Henry B. Cole

Woodstock-Henry B. Cole, 91, of Woodstock, CT, died Sunday, October 11, 2015 at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London, CT. Beloved husband of Janeth (McIntosh) Cole, who passed away March 4, 2011, and son of the late Arthur and Florence (Bogardus) Cole, he was born October 29, 1923 in Jersey City, NJ. He worked as an Engineering Physicist at the American Optical Company in Research and Development in the field of Fiber Optics. Henry was a lifelong Mason with the Putnam Lodge #46 in Woodstock, CT. He had a great pride and passion for being a member of the Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed visiting different Masonic Lodges in the states and around the world. Henry was made a mason in Maine and then affiliated with Putnam Lodge #46 upon moving to Woodstock. He was a Past Master of Putnam #46 and District Deputy Grand Master for District 9A of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge AF&AM of Connecticut. Henry was awarded the Pierpont Edwards medal in bronze for his masonic service. He was a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret 32nd Degree in Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Norwich. He was also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, Sphinx Temple. Henry was the long time treasurer of his lodge and a mentor to many young masons.

He leaves his children Constance Lovell and husband Richard of Waterford, CT, Lauren De Herrera and her late husband Clifford of Chandler, AZ, grandchildren; Sheri Barclay and her husband Scott of Oakdale, CT, Pamela Rowe and her husband Doug of Niantic, CT, Mark De Herrera and his wife Jennifer of Chandler, AZ, Christopher De Herrera and his wife Alyson of Austin, TX, Ryan De Herrera and his wife Hilary of Mesa, AZ and 12 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister Elizabeth Karkos.

A Memorial Masonic Service will be held Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 2:00 PM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. Burial following in Elmvale Cemetery, Woodstock. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Putnam Masonic Lodge charities, PO Box 46, South Woodstock, CT 06267. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com