



Colleen C. Knittel

September 18, 1963 - July 24, 2009

Colleen Todd Knittel, 45, passed away suddenly Friday, July 24, 2009 at University Hospital in Syracuse, New York surrounded by her family and friends. Born in Minoa, New York, she was a 1981 graduate of East Syracuse Minoa High School. She was employed by the East Syracuse Minoa School District as a Teaching Assistant at East Syracuse Elementary. She was an active member of St. Marys Parish and enjoyed photography, scrapbooking, playing softball, working in her yard and playing cards with her family. During her short time here on earth, Colleen loved deeply, gave generously and lived life to the fullest. She will be remembered most by the way her smile and her presence lit up a room, all that she gave to others, and the impact she had on the many lives that she touched. Even in death, her generosity will continue to live on in others through her gifts to the Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network and the Central New York Eye and Tissue Bank.

She is survived by her children, Phillip J. and Courtney A. Knittel both of Clay; her parents, Paul and Kay Todd of Minoa; sisters, Christine (Bill) Lazure of Fremont, Cindy (Paul Kaczanowicz) Todd of Bridgeport and Candy (Matthew) Yoder of Delaware; the father of her children, John Knittel of North Syracuse; her dog, Chesney; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, July 28, 2009, 10:00 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Syracuse, New York and a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. in St. Marys Church, 401 N. Main Street, Minoa, New York.

Burial will be in St. Marys Cemetery, North Main Street, Minoa, New York.
Calling hours will be Monday, 4:00 7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral
Home, Syracuse, New York

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to help Colleens children at
SECNY Credit Union, 3819 Brewerton Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212.

Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry for you loss. To lose someone so young and suddenly seems so unjust. My prayers are with your family.

October 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mommy...I miss you, not a day goes by that i dont shed a tear because your not here to be with me. Its so hard to look at your door and know your not coming out from the other side. Mommy one day we will be whole again. I love you.

October 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Candy,My deepest sympathies go out to you, your parents, and all your family for your loss. May God Bless you!Amanda

August 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I will always remeber Mrs.Knittel. she always was nice and genous assiant. every day Mrs.Knittel alwyas walked in the door with a smile on her face. also she would alway were these out fits that would match her expo markers. Mrs. Knittel was the best teacher and assiant at ese. she would always make people laugh expessially Mrs. Almstead.

August 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I have not met Colleen, but our hearts go out to all those who have known and loved her. She sounds like quite a dynamic soul who will be greatly missed. It is also clear that she was a Light and a Rock in many people's lives, particularly her parents, siblings and family. We are with all of you in Spirit and Prayer. Know that she lives on in your hearts and she lives on in a new Form that will never grow old and die. We all will be together again---With love, John Sherrer

August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



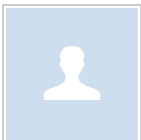
“ To Cindy and the Todd Family: We were deeply saddened to hear about Colleen's death. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Our sincere condolences, Susan and Bob Cisneros

August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Condolences to Cindy, Colleen's sister, and to Colleen's entire family. With deepest sympathies - Liz Shamahs

August 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Words can not express just how sorry we are to hear of your loss. Colleen was always so good to me when I lived in Syracuse and even when I'd come to visit. She was always smiling, enjoyed life and knew how to have fun. I have never met such a close group of sisters and such a tight knit family. You have all always been so good to me. Our thoughts are with you, we love you and we miss you.

August 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *May you rest in peace. God bless you.*

August 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Colleen you will surely be missed. Your smile and laughter could light up the darkest of rooms. With my deepest sympathy my thoughts and prayers go out to Colleens family. She will surely be missed.*

August 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I enjoyed hanging with the Todd sisters. One of my favorite memories was Candy's bridal shower and all of us rode in the limo. I remember looking at all Todd sisters and know they love and care for each other. You are all in our thoughts and prayers*

August 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Cindy and the entire Todd family:I'm so sorry for your loss. Smitha just informed all of the Stonybrook girls, so I just wanted to come here and light a candle and let you know that you are in my thoughts. I'll say a prayer for Colleen and for all of you.Love, Flea*

August 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I have just learned the devastating news of Colleen's passing. My memories of Colleen are filled with such happiness and smiles. She was a dear friend who would be there when you needed her most. I remember talking with her on the last day of school this year and she was saying how wonderful her children made her feel and how good life was. I will miss that smile she had and the presence of joy that surrounded her. To her family, I wish you peace and comfort and prayer in this most difficult time. God Bless you my friend.

