



Joseph M. Colleran

April 10, 1958 - December 25, 2018

Joseph M. Colleran, “Joe”, 60, of Novi; passed away peacefully at his home on December 25, 2018. Beloved wife of 15 years to Kim A. Colleran; dear father of Kevin Colleran, Christopher Cummins, Rikki Cummins, Nicolas (Angelisa Marchesini) Cummins, and Richard Cummins; son of Martha A. and the late Jerome J. Colleran; caring and dynamic brother of Kaythryn (Gilbert) Searle, Thomas (Erin) Colleran, Carol (the late William) Anthony, Kenneth (Teresa) Colleran, Christine (Leon) Compton; son-in-law of Bonnie (the late Robert) Meyerand, and Robert and Maria Ipavec; brother-in-law of Lori (Thomas) Moesta, Robert (Jennifer) Meyerand, Lisa Meyerand, and the late Shawn Ipavec. Joseph is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives, colleagues, friends, and the Catholic Diaconate Community.

Mr. Colleran worked for WJ O’Neil in Livonia as their top Sales Manager. Joe had many talents and hobbies, which included being an avid golfer and teaching professional. He loved Ballroom dancing with his best friend and wife, Kim. Joe's life passion was to do everything at 110% with integrity and respect.

Visitation will be Friday, December 28th from 2:00 PM until 9:00 PM with a Scripture Service at 7:00 PM at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road W., Plymouth (between Sheldon & Beck).

The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday, December 29th at 10:00 AM at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. Mr. Colleran will lie in state at the church on Saturday from 9:30 AM until Mass.

Interment will be held privately at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

To leave a tribute of Joe with the family, please click on the 'Share a Memory' tab on this page

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Scripture Service

DEC **28**. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
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In state

DEC **29**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Edith Catholic Church
15089 Newburgh Road
Livonia, MI 48154

Funeral Mass

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Edith Catholic Church
15089 Newburgh Road
Livonia, MI 48154

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph M. Colleran*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *As a fellow student at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, I will always remember his kind and wisdom-filled conversations in the classes we shared. His strength and lack of fear of the future, is something I can learn from. Blessings and strength to his wife and children.*
Lori O'Neil - student at shms

Lori O'Neil - December 31, 2018 at 07:36 PM

JS

“ My name is Jeff Sowden. I was in the controls industry like Joe, based here in Minneapolis, MN. I met Joe in the early 1990's at one of the CSI meetings - CSI being the manufacturer we both represented. Joe and I hit it off right away, and through the years whenever a meeting was held we would always seek each other out and hang together.

A couple memories come to mind. One was at a "Global Sales Conference" held in Dallas sometime in the early 1990's. People from all over the country and the world attended this event, where we would be introduced to new products, and future plans of the manufacturer, CSI.

At this particular meeting, a few of us were asked to give a presentation to the group about our own organizations, what works, what has contributed to our success, etc. Joe and I were some of those who were asked. Well, our scheduled time was towards the very end of the session, and by the time our slots rolled around the entire group was nearing a deep sleep. It was pretty boring, and at the end of a long day the folks were in no mood for more of the same. Well, Joe and I decided to combine our presentations together. He was better prepared, with slides and quotes from famous people, so it was his presentation we used. We came up with the bright idea that I would announce "click", every time a slide change was required. So here we were, Joe and I on the stage; Joe giving his presentation as only he could, and me yelling "click" at every slide change. The crowd was howling by the time we were done. People would mention our presentation for many years after that. It is a great fond memory.

Another memory is from Kansas City, another CSI meeting sometime in the mid 1990's. While neither Joe or I drank alcohol, we would still hit the night spots with other CSI folks and tell stories, laugh and have a great time. As the night wore on, 5 of us decided to take a cab back to the hotel. I sat in front, and Joe in the back with the other guys. After a few minutes of getting to know the

cabbie-a good humored Middle Eastern chap-we heard over the radio that someone had "motion". I asked the cabbie, ".. what is motion?" He explained, in broken English, that it meant a cabbie had a fare. Well, I got this bright idea to grab his radio microphone and announce to the world that we "..had MOTION!" While I don't remember the exact words, Joe egged me on and I said quite a few things on the radio but never pressed the transmit button - known only to me. I asked about motion, announced motion, hoped others had motion, etc. The cabbie was howling, we were all laughing hysterically. A great time we never forgot. For years after, we would greet each other with "..you got motion?"

Joe had a wonderful sense of humor, quick, timely and precise.

He spoke very highly and lovingly about his family, his son Kevin, and ultimately his marriage to Kim.

*I feel privileged to have known Joe. My sincere sympathies to his family and friends. Godspeed to all of you, and good-bye old friend.
Jeff Sowden*



Jeff Sowden - December 28, 2018 at 10:13 PM

UF

“ *Uncle George and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .*



Uncle George and Family - December 28, 2018 at 01:55 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .



December 28, 2018 at 11:34 AM



“ *Lorretta Turner and family* purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .



