



Doris W. Collins

July 25, 1936 - December 29, 2018

Townsend: Doris W. Collins of Townsend passed away December 29, surrounded by her adoring family.

She was born Doris W. Boucher in Fitchburg on July 25, 1936 to Doria and Frances Boucher of Townsend. She lived all but two of her eighty two and a half years in her beloved Townsend.

She graduated from Townsend High School in 1954, and married Bruce D. Collins Sr. the same year. They went on to raise six children together, until Bruce's sudden death in 1977. Doris (nicknamed "Pete" by family and friends) then used seemingly unlimited strength and resolve to support her family alone.

She worked as Assistant Librarian at North Middlesex Regional High School for twenty one years, until retiring in 1999. She endured significant health setbacks over the years without complaint or self-pity.

She loved her family with a burning devotion, and attended countless sporting events over the years involving her children and grandchildren. She walked the earth in gentle kindness, and she left the earth with quiet but remarkable courage.

She was predeceased by her mother Frances and father Doria, her brothers Doria, John, and Richard, and her husband Bruce.

She leaves behind her brothers Albert of Townsend and Allan of Reading, son Andrew and his wife Patty of Ashby, son Matthew and his wife Rhonda of Townsend, son Steven of Townsend, daughter Lisa and her husband David Lubick of Southborough, son Peter of Nashua, son Bruce Jr. and his wife Crystal of West Townsend, and eleven grandchildren who revere her. She will remain forever an enduring source of strength for all her loved ones who shall never forget her.

Pete's family will receive family and friends at calling hours 12:00 noon - 3pm Sunday, January 6, 2019 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, (Rte 119) Townsend Center. Please see www.andersonfuneral.com for additional information or to leave an on line condolence.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 6. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Dear Peter and family.
We are sending you our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Mother. I remember all the wonderful stories Mary Beth shared about your family. She and Holland loved your Mother and family so much. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Wayne & Pat (Boucher) Schofield

Patricia Schofield - January 16, 2019 at 03:53 PM

JB

“ Tubby , Allan, and family so sorry for your loss. Prayers with deepest sympathy may she R.I.P. and fly with the angels and watch over all her loved ones.
JANE Hannah

Jane Hannah Bulger - January 08, 2019 at 05:32 PM

GH

“ Auntie Pete always made me feel welcome and loved. Thank you Stella for making it possible for the recent visit. She hadn't changed, she was the same kind and wonderful woman I knew from my younger years. She opened her home and heart like time had stopped. Enjoyed having a few "Dos Equis" with her, Andy, & Stella. Also had a quick hello from Tubby. It was wonderful. I am sad that she has passed. She leaves behind a beautiful family. She will be missed
Gayle Hammond (Claudia)

Gayle Hammond - January 06, 2019 at 09:49 AM

HK

“ To The Collins Family, we are sorry to hear of your loss, your Mother has touched so many lives and raised an incredible family. We have made a donation to Rosie's Place to support women in need as a tribute to your Mother's continued impact on the world. Godspeed. The Schrock Family (Heidi Koppelkam Schrock, Donald, David and Daniel Schrock.

Heidi Koppelkam - January 05, 2019 at 06:23 PM

RM

“ Aunt Pete was an amazing individual and a pillar of the family. She was one of those individuals that made us proud to say we were related to her. She was a strong, proud woman with a rollicking laugh who will be missed by all that came into contact with her. Rest in peace, Auntie Pete.
Love; Roger, Pam and Family

Roger Miller - January 05, 2019 at 08:22 AM



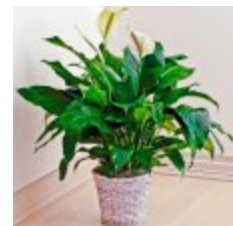
“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Doris W. Collins.



January 04, 2019 at 07:28 PM

MF

“ Masten Ferrier purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Doris W. Collins.



Masten Ferrier - January 04, 2019 at 05:08 PM

AP

“ *Au Bon Pain purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Doris W. Collins.*



Au Bon Pain - January 04, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ *Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Doris W. Collins.*



January 04, 2019 at 09:53 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Doris W. Collins.*



January 03, 2019 at 05:58 PM

JM

“ *To the Collins Family,*

Dick and I send our deepest sympathy to you on the loss of your beloved Mother. She was a lovely lady.

