



## Collette Francine Kopay

November 10, 1958 - November 7, 2024

Collette Francine Kopay of Wilmington, DE, went home to be with the Lord on November 7, 2024. Collette was born on November 10, 1958, in Pittsburgh, PA, to the late John Kopay and Margaret Hamas. She later moved to Delaware where she became an active member of Ogletown Baptist Church. Collette was the youngest of five children. She enjoyed her time working as a pharmacy technician at Christiana Care Hospital and working events at Cavaliers Country Club. Collette like to play cards and talk with friends. Anyone who knew Collette knew that she loved to talk to family and friends. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Collette is survived by her brothers: John, Nicholas, and Gregory; and her good friends, Mary Grace Perich and Kathy Holmes. She was preceded in death by her brother, Christopher.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 11 AM at Ogletown Baptist Church, 316 Red Mill Rd, Newark, DE 19713. To send an online condolence please visit [www.stranofeeley.com](http://www.stranofeeley.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ogletown Baptist Church  
316 Red Mill Road  
Newark, DE

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ *HAPPY THANKSGIVING COLLETTE* 🦃



Kathy Holmes - November 28, 2024 at 10:08 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Holmes lit a candle in memory of Collette Kopay*



Kathy Holmes - November 28, 2024 at 10:06 PM

RK

“ *Roseann Z. Kopay lit a candle in memory of Collette Kopay*



Roseann Z. Kopay - November 18, 2024 at 07:41 PM

JO

“ I am Collette's eldest brother

*John. There is an age difference between us of more than 10 almost 11 years. I remember how our father proudly put up pink ribbons on all of the posts of the front porch upon Collette's birth. Our father liked to say after having four aces, his sons, he finally had a queen! So Collette was destined from birth to like playing cards! One of my most cherished memories of Collette was after Halloween in 1966. I was in my Freshman year at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. On that Sunday after Halloween I was in my dorm room at 408 Aurelius Hall studying. A fellow student knocked on my door and told me that my sister was there to see me. At first I thought it was a practical joke as Collette was only seven (7) years old, going on eight (8). I was assured it was not a joke. Somewhat clearly I left my room and went down to the common area. There I was surprised to see Collette with a large bag full of Halloween and my mother. Collette said she wanted to share her Halloween candy with me because I was not there to see her in her Halloween costume and because I complained so much about the cafeteria food I could use the candy! I looked over to my mother who was all smiles at Collette's gesture towards me. My mother said that Collette insisted on being driven from Pittsburgh to Latrobe; about 35 miles, so she could share her Halloween candy with me. I was both surprised and touched. After thanking Collette I took the bag of candy to my room and then took Collette and my mother to The Shack, which was the fast food place on campus for a hamburger. After eating I thanked Collette and said goodbye before going back to my dorm room. That Sunday night I went room to room sharing Collette's Halloween candy because there was so much. After answering the inevitable question of where I had secured such a large cache of candy, many of my classmates would say something like, "You are lucky to have a sister like that," or "My sister(s) would never be so considerate or kind," or "That is incredible.". Yet it was typical of Collette through out her life. I also fondly remember my vacations with Collette to Arizona three (3) times including once with Collette and Aunt Mary Hamas on a bus! Collette and I also went to California, Las Vegas, the Grand*

*Canyon, and to Florida during their wettest month in History! Then there are the memories of card playing on holidays, at family reunions, at the cottage in Ligonier, during visits at Greg's , and at Baba's at 205 Greenfield Avenue. With Collette's long suffering with Multiple Sclerosis now at an end I believe that Collette has paid her ante into Heaven. Rest in Peace.*

John - November 18, 2024 at 11:45 AM

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“ Kathy Holmes lit a candle in memory of Collette Kopay



Kathy Holmes - November 17, 2024 at 03:49 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kathy Holmes - November 10, 2024 at 01:16 PM

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“ 🌹🌹 HAPPY HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY COLLETTE 🌹🌹👼 LOVE KATHY❤️



Kathy Holmes - November 10, 2024 at 05:38 AM

LK

“ *Early in the onset of her disease, we met and became friends. I also have difficulty with mobility. We would do things together at times and we would just laugh the whole time. We shared a trip to Walmart in Lancaster one time. Too much to write but it was one of our best times. She had a great sense of humor and a kind heart. She will be missed.*

Linda Kaiser - November 09, 2024 at 11:37 PM

KH

“ *My Dearest Friend 🌹 Collette 🌹 I will Miss You 😭 I will Cherish all the Great Times we shared ❤️ May You Rest In Peace 🙏🙏🙏 You are Forever In My ❤️ Heart ❤️ I Love You ❤️ Your Forever Friend Kathy ❤️ 🌹*



Kathy Holmes - November 09, 2024 at 12:22 PM

LK

*You were such a wonderful friend to her.*

Linda Kaiser - November 09, 2024 at 11:38 PM

SM

*Kathy. Remember our dinners out with Collette. She will be missed, but I'm thankful she is no longer suffering and is now enjoying her new home in Heaven. I'm looking forward to seeing her there someday.*

Sandy McCaa - November 22, 2024 at 08:15 PM