Lorretta Turner and family - December 28, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ *Ventcon Incorporated* purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .



Ventcon Incorporated - December 28, 2018 at 08:34 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .



December 27, 2018 at 07:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .*



December 27, 2018 at 06:40 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .*



December 27, 2018 at 03:37 PM



“ *Eric and Janet Surgen purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .*



Eric and Janet Surgen - December 27, 2018 at 02:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .*



December 27, 2018 at 01:06 PM



“ *Heaven gained a beautiful angel that will be with you always Kim! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Sharon Tomsick - December 27, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ *Sharon Tomsick purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .*



Sharon Tomsick - December 27, 2018 at 12:10 PM



“ *Our prayers are with the soul of our dear brother in faith and the diaconate, Joe, his lovely wife Kim, and the entire family. We will always remember Joe for his love of Christ and His Church, his fabulous courage, and his deep concern for the people in his life. May Christ find him without wrinkle or blemish. Dcn. Pete and Kathy Lynch*

Peter Lynch - December 27, 2018 at 11:32 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .*



December 27, 2018 at 11:11 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .



December 27, 2018 at 10:40 AM



“ First and foremost, I want to say to Joe's dear mother, Martha, how sorry I am for the loss of your son. He was a one-of-a-kind human being. To Joe's family, I hope you consider me one of the many family and friends who loved Joe and I pray that your memories soon be filled with smiles and laughter.

To my niece Kim, platitudes don't seem fitting. Even though I know Joe is now at peace and in no pain, I also know of the "once-in-a-lifetime" marriage and friendship you both shared. For your loss my heart is breaking.

You both shared a strong and unwavering faith and trust in God and I know that is what kept you strong. Joe is going to see Jesus face to face. For that I am smiling.

I loved Joe with his wit, character, charisma and faith. May You Rest In Peace Joseph Colleran.

Janet Seemann - December 27, 2018 at 10:33 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .



December 27, 2018 at 09:39 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .*



December 27, 2018 at 08:43 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .*



December 27, 2018 at 01:07 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .*



December 26, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“ *We had some great times growing up on Concord in Detroit. I will never forget the street football games and staying out until the streetlights came on. Rest In Peace, Joe. David (DJ) Jeleniewski*

david Jeleniewski - December 26, 2018 at 08:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .*



December 26, 2018 at 07:47 PM



“ *The Davis family purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .*



The Davis family - December 26, 2018 at 07:38 PM



“ *Scott & Grace Compton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .*



Scott & Grace Compton - December 26, 2018 at 06:03 PM



“ *Joe became my nephew by marrying Kim. He was such a helpful person. Especially when he became the chief chef at our family reunion. Just pitching in not even worrying that there were so many to slog burgers and hot dogs for. He treated everyone with respect and love. He is with God now never to be in pain again. I would love to be there to pay my respects to this great man. May God bless you and keep you in his arms. Love you Joe.*

Aunt Toni - December 26, 2018 at 05:37 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Colleran .*



December 26, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ *Kim & Family,*

Joe was one of those folks who you felt an immediate connection with. His sincerity was never in question, when he was speaking to you, his focus was on you. His love for you and his faith was so strong, he truly led by example.

Donald Esler - December 26, 2018 at 04:30 PM



*I met Joe at St Kenneth and just felt an instant friendship was born...
Always smiling and Always so happy to see You ...
A Beautiful Man with A Strong Conviction In God Above....
I know he is in Gods Hands Now....Smiling Down on Us All....
I Am A Better Man To Have Had His Friendship...
You Will Be Missed By Soooooo Many...
God Bless You Joe, Kim and All the Family...*

Tim

Timothy Wise - December 26, 2018 at 05:20 PM

TL

“ To Kim and Joe's entire family,

I had the privilege of working the past couple of years at W J O'Neil Company with Joe. He shared with me just a few of his struggles with his treatment for his illness. He was discouraged he was not able to fully perform the duties required of those in the diaconate program thru the Archdiocese of Detroit because of the amount of time he spent in treatment and recovery. He wanted to share the Word of God with others who were struggling, especially those who were in a hospice program. He felt his illness had limited his ability to help others. On Christmas, when Joe was born into eternal life, Jesus showed him all those people he had helped during his illness, even though Joe did not know. I believe being shown by Jesus all those he helped, Joe was able to understand the fullness of what he accomplished because of his devotion to Jesus, and it gave him peace.

May God bless Kim, his entire family, and friends during this time.

Tim Lotito

Tim Lotito - December 26, 2018 at 04:30 PM

DG

RIP my Friend

Dusty Gilson - December 26, 2018 at 05:37 PM

JN

I got to know Joe better while we were working on the Whitney Restaurant this past year and a half. Not only was he a great guy who always wanted to do the best he could for his customers, he was one tough dude while going through this past year. We talked about it a lot.

In this deep loss, may you be blessed and lifted by the comfort of good memories.

Jim Newman

Jim Newman - December 28, 2018 at 01:43 PM