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Charles W. Cole, 83, was born July 31, 1921 in Morris, Oklahoma to John Thomas and Dora Jane (Mays) Cole. Mr. Cole died June 23, 2005 in Canon City, Colorado. He married Glendoris van Dieken in Meadow Grove, Nebraska on April 4, 1948.

Mr. Cole retired from the United States Army in 1962 with the rank of M/Sgt. during World War II he was a member of the 96th Infantry Division. This Division saw extensive action in the Pacific Theatre including the initial invasion of Okinawa. He was awarded the Bronze Star along with many other awards from serving in Korea and Germany during his career. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and the 96th Infantry Division Association as well as being a member of Retired Enlisted Association.

Following his military career, Mr. Cole was employed at the Air Force Academy in Food Service at Mitchell Hall during this time he earned an Associate of Science degree from EI Paso Community College.

He is survived by his wife, Glendoris; children, Deborah (Cole) and Dwight Hall Littleton CO, and Brian and Brenda (Dick) Cole, Hastings, MN, Candy Cole, Scottsdale, AZ; grandchildren, Windie (Cole) Arciaya, Spring Hill, Fl., Chad Cole, Glendale, AZ, Jeff Jones, Mesa, AZ, Andrew Hall, Littleton, CO. and Elizabeth and John Cole of Hastings, MN; great-grandchildren, Ellie Cole Welch and Jared Arciaya, Spring Hill, FL and Quintin Olson Cole, Mesa, AZ. His son, Charles W. Cole, Jr. preceded him in death.

Visitation will be Monday June 27 from 4:00 -8:00 pm at the Holt Funeral Home in Canon City, CO. Funeral service will be held at 10:30 am Tuesday, June 28 at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church located at 801 North Sheridan, Canon City, CO. Burial with military honors will be on Wednesday, June 29 at Memorial Gardens in Colorado Springs, CO. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice.