



L. Paul Collette III

October 7, 1955 - February 19, 2019

WESTMINSTER: L. Paul Collette III, 63, of Westminster, peacefully passed away surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Paul was born in Fitchburg, October 7, 1955, the son of Leo P. Collette Jr and the late Loretta E. (Leger) Collette. Paul and his family have resided in Westminster for over 40 years. He was a 1973 graduate of Oakmont Regional High School and received a Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Chemical Engineering from University of Maine in Orono. He worked in the paper industry with incredible passion for over 40 years. Most recently he worked at ABB as an Executive Solutions Manager. Pulp & Paper Digital HUB Business Unit Lead.

Paul was a loving father, husband, grandfather, brother and friend to everyone. In addition to his father, Leo Paul Collette Jr, of Ashburnham, Paul leaves his wife of 43 years, Patricia A. (Lorden) Collette; two sons, L. Paul Collette IV, his wife Tamara, Shawn T. Collette, his wife Katie, both of Westminster; his daughter Sarah L. Horgan, husband Kevin of Ashburnham; three brothers, Richard M. Collette of West Boylston, Michael P. Collette of Gardner, David J. Collette of Ashburnham; his sister, Michelle A. Gianino of Ashburnham and ten grandchildren, Payton Collette, Liam Horgan, Addison Collette, Molly Horgan, Lucie Horgan, Cody Collette, Emma Collette, Camden Collette, Aidan Horgan and Chace Collette, extended family Phillip Grimm of

Munich Germany, Julie Paine of Ashburnham and many loving in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Paul will be remembered for his quick wit, passion for others, ability to command a room and stories that seemed to never end. He enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling with his wife, coaching his children's sports and golfing with friends and family. Throughout the years Paul remained very active in his children's and grandchildren's sports and school activities, never missed any of their games or events. He was a New England sports fan and loved watching games with his sons and brothers. An avid boater, Paul spent many summer days on Naukeg Lake with his family and loved nothing more than enjoying summer sunsets at the lake.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Monday, February 25, 2019 at St. Denis Church, 85 Main Street, Ashburnham. Those attending are kindly asked to meet at church. Spring interment will be private. Paul's family will receive family and friends at calling hours from 1-4 PM Sunday, February 24th at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd (Rte 2A) Ayer. Please see www.andersonfuneral.com for additional information.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Paul's name may be made to: AWRSD, Athletic User Fee Fund, 9 Oakmont Drive, Ashburnham, MA 01430.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB **24**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Funeral Mass

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Denis Church
85 Main Street
Ashburnham, MA

Tribute Wall

DE

“ I found out a few years ago of Paul's passing and I was so sorry for your loss.

I knew Paul from the two of us being on the same dormitory floor at UMO. I have fond memories of him because he was so funny.



Debbie - April 22, 2023 at 04:34 PM

GS

“ *Patty and family, we are sending you our deepest condolences and prayers at this most difficult time. Elizabeth also sends her thoughts and prayers. Peace, Geri and Richard Spencer*

geri Spencer - March 03, 2019 at 08:21 PM

MH

“ *Paul was one of my classmates at Maine. It was always great fun to be around Paul. Later I became one of his customers. He was passionate about his products and always first in the door with new or improved technology. He truly cared about the success of his customers. I last saw him about six years ago after a twenty year gap. It was like I just saw him yesterday. We caught up and relived some good times. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Mark Hutchison - February 26, 2019 at 02:53 PM

JL

“ We would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family during this difficult period.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Your cousins from Canada

Jacques and Jeanne Leger

Jacques and Jeanne Leger - February 25, 2019 at 01:00 PM

TD

My sincere condoléances to all. My prayers are with you.

Your Canadian cousin Thérèse

Thérèse Léger Desjardins - February 25, 2019 at 10:25 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of L. Paul Collette III.*



February 25, 2019 at 12:18 AM

KF

“ My sincere condolences to Paul’s family. I was one of Paul’s customers and worked with him for many years. I will always remember his infectious enthusiasm for technology. A smile would come over his face as he dug down into the details of the technology and predicted what it could become in the future. He was always energetic, full of enthusiasm and positive. Once he started on a subject he could talk your ear off. I will miss Paul.
Kerry Figiel

Kerry Figiel - February 23, 2019 at 03:46 PM

KF

“ Kerry and Jamie Figiel purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of L. Paul Collette III.



Kerry and Jamie Figiel - February 23, 2019 at 03:43 PM

TS

“ Sincere sympathies to the Collette family on your loss. Paul called on me over the years and he was always a pleasure to deal with! A great guy and sincere about the project success for his customer's as well as his company.

Tom Short - February 23, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of L. Paul Collette III.



February 23, 2019 at 12:20 PM

RR

“ I am so sorry to hear of this sad news. I am away until end of March so I'm unable to attend his homegoing. My sincere sympathies to Patty and his wonderful family during this difficult time. Paul always had a contagious smile and upbeat attitude to life. He lit up a room when he walked in. I gratefully have many fond memories and much love and hugs to all. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

ROSEMARY RICHARD - February 23, 2019 at 10:24 AM

DB

“ We want to express our very deepest sympathy to you, Patty, and your family, as well as the entire Lorden family. We should be so blessed as to leave an impact on others, as Paul has during his life. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Denise & Andy Bennett*

Denise & Andy Bennett - February 23, 2019 at 10:02 AM



Andrew
Slowik

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Andrew Slowik - February 23, 2019 at 07:54 AM



Andrew Slowik

A great trip with a great guy. A group of friends with Paul Collette on the Allagash river a long time ago. Paul was a special person. Worked his hind end off to make his projects work. Smart and clever! Honest to a fault, and always fun. He had an amazing sense of humor.

I know he loved his family and treasured his grandchildren. I am so sorry he didn't get more time to enjoy them.

Rest in peace Paul

Andrew Slowik - February 23, 2019 at 09:11 AM

CK

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your father. He was always such a kind, and friendly man. He will be missed so much by all who knew him. Love, James and Cheryl Kelly and family

Cheryl Kelly - February 22, 2019 at 06:56 PM



“ Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of L. Paul Collette III.



February 22, 2019 at 06:51 PM

MG

“ Our thoughts are with the Collette family during this very difficult time. Rest now, Paul

Mark Garretson - February 22, 2019 at 03:32 PM

LL

“ *Linda, Sam & Casey Collette & Beth & Aubrey Lawrence purchased the Sincerest Sorrow - Red and White for the family of L. Paul Collette III.*



Linda, Sam & Casey Collette & Beth & Aubrey Lawrence -
February 22, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of L. Paul Collette III.*



February 22, 2019 at 11:23 AM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of L. Paul Collette III.*



February 22, 2019 at 11:18 AM

MU

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Maribeth Ulf - February 22, 2019 at 10:16 AM

RO

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences for family. I am a blessed man to have met, shared a few stories with L.Paul, such a wonderful, kind gentleman, I will treasure memories of sharing with Paul and his family. God bless family and friends Mr.L. Paul Collette III. So very sorry for your family's loss...my dear friends.*

Ronnie - February 22, 2019 at 05:04 AM

AC

“ *All of the Collette Cousins purchased the White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of L. Paul Collette III.*



All of the Collette Cousins - February 21, 2019 at 09:01 PM

KL

“ Uncle Paul, I am never going to forget your incredible smile, witty sense of humor, and how much you supported me. Your voice was so captivating when you would share your stories. No matter how long they were, I sat there listening to every word. Just your presence could light up a whole room. I always had to be careful when you would tell me one of your abundance of facts, I could never tell if they were real or not. Whether Mica was the most valuable rock in the world (Fake, still believed it) or when you told me the scientific name of every fish in the Woods Hole aquarium, (Real, blew my mind). You are one of the most supportive people I have ever come across. You came to my music gigs, basketball games, and so much more. I am not the only one, you also went to ALL of your children and grandchildren's events. There is a reason they are so athletic and friendly, look at their roots. I will never forget that day in Falmouth when you and I sat on the couch watching sports and just enjoying life. We are so lucky to share our lives with you. You have not only made my father a better man, you have had a major impact on me. Don't make God laugh too much. I love you so much.

-Kevin James Lorden

Kevin Lorden - February 21, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of L. Paul Collette III.



February 21, 2019 at 04:43 PM

LK

“ Leo, Rhonda, Mike and Katie purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of L. Paul Collette III.



Leo, Rhonda, Mike and Katie - February 21, 2019 at 04:43 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of L. Paul Collette III.



February 21, 2019 at 01:53 PM

GN

“ Gianino Family of Newton NH purchased the Cherished Memories - All White for the family of L. Paul Collette III.



Gianino Family of Newton NH - February 21, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ We will always remember the family camping trips every year along with basketball camps etc for Shawn & Eddie. The Collette family has always been a generous family. Paul's smile as well as his overwhelming positive presence has always captured a nearby audience. You will be missed Paul. The O'Toole's

Sherry O'Toole - February 21, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of L. Paul Collette III.*



February 21, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Paul's passing. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family during this difficult time. God bless.*



Linda Largey - February 21, 2019 at 11:28 AM



“ *If you wanted a example of a family man Paul was your man.Sandy Ruggles*

sandy Ruggles - February 21, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ *Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel was purchased for the family of L. Paul Collette III.*



February 21, 2019 at 10:09 AM

JM

“ Dear Collette Family,

Sending my condolences to all the family for your loss. He was a well respected man and will be greatly missed. My sincere Thoughts and Prayers to all the family during this difficult time, and may he Rest-In-Peace. God Bless!

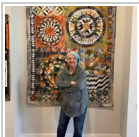
Janet Mita (Artist)

JANET MITA - February 21, 2019 at 06:31 AM



“ *my deepest condolences to the Collette family ...I didn't know Paul personally but being from the same era and knowing many of the same people he did. 1972 graduate of GHS and spent much time in Westminster...Fitchburg and Ashburnham back in the day I also feel the sorrow of losing one our own. I pray you find the strength to deal with this loss and that you memories will sustain you now and in the future.*

Samuel Payne - February 21, 2019 at 04:52 AM



“ *A caring loving friend to all. After spending over 37 years watching sporting events of our children and grandchildren I know he will be missed. His smile, hugs, his support gave us a sense that he was truly a family man with heart.*

Jessica Leger

Jessica Leger - February 20, 2019 at 09:18 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of L. Paul Collette III.



February 20, 2019 at 08:54 PM



“ Remember watching him do the 120 high hurdles. Like they weren't even there!

David Wyman - February 20, 2019 at 05:57 PM



Same memory!
(Nancy Weeks)

Nancy Weeks - February 20, 2019 at 08:17 PM



So very saddened by the news of Paul's passing. Just seems like yesterday spending time with all the Collette family, some of the best times of my life. He will be missed by many and will live in your hearts forever. Sue Kelly-LaBonte

Susan LaBonte - February 21, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of L. Paul Collette III.



February 20, 2019 at 05:46 PM



“ *Godiva Biscuit Gift Box (32 pc) was purchased for the family of L. Paul Collette III.*



February 20, 2019 at 04:47 PM



“ *Your German son Philipp & the entire family purchased the Multi-Color Standing Sympathy Wreath for the family of L. Paul Collette III.*



Your German son Philipp & the entire family - February 20, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ *Our sympathies, thoughts and prayers for the entire Collette family during this time. RIP Paul!*

Mark Cotter - February 20, 2019 at 03:26 PM



“ *George and Kay Clark purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of L. Paul Collette III.*



George and Kay Clark - February 20, 2019 at 03:14 PM

KC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. I grew up hearing lots of great stories about the Collette and Croll kids and how much fun they had. Our prayers are with your family. Kathy (Croll) and Jim Krawczyk

Kathy Croll - February 20, 2019 at 03:07 PM

FE

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Paul's passing. He has left a great legacy and a wonderful family to carry on. My heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to the whole family.

Frank and Jackie Esielionis - February 20, 2019 at 01:58 PM

NO

“ Patty and family,
My condolences in this difficult time. So many laughs and good times when Paul would come to northern Maine.

Neal Ouellette - February 20, 2019 at 01:07 PM

LS

“ Patty and family
We are so very sorry for your loss.
May he RIP and his life have been for a blessing
Laura, Pammy and Brian
always in light

Laura E Shifrin - February 20, 2019 at 12:41 PM

BO

“ So sorry to hear about this.
Please accept my sincere condolence to his wife and family.
Though I really didn't know Paul, the Collette family was always a class act as I was growing up in Ashburnham. Have fond memories of lake road.
Mike, please give my condolences to the rest of the family.

Bob Wiita

bob - February 20, 2019 at 11:59 AM

JF

“ John Blanchard and Cindy Fallon purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of L. Paul Collette III.



John Blanchard and Cindy Fallon - February 20, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of L. Paul Collette III.



February 20, 2019 at 10:32 AM

GW

“ *The last time I saw Paul was a couple of summers ago when Patty, Paul, Mickey and Gail came by our home in Durham and we all sat at the bar at our house, having a great time with a spaghetti dinner. He's always been the ultimate gentleman as well as a great husband, father and grandfather! Too short of a time on this earth for such a wonderful man.*

Gayle Lorden Wade - February 20, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of L. Paul Collette III.*



February 20, 2019 at 09:00 AM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of L. Paul Collette III.*



February 20, 2019 at 08:32 AM