



Russell J. "Rusty" Collie

December 15, 1932 - July 22, 2016

Russell J. "Rusty" Collie, 83, of North Huntingdon, died Friday July 22, 2016 at home. He was born December 15, 1932 in Claridge, a son of the late Russell and Rose (Zahrobsky) Collie and was also preceded in death by a sister Rosemary Bengel and an infant sister Beverly. He was a retired assistant superintendent of labor relations for the Union Railroad and was also a former schoolteacher for the Turtle Creek High School. He had been an owner of Orcoll Business Services and was a former Justice of the Peace. He was a graduate of North Huntingdon High School class of 1950, an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana State Teachers College. He was a charter member and first Exalted Ruler of the Norwin Elks and a member of F.O.E. Aerie 1671, Irwin, L.O.O.M. Lodge 236, Irwin, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the Jacktown Ride and Hunt Club. He was an avid golfer and gardener. He is survived by his wife of fifty nine years Olga (Krehel) Collie; his children, Marianne (Matt) Branigan of New Market, VA, Cindy (Ray) Williams of Spring, TX, Jill (David) Fink of Forest Hills, and Nancy (Chris) Del Signore of Irwin; his grandchildren, Sean Branigan (Lauren Trinkka), Jake Branigan, Christopher Williams (Deniece Lukeaela), Owen Fink, and Brittany and Russell J. "R.J." Del Signore; three great grandchildren; a sister Patricia Kooser(Frank) Wall of Irwin; also nieces, nephews and special friend and neighbor Jerry (Penny) Morgan. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the William Snyder Funeral

Home Inc., 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200, where a funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Interment with military honors will follow in Union Cemetery. Norwin Elks will hold services at 7 P.M. Tuesday in the funeral home. Those wishing may contribute to a charity of choice. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

Irwin Union Cemetery

431 Bridge St
Irwin, PA 15642

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 863-1200
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

JUL 26. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUL 27. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Russell J. "Rusty" Collie*

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Russell J. "Rusty" Collie*

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *I want to extend my deepest sympathy to the Collie family. Rusty certainly could light up a room. We say so long to another Irwin icon...Melissa Snyder Smith*

Melissa Smith - July 26, 2016 at 04:04 PM



“ *Knowing how devoted his daughter Marianne was to her father, we offer her and her family our constant sympathy. Jeanne and Kevin*

Kevin Sullivan - July 26, 2016 at 09:16 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Russell J. "Rusty" Collie.*



July 25, 2016 at 06:30 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Russell J. "Rusty" Collie.*



July 25, 2016 at 04:05 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Collie family. May God rest his soul. Rusty was a very special person to our family, especially to my grandmother and grandfather. Rusty always made it a point to stop and visit with Pap and even take him out on the town. This was not an easy thing to do as my grandfather couldn't talk and was paralyzed the last 12 years of his life but Russ still did it. What a pleasure it was for me and my family to call him a friend. A great man that will be missed by many! You are in our prayers Collie family. May the Lord Jesus be your comfort and strength. Bill Fawcett III & Family*

Bill Fawcett III - July 25, 2016 at 04:01 PM



That was beautiful Bill. Thank you for those lovely words. Your Pap was special to my Dad Nancy DelSignore and the Collie family

Nancy DelSignore - July 31, 2016 at 06:50 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell J. "Rusty" Collie.*



July 25, 2016 at 03:08 PM

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“ *Bryan Davis, Darlene Lewon & Lynette Buehner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Russell J. "Rusty" Collie.*



Bryan Davis, Darlene Lewon & Lynette Buehner - July 25, 2016 at 10:47 AM

JB

“ *Collie Family, I am so very sorry our extended family has lost Russ. Always so delightful, always happy, always fun to be around. . He will be missed. our love and prayers to all of you. Frank and Joyce Kalinowski, Rocky River, Ohio*

Joyce Bannerman/Kalinowski - July 24, 2016 at 11:18 AM

CA

“ *So very sorry for your loss Nancy. He was a great father to you, and a good man to all. It's never easy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Love you,
Cathy and Kerry.*

Cathy - July 23, 2016 at 10:43 PM