her welfare truly spoke of the strong and loving character she must have been blessed with. May the Lord comfort you in your loss and bless you until we are all reunited in Christ at the feet of our Father.*

Esther & Barry Shoemake - October 21, 2009 at 08:44 AM



“ *Mr Cole*

Our deepest condolences from HQ DeCA/DOF, Lackland AFB TX. Our thoughts and prayers will be always with you and your family. God Bless You and Your Family.

Toni Thatcher - October 20, 2009 at 07:06 PM

DR

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Even though I did not know Nedra personally, I know what its like to lose someone you love to cancer. My mother in law died from cancer 2 years ago and it is painful to see how much they have to go through. Be assured God sees your pain. At Psalms 56:8 it says that God collects all our tears and puts them in his bottle and writes them all down in his book. He will soon resurrect our loved ones to perfect health and life in a peaceful new world. (Revelation 21:4; Psalms 37:11,29; John 5:28,29) You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Rich - October 20, 2009 at 01:22 PM

WS

“ To the Cole family:
Andrea and I want to express our sincerest condolences for your loss. Nedra was truly an angel on earth now with the angels in Heaven.

Wayne and Andrea Scott - October 20, 2009 at 08:15 AM

HY

“ Our prayers are being lifted up for you and your family during this time. Our Lord will provide the strenght during this time and always.

Hyvl - October 19, 2009 at 07:58 PM

JR

“ JB:

Barbara and I are on cruise to Canada and will not be able to attend Nedra's service. But both of you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Nedra was a courageous women and served as an inspiration for all of us.

God Bless,

Jim & Barabara Riley

Jim & Barbara Riley - October 19, 2009 at 06:22 PM

BS

“ Dear Cole Family,

Nedra Cole has been an Lady of my admiration for years. She was flawless in character, giving & caring by nature, always loving, always full of hugs, and an example for the rest of humanity to look up to. In Nedra Cole, you couldn't help but see the character of God shining through. Our lives have been enriched by the friendship and example of Nedra Cole. May her picture someday appear in Webster's Dictionary beside the word, "Saint".

Barry Stubbs - October 19, 2009 at 11:17 AM

PS

“ We believe God put Nedra on this earth to show all those who knew her how to deal with adversity and do it with dignity, good humor and strong faith. She was a class act and dear friend; we will miss her very much.

Pat and Al Sailer - October 19, 2009 at 08:47 AM

RH

“ JB - Our prayers are with you. I know this has been a long hard struggle and we hope friends, family and faith will sustain you and your loved ones.
Rich and Connie

Rich and Connie Heiland - October 19, 2009 at 08:32 AM

TH

“ J.B. & Family: What a wonderful lady Nedra was and an inspiration in faith and courage to all who were fortunate enough to know her! Although we will all miss her very much, it is comforting to know that she is out of pain and at peace now. Terry & Sue Harris

Terry & Sue Harris - October 19, 2009 at 08:09 AM

"L

“ Mr. Cole, sorry to hear of the passing of your loved one. I trust you and your family may feel the presence of God in a very special way during these days of condolence and re-adjustment.

"Cookie Lady" - October 18, 2009 at 05:00 PM

GG

“ Nedra was one of Windham's finest. I remember fondly our travels to various schools and her valiant struggle with her disease. Please accept my warm thoughts and prayers for your family at this time.

Gregory Gathright - October 17, 2009 at 07:43 PM

CD

“ JB,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Nedra was a special lady and we loved her dearly.

Carolyn & Billy Duke - October 17, 2009 at 06:30 PM

JK

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*

Judith Dikeman Koenig - October 17, 2009 at 05:12 PM