



Mrs. Diane Elaine Collier

July 7, 1943 - May 1, 2020

Diane Elaine Collier, 76, of Tampa, Florida, born in York, Pennsylvania on July 7, 1943, entered into eternal rest on May 1, 2020. She was a member of East Chelsea Baptist Church, Tampa, and was a retired teacher's aide at Robinson Elementary, Plant City. She loved her family, and enjoyed Christmas, Elvis, reading, singing, and Dominoes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Frank Collier. She is survived by her daughters, Tammy Howell (Wade) of Lutz, and Londa Glenn (Robert) of Leesburg; 6 grandchildren; 1.5 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Carroll Weichert (Kathleen) of Michigan, Kenneth Weichert (Patti) of California, Gail Ruppert of Pennsylvania, and Darla Allen (Richard) of Florida. A private funeral service will be held on Friday, May 15 at Hopewell Funeral Home, Plant City, and graveside committal at Bethlehem Cemetery, Dover. (Due to COVID-19, the service will be limited to immediate family only, but it will be live-streamed for extended family and friends. Please request an invite at office@hopewellfuneral.com). Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Diane Elaine Collier



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 14, 2020 at 08:07 PM

TT

Thank you for such a beautiful tribute.

Tracie Talany - May 17, 2020 at 01:22 AM

VH

Just beautiful those are such precious memories you have to hold on to. Love to all

Vicki Hankinson - May 21, 2020 at 04:52 PM

KW

Love the pictures. They show off Diane's love of family and life. She was so beautiful!

Kathy Weichert - May 21, 2020 at 07:46 PM

CW

This is a very nice tribute.

Carroll Weichert - May 30, 2020 at 03:55 PM

SP

“ Nana was a truly special lady. Always so kind to my family during our years at First Academy at school events and such, and always so much fun. I had no idea at the time my son David would become a part of the Glenn Family and that Nana would take David in and treat him like another of her grandchildren. I am so thankful for the love and acceptance Nana gave David. She was a big part of the Glenn's Family and will be dearly missed.

I wish all Nana's family comfort and peace during this sad time. She will be dearly missed.

Suzanne and Kevin Przystawski

Suzanne I Przystawski - May 15, 2020 at 01:27 PM

JO

“ I met Diane through her sister, Darla. Darla, (the quiet one) worked with Joyce, Sasha and I. We added Diane and formed a dominoes group. Darla, being the quiet one, gave no hint of what we could expect from this crazy sister, Diane. Oh my. She was always full of “it”. We had some good times. Laughing and teasing each other; field trips and lunches out. One day, we went for burgers at Red Robin. Right in the middle of things, Diane and Sasha broke into their version of “When the Red, Red, Robin comes Bob, Bob, Bobbing Along”. OMG. No embarrassment on their part. Always a smile, kind word and a hug. Diane made people feel good and brightened everyone’s day.

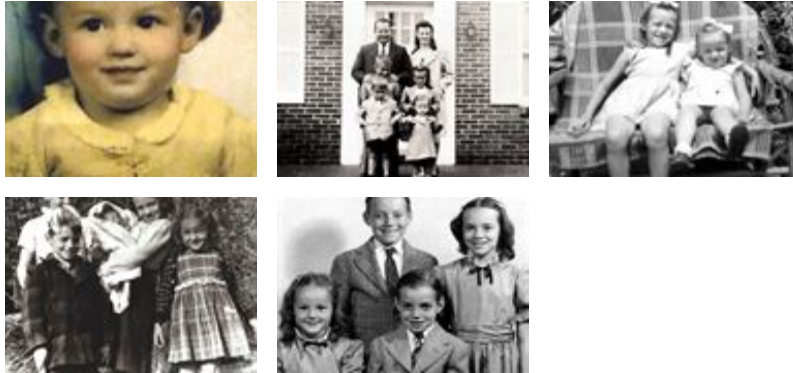
I met her daughters, Londa and Tammy, through my visits to the rehab center. Diane and Ken raised 2 wonderful daughters. They have Diane’s laughter and caring heart. She was proud of the girls and their families. We will all miss her in so many ways. I have been blessed to have known her.

