



John Cole Word

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Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery is saddened to announce the passing of John Cole Word on Jan. 28, 2023 in Nashville, Tennessee. We are honored to serve the family during this difficult time.

John Cole Word, 73, passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, on Jan. 28 in Nashville following a brief illness.

He is survived by sons John Douglas (Brooke) Word, Christopher Cole Word; granddaughters Margot Ruth Word, Mirabelle Virginia Word and Josephine Edith Word; and sister Martha Jane Word all of Nashville. He was preceded in death by his parents, H.G. Word and Virginia Vanhooser Word of Nashville.

He graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1967. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee in 1971.

He co-founded Advantage, the Nashville business magazine, in 1978, and later served the State of Tennessee and multiple governors with the Department of Economic and Community Development before his retirement.

Visitation will be held Feb. 8 at Spring Hill Funeral Home from 10 am to 12 pm, with a chapel service to follow at 12 pm and burial thereafter at Spring Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, "Where Nashville Comes to Remember."






Events

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Visitation

-  **Wednesday**, February 8, 2023
-  10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
-  **Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216






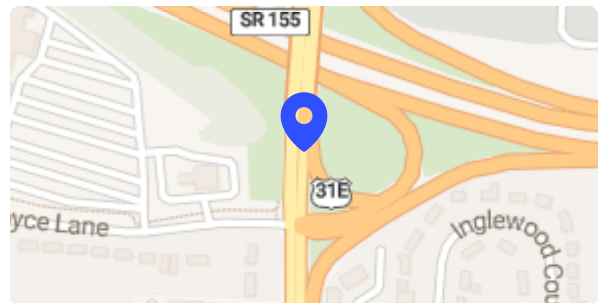
Funeral Service

-  **Wednesday**, February 8, 2023
-  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT
-  **Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216




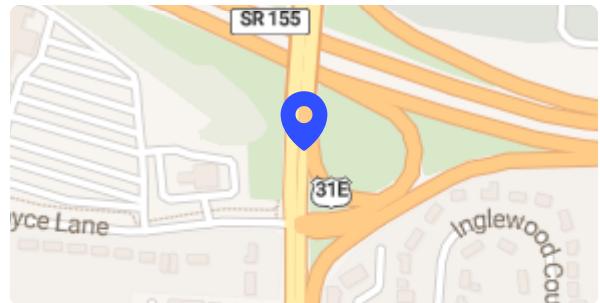
Burial

-  **Wednesday**, February 8, 2023
-  1:00 PM - 1:30 PM CT
-  **Historic Spring Hill Cemetery**
5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville TN 37216



Cemetery Details

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Patrick Christie-Mizell posted:

Yesterday it popped into my head to call John. I waited until after noon as he always liked to stay up late and sleep in late. As soon as I did and he did not answer I knew he had passed on. I am so sorry to hear of the loss of John. We became close years ago as I was working on his neighbors house and he asked if I could do some work on his. That led to years long repairs, pool maintenance, fence painting, the list runs on. We had great conversations, shared the same views and sense of humor. Please let me know of any way I can assist you in his home, I would be honored to do so. Godspeed-- Patrick Christie-Mizell 615-973-2976

May 10 at 2:07 PM



Martha Word Haley posted:

I met John by accident when we had appointments with eye doctors at Vanderbilt. The receptionist asked if my husband was parking the car. I responded I was not married. She then turned into a match maker planning to introduce us when he arrived. Immediately, we knew we were kin and that we shared an abiding love of family genealogy and history. John introduced his sons to my dad so they could know an older male Word relative. They helped Daddy care for my house after I married and moved. Lately, I tried to visit John to record his stories but he did not feel well enough. I am blessed with wonderful memories and 27 years of friendship with John whom I will greatly miss. With love, Cousin Martha Word & John Haley

February 6 at 5:41 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Word family.



February 5 at 4:05 PM



Kay Wiseman sent an Arrive in Style to the Word family.



February 4 at 11:19 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Word family.



February 4 at 7:09 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Word family.



February 4 at 6:16 AM



Teresa C Ford posted:

John was such a huge part of my life for 13 years. I'll never forget his infectious laugh and kind heart. I have no words for how much he'll be missed. RIP sweet John.

February 1 at 6:03 AM



Rob Ikard February 3 at 5:44 AM

Some of my fondest memories in life are from traveling internationally with John on state business. He was a great friend, and I will miss him dearly. Sincere condolences to the boys and the rest of the family.



Molly Cripps February 2 at 5:12 PM

John was a wonderful friend and mentor to all those who had the benefit of working with him. He was a kind and generous soul who was always quick to share a witty thought and spread laughter. My condolences to John's family. Sincerely, Molly Cripps



Memories only last if you share them

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



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