



Michael "Terry" Collette

November 23, 1944 - October 28, 2018

Michael "Terry" Collette, 73, of Kankakee, passed away on Sunday, October 28, 2018, following a long battle with ALS. He was born on November 23, 1944 in Kankakee, the son of Armand and Catherine Reilly Collette. Michael married Donna Bissonnette in St. George on November 21, 1964.

Michael was a 1963 graduate of St. Patrick Central High School. He worked in maintenance at Bradley Roper for 20 years. He also worked for Azzarelli Construction for 18 years and Kankakee Valley Park District for 11 years. Michael was an excellent carpenter and he loved making bird houses. Everyone loved his good sense of humor. He enjoyed remodeling homes. He was a former member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee, where he was an usher.

Michael is survived by his wife, Donna Collette, of Kankakee; one daughter and one grandson, Christine Wenskus and Sean Wenskus, of Kankakee; one brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Linda Collette, of Bradley; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Kenneth Granger, of St. Anne, Joe and Kay Mc Taggart, of Chebanse, Don and Virgie Surprenant, of Bourbonnais, Gene and Jackie Miller, of Momence, and Don and Sandy Benjamin, of Bourbonnais; a special aunt, Gerry Legris, of Kankakee; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Armand.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm on Friday, November 2, 2018 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. A memorial mass will follow at 12:30 pm at St. George Catholic Church in St. George.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or River Valley Rescue in Momenca.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Mass

NOV 2. 12:30 PM (CT)

St. George Catholic Church
5272 E. 5000 N. Rd.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 939-1851
<http://www.stgeorgeil.com>

Tribute Wall

RO

“ Our condolences to the family of Michael remember meeting Mike when Chris worked for us at Wilko's. When ever we saw him around town driving in his truck he was always smiling and giving a gentle wave. Truly one of the good guys may he RIP. Ron and Sandy Wilkins

Ron/Sandy - November 13, 2018 at 12:06 PM

DB

“ My friend, my buddy, and my comrade in crime, we had so much fun together, we even worked well together of course having a lot of fun along the way. Mikey you were a good man, a true friend. God Bless and keep you,,,,,what a guy. Thanks for the memories and the laughter.

Don

Don Benjamin - November 01, 2018 at 08:11 PM

SF

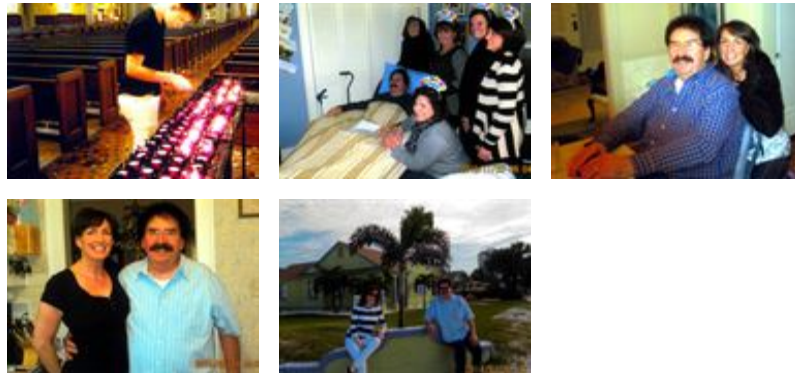
“ Terry was a wonderful giving neighbor. We were recently married and new to the area and he generously gave of his time to guide us and help us build a patio and fixing up the house. He did this for many people in the area. He was more than willing to share his talents.

Scott

Scott Frank - November 01, 2018 at 02:55 PM



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Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - November 01, 2018 at 11:29 AM

SR

“ *Michael was a friendly, familiar face at the coffee shop/newsstand. He always had a kind smile and a good sense of humor. He was truly a nice guy! May God bless and comfort his wife and family. He will be missed.*
Steve Randazzo

Steve Randazzo - November 01, 2018 at 11:06 AM

RB

“ *My condolences to Donna and Mike's family. I worked with Mike at Ropers many years ago. We had a lot of fun working together. A very nice person!*
Sincerely Robert Berns

Robert Berns - October 31, 2018 at 08:01 PM

MH

“ *Donna, you have my heartfelt condolences. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Marianne Heinzl - October 31, 2018 at 04:54 PM

ML

“ Terry and I graduated together. He was a great friend and always made me laugh. What a great guy he was ❤️

mike lambert - October 31, 2018 at 04:40 PM

TD

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Terry's passing. My deepest sympathies to the entire family.

Tammy DiOrio - October 31, 2018 at 11:13 AM

JB

“ Our dear friend Terry, you will be missed. We will remember all the good times and laughs we all had together. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to your lovely wife Donna and daughter Chris and grandson . Prayers also to the rest of the family and with God's help to give everyone the strength to get through this rough and Terry may you rest in peace.



Jeanne & Roger Benjamin - October 30, 2018 at 08:21 PM

JC

“ Jamilah Criswell lit a candle in memory of Michael "Terry" Collette



Jamilah Criswell - October 30, 2018 at 05:02 PM

MG

“ *It was my pleasure and honor to have taken care of Mike these last few months. He was such a strong person and never lost his sense of humor he always managed to make me laugh. Donna and Chris thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives. My thoughts and prayers are with you both.*



Maleta Garland - October 30, 2018 at 04:18 AM

DG

“ *My condolences to you and your family Donna. Mike was a good man and I truly cherish the time I got to spend with him while working together at KVPD. I will never forget some of the situations we got into together and his effortless ability to make me laugh to the point of being sick.*

Dana Goodrich - October 29, 2018 at 04:58 PM