



## Cole Van Brooks

January 2, 1961 - January 4, 2021

Cole Van Brooks, age 60, of Nowata, Oklahoma, died January 4, 2021. He was born to Plez Ollis Brooks Jr. and Mollie Hugh (Cole) Brooks on January 2, 1961 in Temple, Texas. He married Pamela on March 1, 2012 (Not Near Long Enough). Cole was employed as a Paramedic with Nowata Ems since 2012. He was a rough around the edges cowboy, a paramedic, a husband, a father, and a best friend to many. Cole loved his family and friends, he loved raising his dogs and taking them hunting. He loved to read and to travel. Cole was proud to serve his community and spread his dad's word. Cole has spent his life working on ranches. Most recent was for Bill and Diana Helm at Helm Quality Cattle here in Nowata County. He spent years working for Babbitt Ranches in Arizona and Phantom Ranch in the Grand Canyon packing supplies and tourist in and out of the canyon. Cole spent his last half of his life saying it was his biggest job to spread dad's word. Everywhere we traveled while in Houston at MD Anderson going through Chemo and Radiation. He spent most of his time visiting with other patients and talking about the Lord and the Kingdom. He touched the hearts of everyone he came in contact with from all the across the world. Cole is preceded in death by his parents, Plez Ollis Brooks Jr., and Mollie Hugh Cole Brooks. He is survived by his wife Pamela Brooks, Daughter, Ayla Martin of U.K, Three sons, Seth Hughes Brooks of Nowata, Ok, Caleb Michael Brooks of Tulsa, Ok, and Tyler Brooks of Anaconda, Montana, Stepson, James Richmond of Bartlesville, Ok, Stepdaughter, Ty Richmond of Moore, Ok.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday January 16, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Nowata Fire & EMS Annex.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making donations to Countryside Ministries in Cole's name. These donations go to Gideon's Bibles to make sure that all hotels, hospitals and soldiers have the Word of God, as this was mission was very close to his heart.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Nowata Fire Department- Annex  
425 S Cedar  
Nowata , OK 74048

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Cole Van Brooks* ”



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May 09, 2022 at 09:28 PM



“ *Cole Van Brooks* ”

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October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Cole Van Brooks* ”

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October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM

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“ I worked at the Grand Canyon with Cole back in 95-96, wrangling mules and dudes.  
He was one of my favorite people to go down to phantom ranch with because he was dependable and good at his job.  
We weren't close friends but I sure thought highly of him and respected him.  
I was looking at my family tree on familysearch.com today and found Cole on there and found at that he passed away. I also found out he's my 11th cousin from a direct ancestor named Chief Big Thunder, a Delaware Indian.  
I'm sorry he left us so early.  
My condolences to his family.  
Jeff Smith, Denmark  
aalborgsmith@hotmail.com

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**Jeff Smith** - February 23, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ When Cole Van was in his early 30's he came to Ruidoso, New Mexico and lived with us for about a year. Oh! What fun we had! He could tell a story like few people and he was full of them. He also could plow through one book after another. Cole was my deceased husband's first cousin but was a good 20- 30 years younger. We thought of him as our nephew. Cole loved cowboying. I told him he was born 100 years too late. We encouraged him to follow his heart so he found a job on a ranch in Arizona. He was very happy there.  
My daughter, my grandson, and I miss him.  
Texie Cole, Sylvia Cole Sheets, and Brandon Cole.

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**Texie Cole** - January 09, 2021 at 09:12 PM

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*Prayers to his family and all of his friends*

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**Patty Speer** - January 10, 2021 at 03:33 PM

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“ JEANNE M SHEPHERD lit a candle in memory of Cole Van Brooks



JEANNE M SHEPHERD - January 09, 2021 at 09:53 AM

DD

“ Cole saved my husband. He talked him into going to the hospital, my husband was having trouble breathing and possibly having a heart attack. Come to find out he had a massive heart attack and triple bypass. Thank you Cole for not taking no as an answer. Prayers from our family



Darrell and Kimberly Dyer - January 09, 2021 at 07:56 AM

PC

“ I was Cole's nurse case manager a couple of years ago. He was always pleasant and he had a heart of gratitude. I am so sorry that this man has left his family and friends all too soon. Fly High Cole.  
My thoughts are with his family and friends.  
Paula Coleman



Paula Coleman - January 08, 2021 at 03:31 AM

DT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Pam you, the boys and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.



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**Debi Thorson** - January 06, 2021 at 11:26 PM



“ Prayers for Pam and the family.



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**Jack Miller** - January 06, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ Cole was my cousin and we were almost the exact same age. Since we lived in the same community, we spent a lot of time together growing up. He was a little rough around the edges when he was young, but time and God polished him into a jewel. He always had a heart of gold and would help anyone in need. We are praying for God to comfort his family.

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**Scott Cole** - January 06, 2021 at 10:01 AM

VM

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I really didn’t know Cole personally, we had met under horrible circumstances.....but I have thanked God for him regularly since Nov. 30 2014.

Our kids (17 and 14) were hit head on between Bartlesville and Nowata...my husband and I were following them home. When Cole came to the scene, I honestly don’t remember too much until we were all loaded into the ambulance. He was the only paramedic and had both of my kids in the back. Cole was so patient and reassuring with our 14 y.o daughter as she was struggling to breathe and was very panicked. (She had a collapsed lung, broken back, massive concussion and various other injuries). He took such delicate and deliberate care of her.

Cole definitely saved our son’s life, as he realized while assessing him on route to Bartlesville’s hospital, that he needed emergency surgery for severe internal injuries. Mid route, Cole changed the plan and had Rico drive to St. Francis instead, he called ahead and told them to have the OR ready. Time was of the essence and his quick decision making, saved our son’s life.

We will always and forever consider Cole our angel. I wish his life wasn’t cut short, but he did some remarkable things saving others while he was here. I am so thankful for everything Cole did for our family that day. I’m so sorry for your loss and we will pray for Cole’s family, coworkers, and friends during this difficult time.

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**Valarie McNeill** - January 05, 2021 at 09:24 PM