August 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ May your spirit live within your children and may your memories live on forever as chronicled in your scrapbooks. God Bless your family in this hard time.

August 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Colleen made such an impression on those around her. Although I only knew her briefly, her kindness and generous manner always stood out, even in small, daily ways. We both had bus duty at the same time this past year, me inside, her outside, and she would always help out with the doors as she would pass in a reflexive manner-she didn't need to think about how she could help, she just did it. That was Colleen-innately thoughtful and kind. Frequently there was a student waiting for her to come back inside to help him get his day started in a positive way. Even though he was not her responsibility on those mornings, she was always willing to spend those extra moments with him to get him oriented and ready for the day. We were all very fortunate to have had this past year with her and we will truly miss her.

July 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ It is so hard to believe that a week ago today we lost you. I keep looking for a sign to know that you are okay. I keep talking to you and wishing you would answer me. I keep crying and wish you would envelop me into one of your huge hugs. I saw a dragon fly the other day and thought of you. I looked into the clouds and one actually looked like a dragon fly and hoped it was you watching down on all of us. I still cannot believe this happened to someone so full of life and love. Your friendship was a gift I never expected to be given, and I feel so blessed to have called you my friend. I truly expected that my life-long friend would be in my life for so much longer. I was driving in the car and laughing/crying outloud thinking of that faculty meeting where you sumarily pulled the underwire to your bra out of your shirt. Only you Coll. I miss you so much. The cards you gave the twins are and will remain on the fridge. Your name and number are still prograded into my phone and I cannot bring myself to erase them. I know we have to move on, but you touched my life in such a profound way that I don't know how to get beyond this tragedy. September is going to be so difficult without you there. ESE won't be the same, yet I know it would be your will to make it better. We will find a way to honor your committment to our school community this year. Talk has already begun on what we need to do to show our appreciation for all you did for us. I hope you knew how much I appreciated your friendship. I miss you so friend.

July 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Oh dear Colleen, I'm sorry that you were forced to leave your loving and wonderful family behind. Not fair at all. Your memories will carry on forever. Love, Bill

July 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Colleen, One week ago today I lost not only a sister but a best friend. As I look at your picture I keep thinking you are going to walk through my door so we can go shopping, out to lunch, let Dublin and Chesney play together, or just share a conversation. "Wonder Twin Powers Activate"...Thanks Easter Bunny...Hello you Silly B****...What's up my...I will miss all the silly things we said to each other and only you understood. I am so grateful for all of it. I promise I will try to make you proud of me, share fond memories with others, and always carry your smile in mine. I know the sun will rise tomorrow and life will carry on but it just won't be the same without you. Oh how my heart aches for this void I feel. I know my tears won't change what God has planned but they seem to wash away some of the pain I feel. I miss you and until we meet again my dear sweet Colleen. I love you.

July 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

July 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Colleen at Westhill Transportation. It didn't take long to become friends. It would of been hard not to be her friend. Each morning we could hear her on the radio, Good Morning, you have a great day..with that voice only she had, always happy, laughing and always making you feel great no matter how bad a day you were having. That smile will live on in her children. And my life will always be a better place just by knowing her. God be with all her family and friends.

July 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ What can I say that hasn't already been said a million times about Colleen? She was truly one in a million. The love she had for her family, friends and life itself was an inspiration. Colleen was more than my sister-in-law, she was my sister, 2nd mother to my Tyler and Aaron, and my 2nd wife. She took care of me and my family whenever we needed it. I'm truly saddened to have lost you and your wonderful smile. But, I'm doubly honored to have been a part of your family and your life. You've touched me and blessed me in more ways than you will ever know. I LOVE YOU COLL AND WILL MISS YOU GREATLY!!!

