



Rev. Dr. F. Cole Fowler

August 24, 1947 - October 22, 2025

Rev. Dr. F. Cole Fowler was born August 24, 1947, in Iowa Falls, Iowa to “Sonny” and Betty (Hardy) Fowler. Cole attended grade school on the South Side of Chicago, and graduated from high school in What Cheer, Iowa in 1964. He attended college at South Methodist University, earning a Bachelor of Psychology degree. He received his Master’s of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology at SMU before going on to the United Theological Seminary, in Dayton, Ohio, to earn his Doctor of Ministry with a focus on preaching. Growing up, Cole enjoyed horseback riding, attending rodeos, and playing football and basketball.

Cole married Dianne Olsen on May 25, 1968, at the Baptist Presbyterian Church in Valley, Nebraska, and to this union, two sons were born: Matt and Jason. Cole and Dianne raised the boys in Minnesota, Texas, and various communities around Nebraska.

Cole was a Chamber of Commerce Executive in his early professional life. He was called to the ministry in 1976 while the family lived in Hastings, NE. The family moved to Heath, Texas so Cole could get his Bachelors and Masters degrees. He also served as the pastor in Heath, TX during that time. Upon graduation from Perkins, he began his call to ministry serving a number of churches and the Conference in Nebraska. While being a pastor, he also volunteered as a Reserve Deputy and Chaplain. Beyond his stewardship as a Pastor, Cole was active as a Shriner, and a basketball and football referee. Cole was an incredible public speaker and loved leading youth groups. In his

spare time, he enjoyed golfing, listening to jazz and blues music, watching John Wayne movies, shooting pool, cheering on the Dallas Cowboys, and a meal at Taxi's. He cherished his time riding his motorcycle and loved a good book. He could often be found having morning coffee with various community members. Throughout his life, Cole dedicated himself to God, his family, his friends, and his community.

Cole passed away on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at Cedar Creek of Prairie Meadows Care in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 78 years, 1 month and 29 days. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dianne, his parents Sonny and Betty Fowler, and a brother. Cole is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law: Matt & Margo of Omaha and Jason & Jennifer of Blair; 6 grandchildren; and sisters: Jan French of Mesquite, Nevada and Sue Fowler of Sandy, Utah.

Memorial service 10:30 AM Thursday, Nov. 6 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 11810 Burke St, Omaha, NE 68154. Private interment at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn. Visitation Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 5-7 PM at Reichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
402-289-2222
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

Memorial Service

NOV 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
11810 Burke St.
Omaha, NE 68154

Tribute Wall

WW

“ I am just learning of the passing of Cole. A colleague and friend! So many wonderful memories of our time on the cabinet and serving the Omaha district as pastors! Thank you for your friendship

William Williams

William M Jr. Williams - February 07 at 06:43 PM

SU

“ I met Cole at school in What Cheer, Iowa. I have many fond memories of our time in MYF at our local Methodist Church. Remember a lot of fun times.

Susan - November 18, 2025 at 11:31 AM

KN

“ Kristine Wooten and Tammy Nay purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rev. Dr. F. Cole Fowler.



Kristine Wooten and Tammy Nay - November 05, 2025 at 12:51 PM

PM

“ Papa moose and Marilyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Dr. F. Cole Fowler.

Papa moose and Marilyn - November 05, 2025 at 02:46 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. F. Cole Fowler.



November 05, 2025 at 02:46 AM



“ Cole was a big part of my son's life in 2004-2006. My son Wayne was being deployed to Iraq (he was only 19). Cole helped us to transfer from our Church in Central City back to St. Paul. Cole and my son realized they were both John Wayne fans, then and there they knew they had a friendship. Cole would sent Wayne emails in Iraq and words of encouragement to help him in hard times. Cole was also present when the unit flew home to Lincoln. Wayne was so happy to see him there. Wayne and I are very sorry to hear of his passing. Our thoughts are with you. Carolyn Gibbs and son Wayne Martin

Carolyn Gibbs - November 04, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. F. Cole Fowler.



November 03, 2025 at 03:44 PM

LJ

“ Matt, this is Linda Jones from Benkelman. I wanted to let you know I'm thinking of you and your family during this loss. Our hearts are sad, our minds are rejoicing. Prayers for all of you. LJ

Linda Jones - October 30, 2025 at 04:15 PM

RP

“ Cole was a colleague in ministry and had a large presence in our conference. It was a pleasure to know him. I was saddened to hear of his passing. He will be greatly missed.

Rev Nancy J. H. Phillips - October 30, 2025 at 11:28 AM

ES

“ He was our pastor at St Paul Benson , remember him well ! He did so many good things El

Elvin Siebert - October 30, 2025 at 11:01 AM

MV

“ So many great memories of Rev Cole. Was the best youth group to belong to. We had so many kids that attended. We went on some great trips to Worlds of Fun, Oceans of Fun, and ski trips. Send my thoughts and prayers to Matt, Jason and families.

Mandi Shultz Vasquez - October 29, 2025 at 09:52 PM

SW

“ I have such wonderful memories of this amazing man. He was there for me and my family during some difficult losses. My prayers are with his family.

Suzanne Wendorff - October 29, 2025 at 04:00 PM

MH

“ I offer a musical tribute as recorded by the Flemish Radio Choir from Belgium. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fRL447oDId4>

Michael Horn - October 28, 2025 at 11:10 AM