



Mollianne Kolassa

March 24, 1954 - October 21, 2020

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

On Wednesday, October 21, Mollianne Kolassa slipped away, surrounded by love and finally at peace.

Born and raised in Spokane, WA, Molli joined the US Army at the age of 19. She was stationed in Germany with the 14th Finance Section, where she met her future husband, Mick Kolassa. This started the journey that would lead to three children, six grandchildren, and a total of 15 houses in 46 years.

After an honorable discharge from the Army, Molli moved with her new husband to Michigan, where they had their son, Alex in 1976. They traveled to the Pacific Northwest to make a home in Spokane. Molli attended community college there, enjoying her marine biology classes. The Kolassas then moved to Michigan, landing in Kalamazoo for several years. Molli gave birth to daughters Megan and Kassi in 1980 and 1982 respectively. After working at Richard Allen for a couple of years, Molli decided to dedicate her time to her family, becoming a stay at home mom and devoted homemaker. Following her husband on his winding career path, Molli kept her crew anchored with family dinners and Christmas traditions, making houses into homes in Michigan, New Jersey, Mississippi, Massachusetts, and back to Mississippi.

Molli supported her husband in his academic, career, and creative endeavors. Through his masters and doctorate degrees, starting his own business, and a music career after retirement, Molli stood behind him, pushing him to follow his dreams. She encouraged and enabled her kids to follow their creative passions, taking them to dance lessons, soccer practice, piano lessons, and theater rehearsals, and making sure that their childhoods were enriched with camping, trips to museums, and cheesy tourist traps on family vacations. Her own passions included reading her paperbacks and listening to an enormous range of music. She and Mick traveled extensively, from European tours while living in Germany to many trips to Key West and Belize, and many trips to visit family all over the country, most especially back home to Washington.

Despite living in 5 states throughout her adult life, Molli always found ways to help the community around her. She was a cub scout leader, worked at a non-profit thrift store in New Jersey to benefit her home church, served on the board of directors for the Domestic Violence Project of North Mississippi, and did work with the Exchange Club Family Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and the Boys and Girls Club of North Mississippi.

She will be remembered fondly for her pumpkin pie, her devotion to her family, her sweet tooth, laughing till she cried, and a thousand other things that made her Molli, the one and only.

She is survived by her husband, Mick, her children Alex (& Nikki) Kolassa, Megan (& Chip) Fortune, Kassi (& Ethan) McCaughey, her grandchildren Lucy, Matthew, Meredith, Zoe, Mollie, and Lillian, and her brother, Bruce Todd.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Generation Blues, a cause near and dear to her heart, providing scholarships to young blues artists to study under seasoned Blues professionals. [<http://www.blues.org>]

Please leave online condolences on the Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Hugs of comfort to you all. Continue to celebrate this wonderful woman’s life.

Vincent Marini - October 28, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ Mollie, I only met you once, and that was when I introduced myself to you at breakfast during the 2015 Blues Music Awards as I delivered a plaque I made for Mick as a donation for Generation Blues Silent Auction. You were so beautiful and such a light! I'm happy to have had that opportunity, but wish there had been more. Rest in Peace, dear lady.

Terri Robbins - October 28, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ Love to you and your family, Mick. I hope your lifetime of love and memories help heal your heart.

Janine Kidd - October 27, 2020 at 12:15 AM



“ A memory of Mollie I’ll never forget She was to write me a 85.00 ck and she wrote me a2100 ck. We both laughed about it after wards and she said where was mind. I laugh and said Probably the same place mine was cause I took ck and left. Later realizing what she done!! I will miss my dear sweet friend for a long time. We only knew each other a few years but in those few years I learned a lot from Mollie and I will always miss and love her. I’m so sorry Mick. Love you.

mary alice Gray. - October 26, 2020 at 09:44 PM

DW

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family Mick. Prayers coming your way.*

Dave Webb - October 26, 2020 at 09:04 PM

CF

“ *Condolences and thoughts are with her immediate family and other family members and friends. My memories of Molli are of her warm and peaceful presence, her sense of humor and her smile. She will be missed.*

Carol Fisher - October 26, 2020 at 07:16 PM

WP

“ *So sorry, Mick, for the loss of your wife, Molli. Sending prayers of strength and comfort to you and your family.*

Wendy Pangle - October 26, 2020 at 12:10 PM

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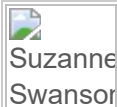
My thoughts and prayers for the entire family!

tina sahli - October 26, 2020 at 12:48 PM

SW

May Molli's memory always be for a blessing. Wishing you and the whole family comfort at this time.

sharon welter - October 26, 2020 at 01:52 PM



Suzanne Swanson

Deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved Molli. Her name will live on with family and friends. Prayers for comfort and strength at this challenging time. May the soul of the faithfully departed rest forever in peace.

Suzanne Swanson

Suzanne Swanson - October 26, 2020 at 06:47 PM

JF

“ *Molli was the person who made sure everyone else was having a good time or getting enough to eat. If you could find her at a quiet moment, you would discover a woman with a wonderful dry sense of humor who could converse on any subject.*

Her family and our community will miss her very much.

Julie Fisher - October 25, 2020 at 02:37 PM