July 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I love you Coll so very much!!!! I miss you so much. You will always be in my heart and in my thoughts! Thank you for being the BEST sister I could ever have! I love you infinity!

July 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Christine, My thoughts are with you and your family.

July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Cindy and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your sister. Someone so young and full of life taken much too soon! God Bless you and your families. Amy

July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ John and family, We are very saddened to hear of Colleen's passing. Please accept our deepest condolences. From, Tracey King Stewart and family (I am Chris Addario's sister)

July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We will forever be Connie and Rosie!! Love always, Ruth

July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. She was way too young and will surely be missed.... God must have needed another Angel..

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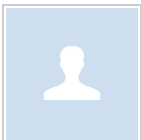
“ God Bless you Colleen, we will miss you so very much. You and your family will be in my prayers.

July 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Cindy, Candy, Christine and Mr. & Mrs. Todd, I was so saddened to hear about Colleen, my heart goes out to all of you. Growing up, the times spent with your family were some of the happiest times of my childhood. Your home was always filled with so much love and laughter, it was like nothing I had ever seen. I can not possible express to you, or thank you enough, for how big of a role your family played in the way that I raised my own family. I decided when my kids were born that they would live in a home filled with the kind of happiness that surrounded everyone fortunate to be a part of your lives. In all of the years that I was welcomed into your home, I can not remember there being a time when Colleen didn't have that beautiful smile on her face. I remember plenty of battles between the sisters, and even in the neighborhood but remember nothing but smiles out of that girl. I was so fortunate that our lives came together again as adults in the irony of Philip and Billy found each other in school and became friends. When I saw Colleen again after years had gone by, she was still the same smiling, wonderful Colleen that I remembered. Our family was always happy to find ourselves near Colleen and her crew on Friday nights at football games. Although Philip wasn't on the field, she was always decked out and cheering as if her son was the starting quarterback...that was just Colleen. Although I can't imagine what you all are going through right now, I know that the love that you all have for one another will keep you strong and guide you through the pain. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Betsy & Bill Crate

July 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Knittel Family I Knew Mrs. Knittel for a little while when she subbed in my school this summer Mrs. Knittel you will be missed Kinittel Family sorry for your lost

July 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts are with the family. I briefly knew Colleen but I know Cindy and it was sad news to read.*

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“ *Was so sorry to hear about Colleen. She was way too young. Hopefully she is at peace. Just wanted you all to know you are in our thoughts and prayers.Doris and Ken*

July 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I will never forget Colleen, not a day will go by that she is not in my thoughts. She was a wonderful friend to Ed, Jimmy and I. I loved going places with her and I knew every time we got together there would be many laughs...some times we could not stop. My life will never be the same without her, the world will never be the same without her....I loved her so much. I will miss you Colleen.:(*

July 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I met Colleen through my sister-in-law Cheryl. You couldn't help but want to be friends with her. She pulled you in with her magnetic charm, her smile.....I'll always be grateful for the way she touched my life. She will live in our hearts forever.*

July 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Philip & Courtney, We are so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was such a wonderful lady and with good reason, so very proud of you both. Although she was taken from you so much earlier than expected, know that she will be watching out for you from heaven, smiling down on you as you continue to be her pride and joy. We were lucky to have known your mom. Love, Betsy, Bill, Billy, Jeffery & Erin Crate

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“ Although I never met Colleen, I work with her sister Candy and Candy's husband, Matt. My prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Take care, Marion

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“ Courtney and Phill've only met your Mom a few times and she was a lovely person. She raised two incredible children. You are a testament to the wonderful person she was. I am truly sad for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Alicia

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“ We are very sorry about your loss. We are thinking of you. We remember meeting Colleen when she came down to Delaware to visit with Candy and Matt and to crop with us, one of her favorite past times. We send our deepest condolences to the family.

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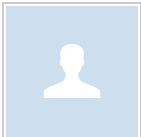
“ Although i only new Colleen briefly, my thoughts of her truly are the sunshine in every room she enters. She will always continue to shine happiness on all of us! To her family my thoughts and prayers are with you.

