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Vernald "Vern" Cole, age 79, of Remus, Michigan, passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on June 12, 2025, in Lansing, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born on Christmas Eve, 1945, in Detroit to Bethel Cole and Eula Combs, Vern had a life full of stories, laughter, and good old-fashioned hard work. Vern was never one to sit still. Over the years, he wore many hats: a Ford factory worker, poultry butcher, and even a well-known vendor at Detroit's Eastern Market, where he sold honey and eggs from the Amish with a smile and a story for everyone who walked by.

If you ever bought eggs from Vern, you probably got a sermon and a joke in the same transaction. In 1964, he married the love of his life, Judy Burke, and the two began their family in the Detroit area. Later, they moved to Remus, where Vern built something lasting-Cole Tire-a business that became not just a local staple, but a family affair.

When he wasn't turning wrenches or talking tires, he was tending to his cattle, helping on the farm, or hunting in the Michigan woods. Vern loved animals, adored his grandkids, and especially enjoyed taking them to church with him. A devout Christian, Vern was an active member of Mecosta "The Village" Free Methodist Church, always eager to share the Good News and lend a helping hand-or an earful of wisdom-to anyone who needed it.

Street-smart, stubborn in all the right ways, and always quick with a quip, Vern had a way of lighting up a room without even trying. He believed in working hard, helping others, and enjoying life's simple pleasures-like going to the beach at School Section Lake or grilling up something fresh for a family get-together.

Left to carry on his stories and spirit are his children, Lonny (Pam) Cole, Karen (Mark) Snyder, Larry (April) Cole, and Wendy (Matt) Newville; son-in-law, Robert Snider; siblings, Betty, Dennis, Vance, Bernice, and Rolland; 17 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. He was reunited in



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Heaven with his beloved wife, Judy; his daughter, Kathy Snider, his parents, and brothers, Leon and Ricky.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, June 18, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Janowicz Family Funeral Home in Remus. A funeral service to celebrate Vern's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 19, at The Mecosta "The Village" Free Methodist Church, with a luncheon to follow (because no Cole family event ends without food and laughter). Memorial contributions may be directed to the church Vern loved so much. Envelopes will be available at the visitation and service.

Vern's legacy is one of faith, family, and a whole lot of elbow grease. He'll be missed-but never forgotten.



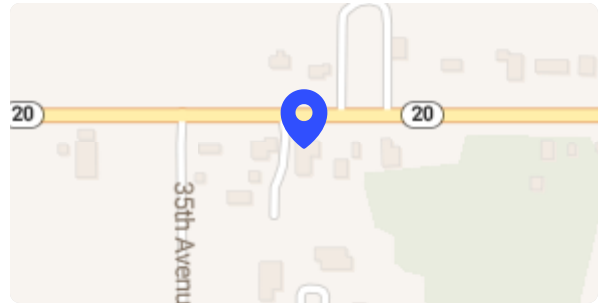
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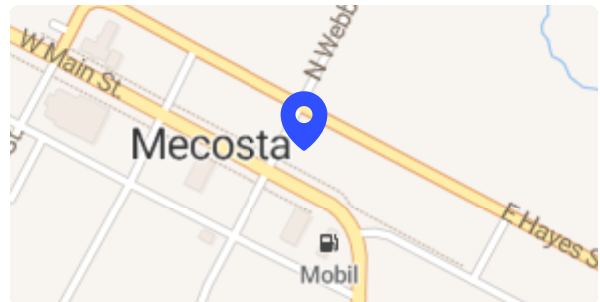
Viewing

- Wednesday**, June 18, 2025
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Janowicz Family Funeral Home**
469 W. Wheatland Ave., Remus MI 49340



Funeral Service

- Thursday**, June 19, 2025
- 11:00 AM ET
- Mecosta "The Village" Free Methodist Church**
101 E. Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332





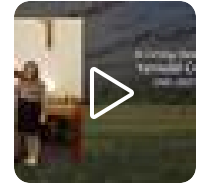
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Janowicz Family Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



August 12 at 6:50 AM



Tisha Morgan posted:

1 of My Favorite Memories with Uncle Vern, is going up there to his farm to play and explore because you just didn't see that atmosphere in the city. Lol He always took ALL of us kids to church on Sundays. I Love And Appreciate you for it Uncle Vern...RIH

June 18 at 5:26 AM



Tisha, Shane & Jaydon Morgan sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Cole family.



June 17 at 5:23 PM



Tisha, Shane & Jaydon Morgan planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Vernald.



June 17 at 5:23 PM



Kevin J Murphy posted:

Vern always had a good story. He and his little dogs would stop in. Said the one was so smart he wouldn't bark on posted property !

June 16 at 4:14 PM



Julie Hostetler posted:

We have great memories of Vern when he attended Chippewa Hills Baptist Church in Remus. Vern always had a welcoming smile and wit about him that would make you smile. We will be praying for the family as we know he will be missed. May God bring comfort to your family. Sam and Julie Hostetler

June 16 at 7:50 AM



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Love Mary, Fred And Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Cole family.

June 16 at 6:34 AM



The Otter Air Services Team sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Cole family.

June 16 at 4:29 AM



The Otter Air Services Team planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Vernald.

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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Cole family.

June 15 at 5:38 PM



Janet Lapham lit a candle in honor of Vernald.

Janet Lapham lit a candle in memory of Vernald Cole

June 14 at 4:52 PM





Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Vernald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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