



Phillip "Rusty" Collins

February 9, 1960 - March 15, 2016

Phillip "Rusty" Collins, 56, of Donovan, passed away Tuesday (March 15, 2016) at his home.

He was born Feb. 9, 1960, in Kankakee, the son of Phillip E. and Anita George Collins. He married Tonia Brown on March 7, 1981, in Kankakee.

Rusty was employed by Donovan School District. He was a St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Bears fan.

Surviving are his wife, of Donovan; sons, Gregory Collins (Samantha Giasson), of Bradley, and Travis Collins, of Donovan; his mother and stepfather, Anita and George Dagnon, of Bradley; sister and brother-in-law, Lori and Carl Roth, of Chebanse; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Mikey Collins, of Bradley, and Eric and Monica Collins, of Chebanse; mother-in-law, Iraena Brown, of Beaverville; brothers and sisters-in-law, Greg and Susan Brown, of Moultrie, Ga., Rick Brown, of Papineau, Sonia Fisher (Jerome Williams), of Donovan, Donna and Scott Wascher, of Bourbonnais, and Rhonda and Mike Emerson, of Beaverville; goddaughter, Tara Little; and special friends, Scott Wascher and Bob Winge.

Preceding him in death were his father; one sister, Christy McWain; father-in-law, Roger Brown; and sister-in-law, Patty Brown.

Memorial visitation will be from 10 a.m. Friday until the noon memorial service at the Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home in St. Anne, with the Rev. Ray Jackson officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne - Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home
214 W. Sheffield
St. Anne, IL 60964
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Service

MAR 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

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AE

“ *Amy Eichholz lit a candle in memory of Phillip "Rusty" Collins*



Amy Eichholz - March 18, 2016 at 04:01 PM

TF

“ *I'm sending my thought's and prayer's for all of Rusty's family. May God help you thru your loss. Rusty was a wonderful man and husband and father. God Bless! He will be missed greatly!*


Thomas Fisher - March 18, 2016 at 11:37 AM

JK

“ *Judy Keller lit a candle in memory of Phillip "Rusty" Collins*



Judy Keller - March 18, 2016 at 07:43 AM

 Dianne Heimberger

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of Rusty's family. May God give you all peace in your hearts.*



Dianne Heimberger - March 17, 2016 at 10:22 PM

CB

“ *Connie Bielanski lit a candle in memory of Phillip "Rusty" Collins*



Connie Bielanski - March 17, 2016 at 02:50 PM

PC

“ *Patricia Cook lit a candle in memory of Phillip "Rusty" Collins*

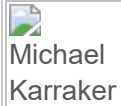


Patricia Cook - March 17, 2016 at 11:07 AM

JL

“ *I really enjoyed working with Rusty. He told me once that a work day is only as long as you want it to be. Watching him interact with the students and staff at Donovan, and having a strong work ethic, he made everyone walk away with a smile. I don't think he had too many long work days because he loved what he did, and helping people out. He will be greatly missed.*

Justin Lareau - March 17, 2016 at 10:00 AM



Michael
Karraker

“ Rusty was my mentor on my first job , being 15 first job I was scared I got in trouble for standing around watching Rusty work from that day on he took me under his wing and showed me the ropes. I contribute my hard working ethics to him . Rusty also gave me my first piece of furniture I still own today , played a lot of Sunday football games with Rusty in the younger years . Love ya Rest In Peace til we meet again

Michael Karraker - March 17, 2016 at 08:48 AM

JB

“ I remember when I first moved here as 6 years ago as a first year principal from south central Illinois. He made me feel welcomed and I really enjoyed seeing him wear his red Cardinals cap. Thank you Rusty for all you did to make kids have a good experience while attending Donovan Elementary School. Jason

Jason Bauer - March 17, 2016 at 08:33 AM

CS

“ Rusty was a good man. It breaks my heart knowing that he left us. I hope that he's doing allright up there. I will miss ya Rusty

Clint Shivers - March 16, 2016 at 10:48 PM

KH

“ He had always made everyone smile! And growing up with him since I was in kindergarten made each day at Donovan better! He was a father figure to all of us growing up. He will be extremely missed! We love you Rusty!

Kayleigh Holman - March 16, 2016 at 10:11 PM

RY

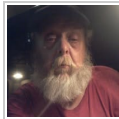
“ Rusty made each day just a bit better, especially for me coming in as a new teacher. He was welcoming and encouraging and made me feel like part of the Donovan family. He will be greatly missed!

Ryan - March 16, 2016 at 09:52 PM

BB

“ Mr. Rusty was such a kind man. He was loved by the students as well as the staff. I never recall Mr. Rusty as the kids called him to raise his voice. All he would ever say was Na lets not do that. He will be missed by so may. It was a honor to work with Rusty. He was a true friend to students as well as the staff at Donovan Elementry. Our thought and prayers are with his family.

Butch & Dawn Brault - March 16, 2016 at 09:25 PM



I, m glad to have new you rusty.you will always be mist .I remember you. When you were a little boy in kankakee.il.off river,st.

Fred Kiger - March 16, 2016 at 09:38 PM

RL

“ Rusty was a wonderful man. My kids adored him. He always had a smile on his face and would do anything for you. He will truly be missed.

rodney lareau - March 16, 2016 at 08:31 PM

CP

“ He was such a wonderful sweet man who would do anything for us teachers or the students!! He will be missed!!
Colleen Post

colleen post - March 16, 2016 at 07:36 PM

RL

“ Rusty was a wonderful guy to work with. He was always there for you and would do anything you ever needed. He was so great with the students at school! They loved him! He will be truly missed by all who knew him. You are all in our prayers.

Ryan Loy - March 16, 2016 at 07:34 PM

JF

The students and staff has so much love and respect for "Mr. Rusty". A guy with a huge heart that did every job with a smile and will always be remembered wearing a Cardinal cap! He left his family and friends much too early! Prayers to all.

Joyce Fertig - March 17, 2016 at 08:12 PM

TF

“ My kids can't share enough great memories of Rusty and how he was always there for them at school.



The Schmidt Family - March 16, 2016 at 06:47 PM

TF

The Schmidt Family

The Schmidt Family - March 16, 2016 at 06:48 PM

CG

“ Carlene Giasson lit a candle in memory of Phillip "Rusty" Collins



Carlene Giasson - March 16, 2016 at 05:14 PM