

## Wilmer Thurl Cole

May 4, 1919 – November 15, 2001

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### WILMER T. COLE

Wilmer Thurl Cole, 82, of Bellepoint, formerly of Nimitz, died 5:30 a. m. Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001, at the VA Medical Center at Beckley following a long illness.

Born May 4, 1919, at Jumping Branch, he was the son of the late Ezra Calloway and Ruby Cochran Cole.

Mr. Cole had lived most of his life at Nimitz. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II in the North Africa Campaign, was a member of the DAV, and was a 39-year member

of the American Legion Post 32 at Beckley. He was also assistant chaplain of the Jumping Branch-Nimitz Senior Citizens and a past member of the Pipestem Ruritan Club.

He was a retired autobody mechanic.

Mr. Cole was a member, deacon and teacher of the Men's Sunday Class at the Bluestone Baptist Church at Jumping Branch.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 46 years, Mary Lucille Vest Cole, and a son, Douglas Warren Cole.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Young Cole; a son, David N. Cole and his wife, Emily Diane, of Pipestem; a sister, Mildred Scott and son, Greg, of Jumping Branch; two grandchildren, Kevin and Melissa Cole, two stepdaughters, Mrs. Dixie Fox and husband, Bill, of Jumping Branch, and Mrs. Drema Turner and husband, Harry, of Hinton; five step-grandchildren, Kim Ballard and husband, Steve, Lynn Hutchison and husband, Vaughn, Joy Bowling and husband, John, Mark Fox and wife, Angie, and Pam Cunningham and husband, Alan, and a step-great-grandchild, Matthew Ballard.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday, November 18th. at the Bluestone Baptist Church at Jumping Branch with Pastors Bill Fox and Bobby Holcomb officiating. Burial followed in the L.W. Vest Cemetery at Jumping Branch.

Pallbearers were Kevin Cole, Harry Turner, John Bowling, Ben Vest, Rodney Pack and Vaughn Hutchison.

Honorary pallbearers were the Men's Sunday School Class of Bluestone Baptist Church.

Arrangements by Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors, Hinton.