



MATTHEW E. COLLINS

August 22, 1953 - June 6, 2016

Matthew E. Collins, 62, of Butler, NJ, passed away on Monday, June 6, 2016.

He was born on August 22, 1953 in Astoria, Queens to the late Doris (Wells) and Matthew E. Collins, Sr.

Matt was a self employed Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LCADC) and retired in 2014.

He married Denise (Martine) in 2007 and resided in Pompton Lakes, NJ.

Matt was an avid musician who played multiple instruments in various bands with friends and family. He enjoyed playing and recording music and was most happy when sharing that passion with others.

Matt will best be remembered for hosting his backyard BBQ parties with his family and friends

Since retiring, Matt enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Matt was a friend of Bill W's.

Matt is survived by his beloved wife Denise, his loving daughter Kimberlee

Wells and her spouse Michelle Lyczkowski; his dear step-daughters Natalie (Marra) Drasheff and her husband Jeffrey of Butler, NJ, Michelle Marra and her significant other Saki Karakostas of Ridgefield, NJ, and Nikki Marra of Ellensburg, WA; his cherished grandchildren Dominik, Leon, and Ariana Drasheff; his dear brothers Christopher Collins and his wife Lyn of Bloomfield, NJ, Kenneth Collins and his significant other Patty of Powhatan, Virginia, and Sean Collins and his wife Amanda of Ossining, NY; his nieces Jennifer Collins, Melissa Fera and Veronica Fera; and his nephews Ian Collins, Stephen Collins, James Fera, and Christopher (CJ) Collins; his mother and father-in-law Rose and Patrick Marttine of Bushkill, PA, and his sisters-in-law Patricia Marttine-Jones of Vernon, NJ and Janice Marttine of Bushkill, PA

The family will receive visitors on Sunday, June 12, 2016 from 12 noon to 4pm with a prayer service at 3:30pm followed by moments of reflection during the last half hour of the visitation at Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to: City of Angels, NJ, Inc. P.O. Box 10237, Trenton, NJ 08650.

Log onto www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com tribute wall to personally post your condolences, memories, photos, and videos, as well as obtaining driving directions to the funeral home.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 12. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home
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Prayer Service

JUN 12. 3:30 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“Denise and family" I am so sorry for your loss! Matt seemed like such a nice guy, although I did not know him. My best of Prayers to you and yours, Love Jerrie Baron Butler



Jeralyn Baron Butler - June 08, 2017 at 01:28 AM

KJ

“Kathy, Brian, Tom, Krystal, Kelly, Tyler and Julie purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of MATTHEW E. COLLINS.



Kathy, Brian, Tom, Krystal, Kelly, Tyler and Julie - June 11, 2016 at 08:04 AM

KM

“Kimberlee and Michelle purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of MATTHEW E. COLLINS.



Kimberlee and Michelle - June 11, 2016 at 07:58 AM

JU

“Sending Prayers from Arizona

JustJoe

JustJoe - June 10, 2016 at 05:58 PM

DC

Hi just Joe~ miss you around these parts! Love your& thank you very much for the prayers! Xo

denise collins - June 12, 2016 at 02:04 AM

WR

“ I haven't seen Matt in many years. Since hearing of his passing so many wonderful memories have come to mind. Not only was he my confidant and friend but his ability to make me laugh made doing grunt work around my house seem much less tedious. My fondest memories, however, are when we all went riding. One in particular is when we came around a bend by the reservoir in Ringwood only to find a family of deer standing in the middle of the road. Had we all not had clear minds, what ended in a day of laughter would have ended in disaster.

His kind and generous soul will be forever missed.

*My deepest sympathy goes out to his family.
May God bless you all and keep you safe in this sad time,*

Wendy Ryan

Wendy Ryan - June 10, 2016 at 08:48 AM

DC

Thank you, Wendy for sharing those awesome memories!!

denise collins - June 12, 2016 at 02:02 AM

Heidi Kirby

“ Altho had never met matt I knew he loved denise very much just by the look on both their faces. I know Denise loved him very much. They will forever be in love till they meet again. My deepest condolences to Denise and everyone in the family and their friends. rip my god bless Matt and his family. HeidiKirby

Heidi Kirby - June 10, 2016 at 03:34 AM

DC

Thank you, Heidi

denise collins - June 14, 2016 at 10:37 PM

GK

“ His perfectionist attitude in everything he attempted - his giving spirit and advise. How he could play - the music came from the depths of himself to share with others. I will miss him even though we had been apart for years. Gail Kovacs-Felici

Gail D. Kovacs-Felici - June 09, 2016 at 01:29 PM

DC

Thank you, Gail

denise collins - August 31, 2016 at 09:45 PM

Jl

“ Jason Amanda Patrick Douglas Sean Mckensie Isaiah purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of MATTHEW E. COLLINS.



Jason Amanda Patrick Douglas Sean Mckensie Isaiah - June 08, 2016 at 06:31 PM

LJ

“ Love, Mom, Patti and Janice purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of MATTHEW E. COLLINS.



