



Anthony Napier Cole

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Found at home, on July 15th, at 36 years young, Anthony Napier Cole (known as Tony, Phat Tony, Tizzle, Funcle Tony, son, brother and best friend) passed away peacefully, in his sleep, of a severe brain aneurysm. He was currently residing in Milwaukie, OR following the recent passing of his father, Curtis, in 2019, but was a lifelong resident and community legend of St. Helens, Oregon. Born on December 5th, 1983 in Portland, Oregon.

Tony was preceded in death by his father; Curtis Napier Cole Jr. of St. Helens, his grandparents, Curtis and Ethel Cole of Portland, Beverly and Stanley Duncan of St. Helens and Sharon and James Langan of Portland. He is survived by his mother, Cindy Langan of Monmouth, Oregon, his sister, Sarah (Cole) Lockwood, brother-in-law, Jeremy; nieces, Chloe (9), Marley (5) and nephew, Soren (7) of Independence, Oregon; and his beloved cat, Leo Tiger Cole. He is also survived by countless aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

One Love. Is it a statement, a feeling, a verb? For Tony, it was a way of life. Tony truly lived his life for others; always checking in, sending video messages, texts, cheesy selfies with his kitty, Leo. His nieces and nephew were his world but he made room in his giant heart to be an uncle to so many more.

We get one life on this Earth and Tony blessed us with his genuine presence. Always smiling, giving hugs, pulling silly pranks and taking care of us. He lived through his heart.

Though currently an employee of LAM Research in Tualatin, Oregon, Tony spent most of his adult life as a direct support professional and later as a personal support worker. It was his passion. He enjoyed spending his time at many of the local residential group homes, making sure his “peeps” were living their best lives; taking them on fun adventures like camping and 4-wheeling, remembering their favorite things and making sure they always had a smile on their face. Tony’s dream was to open his own adult foster home.



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Tony loved to be outdoors. He spent a great deal of time in his hammock, out in the woods, helping in the shop or cruising with his car club, the Columbia County Euros. He spent a lot of time at the beach, taking pictures of his cars, going on roadtrips and family vacations. He had a love food and music, parades and parties. He recently took up the hobby of RC cars and loved finding new places to drive them. Tony was a dear friend to the mayor and would often call him up and ask him how and where he could help out. As a proud supporter of the LGBTQ+ community and with PRIDE, Tony shared his rainbows of love.

A viewing at Columbia Funeral Home in St. Helens will take place on Friday, July 24th, 4:00pm - 7:00pm (family will be from 3:00pm - 4:00pm). A celebration of life for Tony will be held on July 25th, 2020, on a friends property, at 35010 Hankey Rd, St. Helens Oregon. Event will open at 12:00pm and service will start at 1:00pm. Please, if you can, bring your own chair, and a mask. Chairs will be provided for family and closest friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation for Tony at the InRoads Credit Union, Tony Cole Memorial Fund. All donations will be used to support a need in the community for the residential group homes Tony spent so much time at; on and off the clock. Columbia County needs a "Tony's House" and we would love to make that happen.






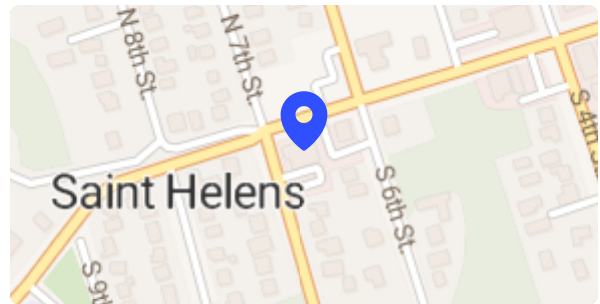
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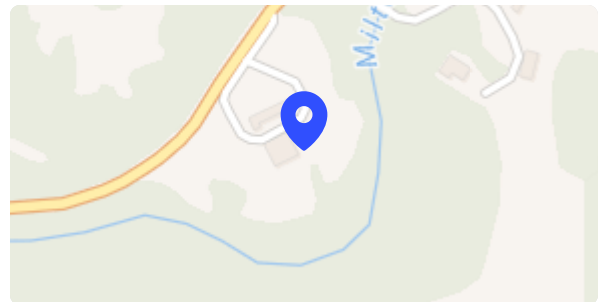
Viewing

-  **Friday, July 24, 2020**
-  4:00 PM - 7:00 PM PT
-  **Columbia Funeral Home**
681 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens OR 97051






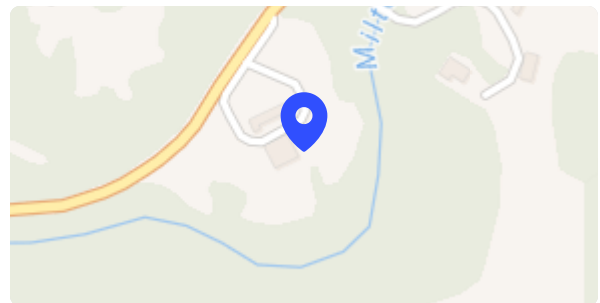
Funeral Service

-  **Saturday, July 25, 2020**
-  1:00 PM PT
-  **Private Property**
35010 Hankey Road, St. Helens OR 97051