You are in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

Dick & Joyce Marinel

Joyce H. Marinel - January 03, 2019 at 02:53 PM

TF

“ *The Powers Family purchased the Cherished Memories - All White for the family of Doris W. Collins.*



The Powers Family - January 03, 2019 at 10:15 AM

DK

“ *Sending my heartfelt thoughts and prayers to you, Lisa and your family! Your Mother was so courageous and kind. I was privileged to have met her and cared for her while she was hospitalized. Take care, Debbie Kelly*

Debbie Kelly - January 02, 2019 at 02:23 PM

JO

“ *Sam, Ivy and Hayden -*

My deepest sympathies in your time of loss. Doris was always such a very happy and kind lady.

Thoughts and Prayers, - John O.

John O - January 02, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Doris W. Collins.*



January 01, 2019 at 12:53 PM

KD

“ *Matt, Rhonda & the entire Collins family,
So sorry for the loss of your beloved Matriarch!
My thoughts, prayers & sincere sympathies are with you,
Kim Dee*

Kim Dee - January 01, 2019 at 11:48 AM

TF

“ *The Burrows family purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Doris W. Collins.*



The Burrows family - January 01, 2019 at 11:25 AM

GW

“ *"Pete" was family and friend to me and my family. We shared many good times with her and loved our annual New Year's eve celebration! Which we will miss for years to come! We will miss her laugh and kind words. She was a woman of great strength and will live forever in our hearts.*

*With love,
Gwenna and Stephen Sheldon*

Gwenna - January 01, 2019 at 09:15 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Doris W. Collins.*



December 31, 2018 at 05:52 PM

MC

“ *My thoughts to all the Collins family during these difficult times. Wonderful woman and great family.*

Mark Cotter

Mark cotter - December 31, 2018 at 04:03 PM

DF

Matt, Rhonda, Pete and the whole Collins family. Was so very sadden to hear of Doris passing on. Remember all those good memories of her especially on Water Street , being so concerned Matt and I would be okay camping out on a self-sustaining survival bivouac way out in the woods behind the house when we were 12. We fared well with shelter but not with food. And would find ourselves back at the Collins place where Doris would always make us up breakfast and back into the woods we'd go. Such a sweet woman.

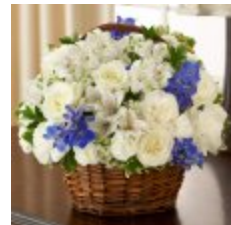
My heart goes out to all of you.

God bless her....and may she rest in peace

David Freeman - January 01, 2019 at 02:34 PM

LR

“ *Love Audrey and Russ purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Doris W. Collins.*



Love Audrey and Russ - December 31, 2018 at 12:52 PM



“ *Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Doris W. Collins.*



December 31, 2018 at 11:39 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris W. Collins.



December 31, 2018 at 10:18 AM



“ Nurit Rechnitz purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Doris W. Collins.



Nurit Rechnitz - December 31, 2018 at 09:51 AM



“ To all my COLLINS cousins .We are so sorry hearing of AUNTIE PETE'S passing..She had the best family support Anyone could ask for.She will be missed by many
RIP AUNTIE PETE

Gail Felton - December 30, 2018 at 10:09 PM



“ love the Nichols family purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Doris W. Collins.



love the Nichols family - December 30, 2018 at 06:06 PM

LS

“ Rest peacefully Auntie Pete..your warmth and smile will surround us always

Lisa Struthers - December 30, 2018 at 04:14 PM

ST

“ So sorry to learn of Mrs. Collins' passing. I have fond memories of her from the library at NM and even better memories from my many chats with her over the years at McNabb Pharmacy. I remember visiting with her one afternoon at Atwood Acres and her showing me many pictures of her grandchildren and sharing stories about them. I hope you find peace in knowing that she is breathing easy and watching over all of you.

Shannon Tesini

Shannon Tesini - December 30, 2018 at 01:52 PM

WO

“ As a child, I spent many hours at the Collins family's home. "Auntie Pete" always made me feel like part of the family. I have many fond memories of her and that time in my life. May her spirit continue to watch over you as she did in life.

Wendy (Straitiff) Orazio

Wendy Orazio - December 30, 2018 at 01:08 PM