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“ I sit here with a heavy broken heart, and think it must not even compare to what the family is feeling.....You are the bestest freind in the whole world, I am so grateful that you were in my life. My Monday drive home will not be the same! Phillip and Courtney please know that I will do anything in my power for you, I love you. Colleen I will carry you in my heart and my thoughts forever, I love you and will miss you deeply....Princess Pickle

July 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Hello sweetie. I know your looking down on us. We did not see each other that much but always knew we could count on each other. I""m sure going to miss that smile! Love, Larry

July 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mommy..my best friend there are no words to say what I am feeling right now. I have just lost my best friend. I am in shock and can not believe that we were making lunch plans for thursday. I know you are in heaven taking care of Shannon

July 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to her children, sisters, parents and friends. I met Colleen when she subbed in my classroom at Woodland. After that we continued to keep in touch. She was a very special person and she will continue to live on in all our hearts.*

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“ *Colleen was my next door neighbor, and I couldn't have asked for a better person to live next door to. She was always smiling and friendly, and often went out of her way to do something kind. This past winter, we were outside making snowmen and not only did Colleen come right out with ""accessories"" for them, but she also brought out the camera, offered to take pictures, and took them to get developed that very same day. This is just one example showing the kind of person that she was. We all are going to miss Colleen, and Chesney is definitely going to miss his mother. I hardly ever saw her go anywhere without that dog in tow. He was so lucky to have had her, and I was lucky to have lived next door to her. I will never forget Colleen's hearty laugh, her generosity, her smile, or her fun-loving personality. Colleen is no longer with us on earth but her spirit will forever live on in our hearts.*

July 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *The world is not quite as bright today.*

July 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Colleen through her friend Sue Shyne at a scrapbooking/stamping party I was teaching. She was always fun and enthusiastic! She Loved getting together and collecting more "stuff" for her hobby. She would light up the room! She will be greatly missed. "Miss Gayle"

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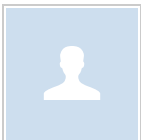
“ Colleen you were an original, never to be copied! You have a light that will always shine for those of us who knew you and loved you. You are an Amazing woman. Love and miss you always. Chris

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“ Colleen was one of those people who you just knew you were going to be friends with! She made me smile , and usually laugh , every time I saw her. I'm so deeply sorry for your loss! We loved her very much and our prayers are with you all.

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“ There wasn't a brighter smile or better friend than Colleen. There are no words to describe the enormity of this loss for all that loved her.

July 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Chris and the Todd Family... Your Hearts are in our Prayers. I can think of no words that will ease this time in your lives. Please accept my most heartfelt sympathy....

July 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Colleen was a beautiful soul and a great positive force in this world. It was my honor to know her and work with her for such a short time.

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“ I still can not belive it is true. We will miss her dearly! We love you!

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“ Colleen you were a wonderful mother to my nephew and niece. Phillip and Courtney are two amazing young adults. They loved you dearly and they will miss you greatly. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family at this very sad time.

July 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We just learned of your loss this morning. There are no words that can be said to carry the true meaning of our regrets in this difficult time. Tammy and I wish you all the comfort you can find in knowing she is in a safe and loving place now. If there is anything at all we can do, please do not hesitate in letting us know.

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“ Col, I always felt a special bond with you. We thought alike in many ways. Thanks for letting me know you.

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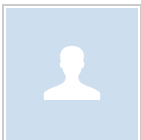
“ *Mama K always welcomed me into her home and treated me as if I was one of her own. A truly amazing woman has left us and I can't even begin to express to you Courtney and Phil how truly sorry I am. I love you both and I am here for you whenever you need me. Mama K, I will miss seeing your beautiful smile on ""hottub night"" and drooling over Brett Michaels with you. Thank you so much for touching my life and so many others through your generosity and your kind and caring ways. Build-A-Bear functions won't be the same with out our store mom. I love you Mama K.*