Love, Mom, Patti and Janice - June 08, 2016 at 06:20 PM

DN

“ DENISE, NATALIE, JEFF& FAMILY; BELLE&SAKI; NIKKI purchased the Adoration Casket Spray for the family of MATTHEW E. COLLINS.



DENISE, NATALIE, JEFF& FAMILY; BELLE&SAKI; NIKKI - June 08, 2016 at 05:37 PM

JD

“ John, Sue, Ryan and Paige D'Elia purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of MATTHEW E. COLLINS.



John, Sue, Ryan and Paige D'Elia - June 08, 2016 at 02:07 PM

Jacki
Asking

“ Lyn and Chris and Family,

So sorry for your loss. The memories will last forever but so will the pain. I hope in time you have peace.

*God Bless
Jacki Grupenhof Asking*

Jacki Asking - June 08, 2016 at 08:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of MATTHEW E. COLLINS.*



June 08, 2016 at 08:18 AM



“ *Dear Denise, Nikki & family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed seeing Matt & hearing him share. He will surely be waiting for you in heaven. Much love & blessings to you all! Love, Margaret Di Pietro*



Margaret Di Pietro - June 08, 2016 at 03:19 AM



Thank you, Margaret for your kind words!

denise collins - October 08, 2016 at 09:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of MATTHEW E. COLLINS.*



June 07, 2016 at 11:03 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Cappuccio lit a candle in memory of
MATTHEW E. COLLINS*



Barbara Cappuccio - June 07, 2016 at 09:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for
the family of MATTHEW E. COLLINS.*



June 07, 2016 at 08:51 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of MATTHEW E. COLLINS.*



June 07, 2016 at 08:46 PM

KR

“ *My favorite memory was Nicki's going away party when the band
broke out and we all rocked and rolled. Matt helped so many, he
was a healer to those having trouble finding there way. Now he has
found his way back home. Denise and all those who loved him have
a fearless angel by there side.*

Kris - June 07, 2016 at 07:56 PM

DC

Thank you my dear friend, Kris

denise collins - June 07, 2016 at 09:46 PM

 Chris
Collins

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Chris Collins - June 07, 2016 at 07:38 PM

CS

This is how I remember Matt. The garage studio in Maywood was where I got to know Matt, Al and Don. I will remember our times together.

Christine Scherr - June 08, 2016 at 04:57 PM

DC

Thank you, Christine!! Xo

denise collins - October 08, 2016 at 10:02 PM

 Chris
Collins

“ *Kimberlee Wells was added to the Family Tree.*

Chris Collins - June 07, 2016 at 07:36 PM

 Chris
Collins

“ *Denise Collins was added to the Family Tree.*

Chris Collins - June 07, 2016 at 07:32 PM



“ Christopher Brian Collins was added to the Family Tree.

Chris Collins - June 07, 2016 at 07:31 PM



“ Kenneth Martin Collins was added to the Family Tree.

Chris Collins - June 07, 2016 at 07:29 PM



“ Denise Collins sent a virtual gift in memory of
MATTHEW E. COLLINS



denise collins - June 07, 2016 at 07:25 PM



“ Doris Louise Collins was added to the Family Tree.

Chris Collins - June 07, 2016 at 07:24 PM



“ Doris Louise Collins was added to the Family Tree.

Chris Collins - June 07, 2016 at 07:22 PM



“ Matthew Edward Collins was added to the Family Tree.

Chris Collins - June 07, 2016 at 07:21 PM



“ *Matt was 14 years older than I, which made him like a cool uncle as well as a big brother. He taught me to play the drums, taught me about carpentry, helped me whenever I needed him, and, most importantly, he showed me by example how a genuinely good person is always willing to grow and change. I hope I can honor him by passing along some of what he gave me. Love you always, Matt.*

Chris Collins - June 07, 2016 at 07:17 PM

CS

He taught a lot of people many things. Some of the things we talked about had me thinking days later. Such a nice tribute Chris.

Christine Scherr - June 08, 2016 at 05:01 PM

DC

Very nicely said Chris. Yes indeed his carpentry skills were amazing. Matt could build and fix anything...

denise collins - June 09, 2016 at 09:09 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of MATTHEW E. COLLINS.*



June 07, 2016 at 05:57 PM



“ *My Condolences to Matt Collins family & friends. May he R.I.P.*

Donna Abbott - June 07, 2016 at 04:38 PM

CS

“ *Christine Scherr lit a candle in memory of MATTHEW E. COLLINS*



Christine Scherr - June 07, 2016 at 04:15 PM

BD

“ *RIP honey bunches of oats ~ your beloved wife, Dee. Xo*



Beloved Wife, Denise - June 07, 2016 at 03:36 PM

BD

“ *Beloved Wife, Denise sent a virtual gift in memory of MATTHEW E. COLLINS*



Beloved Wife, Denise - June 07, 2016 at 03:32 PM

 Annie Chace

“ *Annie Chace lit a candle in memory of MATTHEW E. COLLINS*



Annie Chace - June 07, 2016 at 08:23 AM