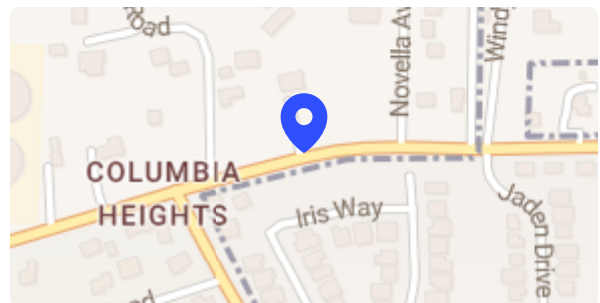
Remembrance Gathering

-  **Saturday, July 25, 2020**
-  5:00 PM PT
-  **Private Property**
35010 Hankey Road, St. Helens OR 97051



Cemetery Details

-  **Yankton Hillcrest Cemetery**
Pittsburg Road, St. Helens OR





Tribute Wall

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Briana Storvis lit a candle in honor of Anthony.



March 7 at 3:51 PM



Sarah Warner posted:

I've known Tony for years and though we didnt see one another often it always felt like it was just yesterday. Always quick to make me smile or laugh and I'd come to cherish his advice in situations of my personal life where I really needed to make a change. Knowing him was a blessing #OneLove

July 22 at 9:57 PM



Reese Manning lit a candle in honor of Anthony.

My condolences to your family & friends. You were a bright light in so many peoples lives. Thank you for always being there to catch me when I fell. And lifting me back up for the better. Ill miss you so much Big T. ❤️❤️❤️



July 22 at 10:23 AM



Jill Gilbreath lit a candle in honor of Anthony.

My condolences to the family. This world needed Tony. He rose to the challenges. He will be missed dearly.



July 22 at 5:43 AM



Ginny Carlson lit a candle in honor of Anthony.



July 22 at 3:06 AM



Mary Wheeler lit a candle in honor of Anthony.



July 21 at 7:16 PM



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PS

Paulett Sicilia sent a virtual gift in honor of Anthony.



July 21 at 4:33 PM



Jamie Reed July 30 at 7:54 PM

Tony was a very nice & out going kind respectful person with his words & caring for his friends who he charished as family i really loved his personality & kindness for who he was i enjoyed saying ello too him everyday i see him around the st. helens area & hi school & Riverside as a staff member.... my heart is with his family & it will always be... #OneLove

SH

Shaun posted:

One day Tony was at my house. My daughter was jumping rope while Tony watched her. Then Tony wanted to show her what's up. So he grabbed the jump rope and did about 6 jumps, then SNAP! His Achilles Tendon had snapped! It was really crazy! I can remember it like it was yesterday. The sound was like a 2 liter bottle getting ran over by a car. Poor guy, then he was on the scooter for the next several months! I'm going to miss Tony, my whole family is. #onelove

July 21 at 4:24 PM



Sarah July 29 at 8:45 AM

Such a big kid at heart. He loved doing fun things with the kids. Forever young ❤️

GE

Genevieve lit a candle in honor of Anthony.

Rest In Peace Tony, Never knew you but sounds like you are such a big heart- the world will miss your presence.



July 21 at 3:48 PM

DC

Diana Houghtelling Crow lit a candle in honor of Anthony.



July 21 at 1:26 PM



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DC

Diana Houghtelling Crow lit a candle in honor of Anthony.

I will never forget Tony, known his dad most of my life, and we were neighbors when our kids were younger, our kids were and are friends. Tony was probably somewhere around 9 or 10 years old, and I had just bought a new car, had backed it in to my parking place. Went out the next day, and before getting into my car, went to put some things in the back, and there was my car tied with fishing line to a tree, and 2 sets of hand prints all over my newly washed car. I knew Tony had his friend Tim over, and I went to Curtis's house and knocked on the door. When it opened, I knew by the look on the boys faces I was at the right place. I ask them who Tied my car to the tree, both looked at each other, both said NOT ME! I Said ok well let me ask you ond more time, who tied my car to that tree both responded, It wasn't me. I said well I guess I'm gonna have to call the police, and they can figure out which one of you did it because you left your fingerprints all over the back of my car!!! Both of them started singing like little birds. And Boy where they scared. I just had a talk with them about the damage they could've caused had I not found that, and it stayed between us. They grew up to be good men. Rest in peace Tony. 🙏❤️



July 21 at 8:12 AM

MP

Maraine (Brinster) Palmer lit a candle in honor of Anthony.

I don't think I ever saw him without a smile. He will truly be missed. #onelove

July 21 at 12:34 PM



MS

Mylissa Snider lit a candle in honor of Anthony.

July 21 at 12:13 PM



RR

Robin Renninger lit a candle in honor of Anthony.

July 21 at 12:10 PM



JS

Jayne Sawyer lit a candle in honor of Anthony.

July 21 at 11:57 AM





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DM

Deborah Mccullar lit a candle in honor of Anthony.

July 21 at 11:53 AM



JS

Jennifer Stone lit a candle in honor of Anthony.

July 21 at 10:54 AM



KA

Kathy Cooper Ashley lit a candle in honor of Anthony.

July 21 at 8:12 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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