



Cole Lee Culver

April 15, 1919 - March 15, 2011

Cole Lee Culver of Cadillac died Tuesday March 15, 2011 at his home. He was 92.

He was born in Colfax Township of Wexford County on April 15, 1919 to Wm. Franklin & Elva Rebecca (Lee) Culver. Cole graduated from Mesick High School and went to work at BF Goodrich and later enlisted in the United States Navy and served in the Pacific Campaign during World War II. He returned from the War and went to Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas where he graduated from with a Bachelor's in math and science. Mr. Culver had been a teacher and a Baseball and Basketball coach in Rosehill, Kansas and moved to Wichita where he retired from teaching in 1979.

Each summer he and his wife would come back to the Manton/Cadillac area to spend their summer vacation and it was during that time the he went on to receive his Master's from the University of Michigan. His biggest love was fishing, both fly fishing and on Lake Michigan out of Frankfort. After retirement he moved to Cadillac to build a house and started the Paddleboat Rental by the Marina Restaurant and also owned and operated Aqua Play Marina on M-115.

He married the former Mary Aline Hunter on May 25, 1948 in Winfield, Kansas and she survives him along with their children: Craig (Vickie) Culver of Spring

Lake, Cal (Sarah) Culver of Rogers, AR, and Colene \"Coco\" (Tom) Kangas of Scottsdale, AZ; 3 grandchildren: Kelsy Kangas, Sadie (Nate) Heckerson, and Logan Culver. He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Culver and a sister, Bea Polly.

Memorial graveside services will be held in the spring at Soper Cemetery in Colfax Township of Wexford County. Arrangements were made by the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

SD

“ *a wonderful man and a wonderful family.*

scott davis - October 02, 2011 at 11:32 PM

JB

“ *Cal and Sarah: So sorry to hear about Cole. We have missed ALL of you since you left Rose Hill.*

Janie Barnard - April 15, 2011 at 07:41 PM

DC

“ *Just received the news of the passing of one of the greatest men of my life. Coach Cole was our "everything" in high school. A quiet but powerful teacher, coach and mentor for so many young lives he touched. We simply admired him for everyting he stood for. Cal, Co Co, you had a great father and we will keep him in our memories forever.*

Doc Cox - April 04, 2011 at 08:35 PM

TP

“ *I will always remeber when Kelsey and I would go over to the house and have "pixi sticks." Cole was a wonderful man and will be missed. Thinking of you all.*

Tara Partica - March 28, 2011 at 01:40 PM

LC

“ I have many fond memories of Mr. Culver & his family while they lived in Rose Hill. As a classmate & friend of Colene, I have many happy memories of time spent with the Culver family.

Lynn Hayes Clarke - March 25, 2011 at 05:04 PM

TC

“ Culver kids, so sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Terry

Terry Carr - March 25, 2011 at 12:29 PM

RM

“ Cole was such an intelligent and passionate teacher and coach. We were most fortunate he decided to live in Rose Hill. Thoughts and prayers go out to the Culver family.
Class of '
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Royce Mitchell - March 25, 2011 at 06:38 AM

MA

“ We will truly miss having Cole as our neighbor. I smile as I think about working in the yard and having him come out with his work gloves on to help out. He surely loved to share stories of his life which he was very proud of. We are thankful we had the opportunity to be a small part of his life.

Matt & Kathleen Van Alst - March 24, 2011 at 09:06 PM

LE

“ So sorry for Cole's passing. I know my dad loved him and your family - we will miss him being on Holly Road. Will try to make it to the graveside services. Our thoughts are with you and yours - From the: Gerald Culver family, Lina, Lana, Judy, JoAnn, Gary, and Dennis...Mother is back in her house in Manton.

Lana Culver Ewing - March 24, 2011 at 03:37 PM

JT

“ Taking time to reflect on high school days at Rose Hill immediately recall with fond memories teachers like Cole and Aline Culver. I would like to think that his character and humility had an impact on my life. We in Rose Hill were very fortunate to have known him and his family.

John & Deanne (Cox) Thompson - March 23, 2011 at 11:56 AM

TR

“ Your dad was a prince of a guy! I loved to tell him he was the only person I'd ever leave Thom for! His devotion to your mom and his pride in all of you was immeasurable. We send our love and deepest sympathy to Aline and all of you.

Thom and Penny Robinson - March 23, 2011 at 09:36 AM

JM

“ Many fond memories of Cole & Aline as our coach & teachers at Rose Hill High School & of the fun times we had for many years there.

Jack & Jerene McCune - March 22, 2011 at 11:54 PM

JW

“ Remembering all the fun times in Rose Hill with all of you. Cole will be missed by all.

Jack & Dorothy Wilks - March 22, 2011 at 09:22 AM

DL

“ Craig and Vicki,
My deepest condolences to you and your family at this time of loss.

Donna Lutke - March 21, 2011 at 07:05 PM

JV

“ Mr. Culver, He were a member of the Cadillac V.F.W. Post 6864 in good standings! We will miss you Cole & God Bless you!

Jack Baughan, Adjutant V.F.W. - March 21, 2011 at 05:40 PM

DP

“ CoCo, Tk and Kelsey-Our friendship goes way back. Thinking of you at this time of loss. Take Care!

Debbie Pascoe - March 21, 2011 at 04:44 PM

LH

“ Rose Hill class of 1956. You will never be forgotten. We shall all be together and rejoice in Heaven, one day. God Bless You Cole.

Larry J. Hunter - March 21, 2011 at 03:02 PM

JP

“ My 92-year-old mother, who lives with me, sends her condolences. She was married to Clare Shively, son of Pearl Culver Shively. My mother graduated with Cole from Mesick High School. My dad passed away two years ago, 6 weeks before his 93rd birthday and a month after my parents' 71st wedding anniversary. She sends her very best to Ailene.

Janene Shively Pratt - March 21, 2011 at 02:59 PM

JC

“ Dad lived a long, full and productive life. I am sorry to hear of his passing. May God's love and peace surround you all in this time of loss.

Judy Coffey - March 21, 2011 at 10:26 AM

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“ Craig and family -- I remember your dad fondly from being over at your place during those summers in the 80s. My thoughts are with all of the family during this time.

Tom Klarquist (doctomchicago@gmail.com) - March 21, 2011 at 06:45 AM