July 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Courtney and Family, We are so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Courtney, remember that your Mom will always be with you and watching over you .We have known you and your Mom since you were very young, and she has done a wonderful job raising you. You are very much like her always willing to help anyone and that wonderful smile. We are just a phone call away or stop in at anytime our door is always open if you need someone to talk to or to listen. Remember all the wonderful memories, that you both have made together, she was very proud of you and your brother. Your Mom's spirit will always live in the both of you. She did a wonderful job raising you and you have grown into a beautiful young woman. Keep smiling and remember your Mom is now the angel watching over you and your brother. She has touched so many lives.*

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“ *In my memories...The voice of reason in times of chaosThe light in the darknessThe love in this ife. You Will Be Missed*

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“ I have never meet someone where I can really say they lit up the room when they entered, but Colleen was one of them. She was a special gift from God with amazing children who I grew up with. I have cherished many memories with them spending time with there family and will miss her deeply. I will miss her amazing creative talents. God is lucky to have such a beautiful soul

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“ I still cannot believe I am doing this...still cannot believe it is real. As I sit and type this message I can see the beautiful flower arrangement you made for my wedding sitting on my dining room table. You were a woman of many talents and you will be missed by all that knew you. I will never forget when we went to see Big and Rich when they were nobody at the Fireside in B-ville! You loved that crazy song, Save a horse,ride a cowboy! I also love the memory of a bunch of us playing "Name that Tune" at Laura's house when it was Courtney's turn and she said "Durin Durin". Us "older" people laughed hysterically because we knew what she was trying to say! It was Duran Duran! :) My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

July 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Each time I would see Colleen at school, she would greet meet with a big smile. She had a way of making you feel like you were an old and dear friend. Her genuine nature and warm personality will be greatly missed.

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“ I was lucky enough to work with Colleen last summer during summer school and one day this year. Immediately her fun, joyful spirit swept me up. Within moments of meeting her, I felt like we'd been friends for years. She was such a caring & loving soul. Her sense of humor was so much fun to be around. She will be deeply missed by anyone who was lucky enough to meet her. To her friends & family- You are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless~ Beth

July 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ She will always be remembered as a happy, fun-loving person. I am so sorry for your loss Courtney, Phil and family.

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“ Carlton (her ESE nickname) What can anyone say? A soul has been lost that has touched so many needy children. Colleen had a gift for knowing just how to make a child feel confident even and that they could do whatever she set in front of them. She would make them laugh, feel confident, smile and come up with the answer without even knowing. Most of the time they had no idea they were even working, that was a gift she had. She could take a child (one on particular) no one thought had a clue and have him reading, writing, spelling and confident to answer questions and she made it look so easy. This year she to move to another student and I remember her telling me (I was thrilled) she however had tears in her eyes fearing a certain child would continue to grow, but she was willing to move on but she was just as concerned about those kids she would need to leave behind. Thats the kind of individual she was. She wanted the best for every single child and she made every one of them feel like they were a diamond in the rough. She will be missed more than any words can express. It was a year of laughter, some ups and downs but with Carlton, it all seemed much easier. Carlton, ESE will never be the same. You gave me hope, you taught me so much, I only hope that one day I too will be remembered and treasured as you are. You gave us hope, you made us laugh and you taught us that alittle encouragement, laughter and a BIG bag of tricks can get any kid to learn, believe in themselves and reach for the stars. You will always be in my heart, we only knew each other a year but in that year I know that I made a forever friend. My love and prayers go out to all of you at this impossible time. Cindy thanks for reaching out when I know it was not an easy thing to do. Clute (Crute)

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“ Colleen could light up a room with her smile. She was such a caring, generous, energetic and creative person. She brought so much to the classroom with her humor, dedication, great ideas and genuine love of the children. I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to work with her and have her as my friend. She will be greatly missed.

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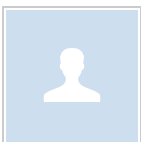
“ So sorry to hear about Colleen. Shea was a sweet person to know and a great friend to Chris and Mike. We are thinking about you all and wish we could be there. Mike and Carole King (Chris' parents)

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“ We are very sorry to hear of this sad news. Please know that we are thinking of you and praying for your family. I will always remember her for her contagious smile and laughter.

