



Francis E. Collette

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Francis E. Collette, 85, of Stafford Springs, CT, passed away on Monday, February 13, 2017. He was born in Stafford Springs, CT, son of the late William J. and Maud (Gagne) Collette. Francis served our country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict holding the rank of Sergeant First Class, and was an Outpost Harry survivor. He worked as a master gunsmith at Colt Firearms and then was self employed as an auctioneer holding auctions at the Powder Mill barn in Enfield. Francis was a parishioner of St. Edward Church, member of the Strazza, Tonoli-Emhoff Post No. 26 American Legion, V.F.W. Post No. 9990, and the Stafford Lions Club. He is survived by his two children, William J. Collette, II and his wife Monica, and Sandra Collette and her husband Stephen Clark; and two grandchildren, Nicole Maines and her husband Raymond, and William J. Collette, III and his fiancé Brittaney Wittenzellner. He was predeceased by his sister, Maud Collette. His funeral will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017, with a procession forming by 9 A.M. at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 A.M. at St. Edward Church, 55 High St., Stafford Springs, CT. Burial with Military Honors will follow in St. Edward Cemetery, Stafford Springs, CT. Calling hours are on Friday, February 17, 2017 from 6-8 P.M. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of Stafford, c/o Rose Roszczewski, P.O. Box 25, Stafford Springs, CT 06076. For online condolences or directions, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com






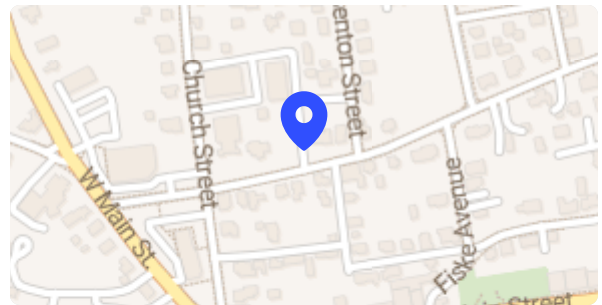
Visitation

-  **Friday**, February 17, 2017
-  6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc.**
51 East Main St., Stafford Springs CT 06076




Service

-  **Saturday**, February 18, 2017
-  10:00 AM ET
-  **St. Edward Church**
55 High St., Stafford Springs CT 06076



Cemetery Details

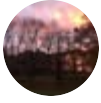
-  **St. Edward Cemetery**
West Stafford Rd., Stafford Springs CT 06076





Tribute Wall

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Mary Elizabeth posted:

Sandy and Steve, Bill and family. Your Dad was someone special to be remembered for all his laughs and jokes and the way he cared about Sandy and her friends. Sorry for your loss. Love, Mary Judd and family.

February 23 at 12:55 PM



Mark Tocchetti posted:

Sandy, Billy and Families, my condolences, and thoughts of your Dad will never end, what a man never said no when any, church, Little league, football, needed help, his kind heart would do an Auction for them, your Dad was one of my best friends, and my sons also, I called and told him and his reply was silence, he meant a lot to Mark, and you kids also. They say only the good die young, but this is one, keep on going, he was the BEST that's why he made 85. You and your families have a lot to remember, he was always their with his help and his love, and you were always their for him, he was so proud of you both, I always looked up to him as a true friend. Mark Tocchetti

February 18 at 4:46 PM



Rhonda Arruda Piccoli posted:

Nicole I am very sorry about your grandfather passing. I think of you often and hope you are doing well. Mrs. Piccoli

February 18 at 1:39 PM



Rhonda Arruda Piccoli posted:

Sandy I'm so very sorry about the passing of your dad. I have such good memories of him from when we were cheerleaders for Stafford Olympics. Remembering when he would drive us around to the games in the Auction truck. He was so funny and we all had a great time. Peace to you and your family. Rhonda Arruda Piccoli

February 18 at 1:34 PM



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Gregg Brooks posted:

Sandie and entire Family, We are so saddened by the passing of Francis. He was a wonderful man and one who would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need. We loved visiting Francis and sharing stories from the past. While we never knew Francis until we started going to his auctions many years ago, we really got to know him, and became very good friends. He was so proud of his restoring job he did on his old antique car. A great man who could do so many things and was a very hard worker, he will be greatly missed, but never be forgotten. By the way, he was the best auctioneer in the State of Connecticut and he filled the old barn every Monday night and always added a sense of humor to a special evening. He often spoke of his love for Sandie and Billy and you can always cherish the wonderful memories to help you through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Rest in Peace, Francis and if there is a heaven, you'll be in the front row. Love, Pat & Gregg Brooks

February 17 at 10:59 AM



John Abd Sandy Emhoff lit a candle in honor of Francis.

Sandie, Billy and family, so sorry to hear about your Dad. He was blessed to have you these past years to give him the attention and love to get through his challenges. Prayers are with all of you. Your neighbors, John and Sandy Emhoff



February 15 at 12:40 PM



Crystal Daigneau posted:

Sandie, I'm so sorry to hear of your father's passing. He was always so sweet to us kids. I enjoyed helping him tear down barns with my sister, feed the donkey after school, and even help clean out some estates. He showed us kids what it meant to be a hard worker and I know that has left an impact on my sister. She adored him and I know she wished she saw him more in the recent years. He will not be forgotten. Greatest sympathy Crystal (collette) Daigneau

February 15 at 8:53 AM



Love, Myron, Robin, Scott, Jonathan, Sara, Jace, Lucy sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Collette family.



February 15 at 7:37 AM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Collette family.



February 15 at 7:17 AM



Michele Herring posted:

Sandy, I am very sorry to hear about your dad. I loved joking with him when I worked at Mike's. ...he sure will be missed!!!Michele

February 15 at 5:41 AM



Michele Collette Lerch posted:

Sandie and Billy: I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. He is a great man and had a wonderful life. I absolutely love this picture - such the Collette Smile! You and your families are in my heart and prayers. Remember that wonderful smile, the stories and your Dad's love! Memories will be in your hearts forever to cherish always! Love, your cousin, Michele (Michele Collette Lerch)

February 14 at 12:25 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Francis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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