



*Eugene Cole*

**July 13, 1927 - May 20, 2019**

Eugene Cole, 91, of Morganton went home to be with the Lord on Monday, May 20, 2019. Born in Rutherford County, NC on July 13, 1927, he was the son of the late Tessler Cole and Myrtice Flynn Cole.

Eugene was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church where he still sang in the choir and had been a Sunday School teacher and deacon after retiring from the church staff. He had over 45 years of Christian service as the Minister of Music and Education at the following churches: Calvary Baptist, Morganton; First Baptist, Cleveland, MS; First Baptist, Bluefield, WV; First Baptist, Collinsville, VA; Whiting Avenue Baptist, Charlotte; and Hopewell Baptist, Morganton.

His hobbies included offset printing, ham radio and gardening. He most enjoyed gospel music, handbells and talking with people. Mr. Cole was a proud veteran who served in the Navy during WWII and the

Army during the Korean War. He was a graduate of Baylor University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

A loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and follower of Jesus, Eugene is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marquean Ross Cole of Morganton and his son Steve Cole, wife Stacy and their daughters, Halle Kate and Anna Claire of Alabaster, AL.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, May 24, at Hopewell Baptist Church. The Celebration of Life service will begin at 11 a.m. in the church with

the Dr. Danny Emory officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with military honors provided by the US Navy.

Memorial contributions may made to Hopewell Baptist Church's Sanctuary or Cemetery Fund, 1112 Hopewell Road, Morganton, NC 28655.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.