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“ To Colleen's family and friends: My thought and prayers are with you at this time. Even though I hadn't seen her in a long time I remember her smile. She was always so nice. Tina Brand (ESM 1981)

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“ To Cindy and your entire family, our hearts goes out to you for your tragic and unexpected loss. Our deepest sympathy!

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Colleen's family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We know you have many beautiful memories.

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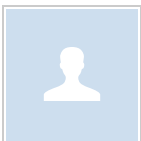
“ MOM i love you with all my heart! It doesnt even seem real to me. I know your looking down at us right now smiling because you are with grandma knittel, mimi and grandma vischer telling each other different stories about who knows what. I love you!!We will be together once again I promise!MUAH

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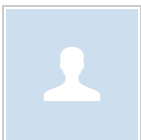
“ To know you was to love you. RIP Colleen

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“ I met Colleen at Woodland Elementary when she was subbing. We immediately became friends; I was lucky enough to just spend Monday and Tuesday with her at summer school and will always cherish those days. I loved her humor and how we would laugh over "nothing". She will be missed - she is flying with the angels.

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“ I have no memories but just would like to send my prayers to Courtney and the rest of her family.

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“ My deepest sympathy to Colleen's children and family. I went to school with Colleen and saw her a couple of years ago at a Craft show and she was just as sweet and wonderful as ever. She told me about how wonderful her children were and we caught up on each other's lives, it was really nice to see her again and catch up. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. I will keep Colleen and her family in my thoughts and prayers.

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“ although I only knew Colleen for a short time, I will always remember how she greeted you with a huge friendly smile and made you feel welcomed! She was a always cheerful and ready to make you smile and laugh!My thoughts and prayers are with your whole family.

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“ May God watch over your children and loved ones during this difficult time. I hope their hearts are not saddened for long, and they can find a way to celebrate the life you had.

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Colleen's family in their loss of such a special person. Her light will shine on in all who knew her.

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss.*

July 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Philip & Courtney, The few times I met your mother, what a great spirit she had that was so very contagious. My thoughts and prayers are with you both & your family. Keep the faith. Hugs*

July 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Phillip & Courtney - In just the short time I knew your mother I developed a great fondness for her. Even though I only saw her occasionally, I will certainly miss her great personality and smile. Take comfort in her life, she lives on in both of you.*

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“ *I am so thankful that Colleen was a part of my life. She always had a smile on her face and was one of the sweetest, kindest people I have known.*

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“ *Colleen, You've been a great mom to my nephew and niece. You will be missed however as it is said you will bring joy and happiness to plenty even as you are resting in peace. God Bless You.*

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“ Our family joined together in church for a mass in memory of my great grandmother Mimi. Aunt Colleen was to say a reading and couldn't pronounce thessalonians. She could always make the family smile even in hard times. This memory sticks with me and still makes me smile in this hard time. That is the amazing affect this amazing woman has on all of our lives and this is how we will always remember her.

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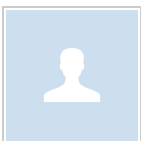
“ All our love - forever - our hearts are broken - we miss you Mom & Dad

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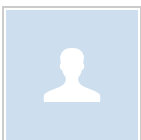
“ I love you Coll, sisters forever - Christine

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“ Dearest Colleen, I will miss your big warm hugs and that beautiful smile. We keep saying one of these days we are going to get together and go to Bingo. I only wish we had more of ""one of these days"".

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“ God bless Courtney and Philip

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Jeanne, Bill and family

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“ It was a privilege and a blessing to know Colleen. She will be deeply missed by all that knew her. Our hearts are broken. I think of the wonderful chats she and I had. May the Lord give you the strength during this very difficult time.

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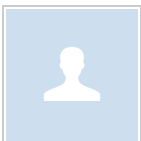
“ Colleen's smile said it all. May God Bless her children and family. You all have a special angel in heaven.

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“ She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Though I didn't know Colleen well, I believe the legacy of love and generosity she shared in life will continue with her precious gifts of life to others with her passing. My thoughts and prayers to all her family.

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“ I was very shocked and saddened to hear of Colleen's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family at this very difficult time.