Joanne Olvey

joanne olvey - May 14, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 13, 2020 at 09:16 PM

SM

“ *Nana has touched the hearts of all she came across with understanding, faith, and hope. The family she leaves behind is strong and prepared to take on anything! & I know that made her so proud! Mission accomplished! May our memories of you live on in the minds of those you so graciously invested your time with. Family, Friends, Kids @ School, and evening those you didn't know..Every time we hear Elvis, We will think of you and your smile. And till this day, I ain't seen a better Christmas set up. Thanks for always sharing with me. Forever in my heart.*

-Sean Moilanen

Sean Moilanen - May 09, 2020 at 04:47 PM

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Sean Moilanen - May 09, 2020 at 04:48 PM

RR

“ *Condolences to the Family, Richard and Gwen Rossell*

Richard Rossell - May 08, 2020 at 07:24 AM

NW

“ *Diane will be forever missed-I loved her and all the times she shared her home and laughter with me. Nancy Wright*

nancy wright - May 07, 2020 at 10:26 PM

SM

“ I have known Diane my entire life, well over 50 years. If anyone would ask me, who is the person that first comes to mind when I think of someone who is always smiling, laughing and joyful, I would say Diane Collier. Her laugh was infectious She was truly a wonderful lady and we are all blessed to be able to call her a family friend, Most definitely a friend like family! She was always there when my parents needed her and willing to help in any way. My mom loved her much like a sister. They cried on each others shoulders when they both lost their spouses, they chatted daily and often took Thelma and Louise style trips to the movie theater, Walmart and even doctors appointments, stopping to get their burgers and then heading home to watch the golden girls reruns together. We have many childhood memories with the Colliers, in the neighborhood. The parents all sat out in their lawn chairs together watching the kids play outdoors. Backyard bar b ques and swimming pools, Memories to cherish and many of those with Diane and Kenny laughing and telling funny stories. I know they will be doing the same now in Heaven! We will miss you always Diane! Loving Thoughts and Memories from the Jones Family.

Shari Moore - May 07, 2020 at 05:56 PM

JS

“ Diane my best friend loved her and will miss her so much I called her my sister . I know she went to be with Kenny. ❤️

Jeannie Shields - May 07, 2020 at 02:14 PM

ML

“ I always loved your family and both of your parents. Your mother was like a second mom to me. What a lovely person, so happy and full of life all of the time. She will be missed by all. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your family's lives. God bless you all!

Marianne Lovelace - May 07, 2020 at 02:09 PM

TM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. I can't help but smile though and think "more cowbell" when I look at that sweet face. We always had such a great time at the FA football games!

Teresa Masters - May 07, 2020 at 12:30 PM

DJ

“ So sad...Diane was always happy and funny. Thank you sweet lady for always being there for my mom Hilda

Duane Jones - May 07, 2020 at 11:56 AM

IR

“ My deepest sympathies on the loss of your mother. She was a sweet lady who raised an amazing family. Sending prayers for comfort and peace.

Inca Ramirez - May 07, 2020 at 01:15 AM

SG

“ You were my second momma as my sister and I called you. There are so many memories of Diane and Ken, growing up with Tammy and Londa. Seeing your smile gave such joy and comfort to me, your bubbly personality and laughter brightened up even the cloudiest days. I'm going to miss your smiles, your comforting hugs, and your calming voice. I love you more than words can say. You will be truly missed but we will reunite again one day as you have reunited with Mr. Collier and I'm sure your both laughing and praising Jesus all the day long. RIP.

Stacey Nanz Griffin - May 06, 2020 at 11:14 PM

DS

“ *What a great lady. So glad I had the chance to meet her. My condolences to all who are grieving her passing.*

Dave Sterner - May 06, 2020 at 10:34 PM

CL

“ *Aunt Diane you were a treasure. You brought sunshine and light to us all.*

Carol Lewis - May 06, 2020 at 09:48 PM

MK

“ *Some of the best childhood memories I have are the family trips to Florida. We'd pack up the van and take a road trip and visit aunt Diane and uncle Kenny and the rest of the family in Florida. Aunt Diane was always happy, always a ray of sunshine. While she will be dearly missed here, I know she is happily reunited with her Kenny and probably raising all kinds of cane with him and my pap.*

Melony Kearns - May 06, 2020 at 08:22 PM

KW

Diane was a wonderful woman. She made me laugh. I loved her like a sister. She and I shared a love for decorating for Christmas. But she won. I truly miss my sweet and beautiful sister-in-law

Kathy Weichert - May 10, 2020 at 12:04 PM

GM

“ *Diane was a special lady. Always smiling, she loved her family and loved talking about her grandchildren she was very proud of each one of them. Diane always had a smile on her face and she was a great dancer. I worked with her Robinson for many years. We had great times together. Diane had a big heart and loads of compassion and patience with her students. I know her family is going to miss her deeply. May god bless each of you but hold those memories deep in your heart. Love and prayers. Gail Mosley*

Gail Mosley - May 06, 2020 at 08:11 PM

DM

“ *My deepest condolences to Gail, Wayne, Tracie, Wendy and the rest of the family.*

