



George H. Cote, Jr.

March 16, 2018

Mr. Cote was born in Ayer, March 8, 1938, the eldest of three sons born to George H. and Barbara L. (Hynes) Cote, Sr. and resided several years in West Groton before moving to Harvard 25 years ago.

As a young teen, Mr. Cote played in St. Mary's drum and bugle corps and won an appearance on community auditions. Mr. Cote served his country from 1955-1959 as a cryptologist in the United States Naval Security Group. He continued to be a member of the Naval Cryptological Veterans Association of New England.

Over the years he enjoyed playing golf, bowling, surf fishing, hunting, baseball and hockey. He coached both youth baseball and hockey teams for Groton and even lead the 1981 Hockey team to a victory championship.

For over 47 years Mr. Cote worked as a paper maker at Hollingsworth & Vose Company in West Groton, retiring in 2006. He held various positions including Machine Operator, Tour Boss, Lab Technician and consultant to mills worldwide including London, England. Additionally, he was a past member of St. Mary's Church in Ayer, St. James Church in West Groton, and a member of the Fitchburg Council of the Knights of Columbus.

He leaves his son, George A. Cote of West Groton; a daughter and son in law,

Sharon L. and Clifford Grimm of Hudson; his wife, Ellen A. (Oliver) Cote of West Groton; two brothers and sisters in law, Frank H. and Judy Cote of Ayer, Leon A. "Barney" and Pam Cote of Newton; his long-time companion, Dorothy Pappas of Harvard; a her son, Ernest Pappas and his long-time companion, Pat Methe, of Ashby; as well as her daughter, Melissa Cunniffe of Stow; six grandchildren, Sarah Cote, Katie Cote, Cody Grimm, Austin Grimm, Danielle Cunniffe and Matthew Cunniffe.

Tribute Wall

RO

“ *A good man who will be missed. Here's to a fair wind and a following sea. Gotta love those Ayer, MA boys! Go Navy!*

Ron & Janet O'Day - March 25, 2018 at 01:33 PM

MM

“ *Sharon I'm so sorry for your loss.
You in all your family will be in my prayers.*

Maria Martin - March 23, 2018 at 05:50 PM

MP

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. I will always keep George fondly in my memories. I can't believe that I have known him for over thirty years. I really enjoyed listening to all of his stories and bits of wisdom he gave me over the years.*

Mary Pierce - March 23, 2018 at 11:59 AM

PC

“ *Frank & Judy*

So sorry for your loss. Please know i will keep your family in my prayers.

God Bless

Pat

Patricia Casavecchia - March 23, 2018 at 08:48 AM

JT

“ Our deepest condolences to the Cote family. I worked with George and Frank for many years at H&V. I will always remember George with his great humor. We always enjoyed seeing you and Dottie at the luncheon's at Baileys. You will be missed rest in peace my good friend.

Joe & Netta Di Tomaso - March 22, 2018 at 11:11 AM

DB

“ Frank & Barney

Our prayers are with you and your families. May George RIP

Dick & Alice Barrett - March 21, 2018 at 04:56 AM

PW

“ George, it was nice that we met at Market Basket in Littleton a couple of weeks ago and talked about growing up in Ayer.....R.I.P. old pal.....you will be missed.....blessings to the family.

Phine and Donnie Wallace - March 20, 2018 at 01:04 PM

RH

“ To the Cote Family;
So sorry to hear of the loss of your Brother, Father and Friend. George and I went to Ayer High together, played in St. Mary's (Fife) Drum & Bugle Corp for many years. We served in the Navy at the same time. George and I had many good times and I will always have fond memories. May the Lord Bless and Keep him. I will keep him in my Prayers.

"VIVAT JESUS" George

Richard S. Hamel - March 20, 2018 at 10:39 AM

EH

“ Sorry for your loss. George was my friend.

Elton hilley - March 20, 2018 at 06:26 AM

DC

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I felt I must write to express my condolences. My dad's name is George Cote and the same age. May the many happy memories you shared together bring you some comfort in the days ahead. And may you find hope in God's promise to soon undo 'all pain, tears, mourning and even death' Rev. 21:4. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

D. C. - March 20, 2018 at 04:19 AM

RE

“ I hold such fond memories of George, it was a pleasure to work with him in the lab. RIP in peace George..you will be in our hearts and memories always.

Red - March 20, 2018 at 03:05 AM

JS

“ George will be missed by all who knew him.

James Sullivan - March 19, 2018 at 04:52 PM

PT

“ So sorry for you loss Barney and Pam. We will be there for you ... with love and prayers from here on the 23rd.

Patti and Brian Thorsen - March 19, 2018 at 04:25 PM

DC

“ I will always remember and never forget some of the great times I had as a young man with my cousin Georgie and my Uncle George when I vacationed at Plum Island. We stayed at the legendary "Oliver House" it wasn't the prettiest or the fanciest but it had tons of character and its own style just like my Uncle George. There were many good times at that beach house which included fishing, playing cards, swimming and eating my uncles homemade clam chowder with my red #13 tank top on but one of my strongest and best memories of that place was when my Uncle George put me and my cousin Georgie age 13 and 14 through the most aggressive and exhausting 2 week conditioning program killer camps of all time! His goal was to prepare us for a 2 week hockey camp up in the Berkshire mountains. He didn't want his son and his nephew "his boys" to be "out of shape laughing stalks" at the Berkshires! Guess what? He succeeded!! By the end of the two week "George Cote Camp" Georgie and I had gone from running 2 miles to running 5 miles and benching 110lbs. to benching 135 lbs. Georgie actually did 160lbs. My Uncle was a good man and I will miss him very much! RIP Uncle George and say hi to Grammy and Grampy for me.
Love you.
~David 13

David Cote - March 19, 2018 at 04:16 PM

GP

“ Always a gentleman at work or on the golf course, R. I. P.
My condolences to all his loving family.
Gerry Paquette

Gerard Paquette - March 19, 2018 at 04:10 PM

PS

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to your family at this sad time. He was a good man and he taught me a lot about paper making. I will miss him. RIP George*

Phyllis McAuley Schrock - March 19, 2018 at 11:45 AM

JP

“ *Barney and Frank*

Jan and I are sorry to hear of George's passing. I remember from way back in the day he was the most senior member of the "youth" in our neighborhood. Your brother was always smiling and something encouraging to say to us when our paths would cross. He was generous with all of us when he shared his new boat at Sandy Pond and was gentle with us in the water skiing attempts. We did finally learn. I'm sure he will be missed but remembered fondly by you and all of his family. God Bless George.

John (Tony) and Jan Persuitte - March 19, 2018 at 11:20 AM