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“ Dear Todd family, I will always remember Colleen's great laugh and the love you all shared. I know your hearts are broken. Only the love and support of each other and your friends will get you through this terrible time. Hold on to each other. Love to you all, Brenda

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“ May you rest in peace. You will be missed deeply. God Bless

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“ Colleen always made me smile - she was always happy to see me and tell me about all the wonderful things her kids were doing. Here's to ya Colleen - my thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. Love, Ellen

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“ Even though Colleen and I only saw each other once or twice a year, I always carried her in my heart, as I am certain she carried all of her friends. She had a way of making everyone feel special and loved. I will always remember her generous spirit, and an image of Colleen singing with all of her friends and sisters will forever be in my heart. I loved my friend. My Love and Support go to Colleen's Family.

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“ You were the first to welcome us with open arms to Bunbury...your smile, and so many memories will live on in our hearts and in this crazy neighborhood forever! With heavy hearts Jason & Vickie

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“ Though I only knew Colleen for a very short time she made you feel like she knew you forever. Her kindness will remain in the hearts of those she touched. My thoughts and prayers go out to Colleen's friends and family. God Bless.

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“ We fondly remember many occasions at the Todd house with Colleen and the family. We are very sorry to learn that she was taken so soon, and we send our thoughts and prayers to you during this difficult time. God Bless.

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I will always remember, and am grateful, for everything Colleen and her family did for me. God bless.

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“ Colleen, I will miss that smile and the laugh. You gave me my two great children. Your love for everyone was overpowering. I sit here not knowing how this could happen to such a wonderful person. Your family and I will take care of Phil and Court. You have guided them to become strong adults. I loved you then and still love you today. God bliss please watch over us. xoxox

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“ Colleen was a very special person who knew how to light up a room with her smile and personality. You will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

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“ Miss Colleen, I realize now that I will never again hear you call me ""little one"" and I am painfully aware of how much I will miss you. No matter how dark and grey the day was your smile brought sunshine. Your laugh was infectious. I take comfort in knowing that how amazing of a person you were in life, you are now that and more as an angel in Heaven. Godspeed and God Bless Colleen ~ ""Little one""

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“ Courtney and Phil, I have shed my share of tears and still is in shock this has happened. Only seeing her just days ago as vibrant as she always is whenever i see her. Courtney deffinatly has her mothers characteristics which is great because Colleen had such a personality! One loving woman. If only I had a family as close as this one. My thoughts and prayers go out to you!

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“ Our journey first started when Phil & Courtney were on the same soccer team as my kids, Alan & Crystal. Robbie was only a baby, and you came up to me with your warm, friendly smile & we started talking as if we've known each other forever. You had such an affect on people, making them feel comfortable in your presence. Anyone who has had the pleasure of knowing you has been blessed, I, Being ONE of them! I have never known anyone who was as kind, generous and loving as you were. I truly beleive that god only takes the BEST & you, my friend are as BEST as they come! You are one in a GAZILLION. I will miss you dearly Colleen & not a day will go by without me thinking of you & our memories. You will forever be in my heart. My prayers go out to your family, and I will always be there for Phil & Courtney. Love, Cheryl

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“ We will always remember our fun days playing softball for CVGS! You always had us laughing. You will be missed! Thought and prayers to Colleen's family.

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“ Dearest Todd familyColleen have touched many people's lives. She is greatly miseed. I have been blessed to have met Colleen during my college years through her little sister. Her laughter, warmth, kindness really shines through. Colleen was so lucky to have each one of you in her life. She loved each one of you tremendously as I could see.We have been praying for each one of you and for God to be near during this difficult and grieving time.

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“ we had a blast making t-shirts for the ESE volleyball team - taking almost as much time to do that as we did to play volleyball (badly) the next day. I loved Colleen's wit. She started everyone's day with a kind word and a smile. I'll raise a cup of coffee for you!

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“ Phil, I am Al's granfather and please accept my condolences for you tragic and sudden loss. Al talks about you to me and I am sure he is there for you as you would be for him. Even never having met, I can feel your loss through Al. Again, I am so sorry. Larry Sherman

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