Denise Mauzy

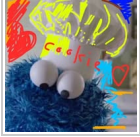
Denise Mauzy - May 06, 2020 at 07:50 PM

HH

“ *We are thankful and have been blessed, to have had Diane and Ken as friends for over 50 years. They were both fun and a joy to be with. Good people that loved our Lord and their family. Both are missed here, but both are together never to be separated again.*
Love:

Harold and Ellen Hickman

Harold Hickman - May 06, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ Dear Aunt Diane. Never imagined our world with you gone. I am sure my dad and Uncle Kenny came to you and said, “Come on crazy! What are you waiting for? Let’s go!” And off you went, laughing and having fun.

You always had fun even at the worst moments you always found a way to see the bright side. I loved going to The Rebels in Florida when we were growing up. You and Uncle Ken (Cod) were so funny. We had our “Hog Sessions” at the table- something we wouldn’t have gotten away with at home. We blew up your potatoes with Uncle Kenny bit you just laughed. Even when you yelled at him, it was never mean.

I will never forget how you and Mom would put on the show. Like the time you two came in to wake us for the Wayne’s Sheriff Graduation. We were sleeping when suddenly the parade started loudly with organ blaring and the troops marching by the bed. You and Mom became the troops. OMGosh !! TOO FUNNY!! The faces, the imitations so real as you and Mom marched around the room. We laughed so hard. But it was just that- your jokes, your imitations, your comedy and humor always spot on.

Being funny was only a part of what makes you so special. Your faith and love for God was deep. As “young-ins” when we went to East Chelsea Baptist with you, I actually enjoyed the service as your joy radiated throughout the sanctuary. In times of sadness you kept your faith. God was a vibrant light in your life and it has lived on in your children Londa and Tammy, and their families.

There are no words to express our loss. There are no words to express our joy that you suffer no longer. My life has been blessed to have you as my aunt and you will always live in my heart. Love you so much. See you again.

Love,
Tracie

Tracie Talany - May 06, 2020 at 05:31 PM

VH

“ *Momma 2 as my sister and I called her she will be greatly missed. She is in Heaven with Mr Collier looking down on all of us with her infectious smile and waiting for us all to come home. Much love and prayers to Tammy and Londa and to their families during this time.*

Vicki Hankinson - May 06, 2020 at 05:05 PM

KH

“ *Diane was always the life of the party and her laughter and smile could light up any room. She was a kind hearted soul and leaves many sweet memories In the hearts of those who knew her. She will be missed! Our prayers and condolences to the family.*
Shawn and Kim Howell

kimberly howell - May 06, 2020 at 04:11 PM

WT

“ *Every time I hear the song “Funky Town “, I always think of Aunt Diane. She was the life of the party! I will miss her very much!*

Wendy Tracey - May 06, 2020 at 01:32 PM

GR

“ *Diane, my sister and one of my best friends. We shared a lot of history, good and bad times, You were always the life of the party, made everyone laugh and feel good about themselves. Your family was your whole world, you loved and were very proud of each and everyone of them. You never met a stranger, no matter the age, race, religion, or nationality. You will be missed everyday of my remaining days here on earth. You have gone on be with your soul mate Ken and to claim your reward for being a good servant of God. Job well done! God bless you Diane.*

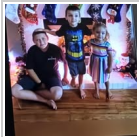
With love, your Yankee Sister, Gail

Gail Ruppert - May 06, 2020 at 10:26 AM

JM

“ *Diane was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. She always had a smile on and would make me smile too. She was funny and full of energy! She was an excellent aide and the children loved her. She will be greatly missed!*

Jane Morgan - May 05, 2020 at 06:48 PM



“ *I worked with Diane for a few years. She was a wonderful & caring person . Also a fun & crazy lady. We sure had alot of fun times. The times I worked with her were some of the best years I had. I will always remember her.*

Nancy Elliott - May 05, 2020 at 01:11 PM

LN

Diane and me go back to six mile creek church where we met...She was in my life since then. Ken and Diane, Duane and I had many good times. Her and I worked at different schools together, went to church together..she was and is my best friend...when her and Duane got together and started started cutting up there was never a dry eye around everyone laughed so hard they almost cried. We always went to Kens birthday party on January 1st....Duane would play music with Robbie sometimes or bring his band with him..they loved the oldies, and so dis we...She is with Ken in heaven where their service to our Lord was abundantly noticed..they are singing Red Sails in the Sunset with their heavenly choir.

Linda and Duane Nanz

Linda Nanz - May 06, 2020 at 06:14 PM