



Roger & Betty Colee

December 23, 2020

Roger P. Colee, age 83, and Betty Owens Colee, age 83, of St. Augustine, passed away five days apart on Dec. 23, 2020 and December 28, 2020 at Flagler Hospital. Roger & Betty met while in high school, he attended St. Joseph Academy and she attended Ketterlinus High, became sweethearts, and spent the rest of their lives together. They were lifelong residents of St. Augustine.

Roger was born to Robert and Madeline (Pacetti) Colee in Bakersville, Florida. After graduating from St. Joseph Academy, he started his career with the State of Florida in the Division of Forestry, and transitioned to the Florida Highway Patrol, Division of Drivers License, and finally to the Division of Motor Vehicles Inspections during a career that spanned 42 years. After retiring, he took a part time position with Centaur Courier Services contracted by Prosperity Bank. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and a member of Turning Point at Calvary. Roger enjoyed making and sharing his homemade recipe of Colee's hot sauce, traveling on his Honda Goldwing, camping with his family and working with his hands. He will be greatly missed as he loved people and never met a stranger.

Betty was born to William and Ruby (Terry) Owens in Sanford, Florida. She moved to St. Augustine with her family at the age of 3. She graduated from Ketterlinus High School and shortly after went to work for the Dept of Military Affairs working for the Florida National Guard. Betty accomplished much during her time with the guard, and wore many hats, working in payroll,

serving as secretary for the top brass, and working in human resources. She retired in 2014 after 55 years of service.

Together, Roger and Betty established a home where they raised a family of three children, enjoyed traveling to the mountains, camping at Disney, and enjoyed holidays and family gatherings. They were members of Turning Point at Calvary. Roger & Betty were well known and loved by their community and they will be deeply missed.

They leave behind to cherish their memories children, Cheryl Reese (David) and their 3 children, Austin Reese, Brittney Reese and Jessica Brumleve; Wayne Colee (Kim) and their 4 children, Anthony Quintieri, Nicole Quintieri, Dominic Quintieri, and Zach Quintieri; Shauna Griffith (Cameron); Roger's sister, LaVerne Edenfield, 3 great grandchildren, and many extended family, friends and co-workers in the community.

A combined funeral service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Turning Point at Calvary. Interment will follow at Craig Memorial Park. A visitation, beginning at 10 am will precede the service. In keeping with the COVID -19 guidelines we ask that all attendees wear mask and practice social distancing. We also ask that if you are at high risk, feeling ill, or traveling from an area with a high level of infection, please do not attend the visitation or service. Those unable to attend can view the service which will be live streamed. The link to view the live stream is: <https://iframe.dacast.com/b/156599/c/iframe.dacast.com/b/156599/c/549019>. In lieu of flowers, donations in the Roger and Betty's memory can be made to: Turning Point at Calvary Building Fund, 3500 State Road 16, St. Augustine, Florida 32092.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Craig Memorial Park

2600 Old Moultrie Rd
St Augustine, FL 32086

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Turning Point at Calvary
3500 SR 16
St. Augustine, FL

Funeral Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Turning Point at Calvary
3500 SR 16
St. Augustine, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Roger & Betty Colee* ”


 Tribute Video

St. Johns Family Funeral Home - January 06, 2021 at 06:35 PM

FE

Thank you for sharing. Such great memories of them. Fredda

Fredda Edwards - January 13, 2021 at 08:27 PM

 Kathy
Brown

“ *Photos from Division of Forestry in Bakersville. Roger and Co workers.*

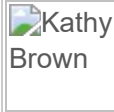


Kathy Brown - January 09, 2021 at 02:03 PM

GK

“ *What a couple, Roger and Betty were two loving people. My wife and I always honked our horn when we drove by their house as they were usually sitting outside watching the world go by. Two years ago I broke down over in Palatka with my camper and truck and I called Roger to see if he could come over and tow my camper back. With no hesitation Roger and Betty were there no questions asked. That is the kind of people they were. We will miss them in the neighborhood. They lived at 404 and us at 704. I used to stop once in a while to shoot the breeze with Roger. Will miss that. God Bless both of them and may they Rest in Peace and Prayers for the family. George and JoDell Kotrady*

George Kotrady - January 09, 2021 at 10:09 AM



Kathy Brown

*I have known Roger, Betty and the Cooler family my whole life. Roger and his Dad worked at the Division of Forestry with my Dad his Mom was my bus driver to and from school. His brother Carl, worked with my Mom and his sister Laverne ,has always been a wonderful friend and neighbor. I remember Roger teaching me to ride my first big bicycle. He would sit on the handle bars and ride it backwards and say, " if I can ride it backwards, certainly you can ride it forward.". I used to just stare at Betty. I thought she was the most beautiful woman I had ever seen. I loved Jackie Kennedy and thought she and Jackie were stunning beautiful. I moved away in 1972 and returned home in 2005 to take care of my mom and Dad. I would occasionally run into Roger and Betty in Krystal eating breakfast. It was as if nothing had changed. They were still the loving beautiful people I had admired as a child. I am so sorry to hear of their passing and would have loved to have gone to their funerals today, but choose to watch instead due to Covid. The tribute was just awesome! It brought back lots of memories. Their memory will always be a part of my life. God bless them and the family and may they Rest in Peace. My thoughts and prayers ,
Kathy John's Brown*

Kathy Brown - January 09, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ THE HAVLICEK FAMILY purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roger & Betty Colee.



THE HAVLICEK FAMILY - January 08, 2021 at 02:19 PM



*“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers for all the Colee family. We loved your sweet dad & mom. We know there were many times your sweet mom prayed over our family in times of need. We will never forget . We love you all and will continue to remember your family in our prayers.
With deepest sympathy,
Dean & Susan Petty*

susan petty - January 08, 2021 at 10:17 AM

MP

“ I met Betty in 1959 when I started working for the Florida National Guard. We were Den Mothers together when my son ,John and Wayne were in Cub Scouts. Our paths crossed again after retirement when Betty joined Chapter 33 of National Active and Retired Federal Employees where she served as our treasurer. I also enjoyed seeing her at the Friendship Club meetings. Betty and Roger will surely be missed. Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Perry

mary perry - January 08, 2021 at 06:00 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger & Betty Colee.



January 07, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger & Betty Colee.



January 06, 2021 at 09:45 AM

TF

“ *The A-Ford-Able Automotive Family purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Roger & Betty Colee.*



The A-Ford-Able Automotive Family - January 05, 2021 at 08:43 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger & Betty Colee.*



January 04, 2021 at 10:59 AM

GS

“ *Gail S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Roger & Betty Colee.*



Gail S. - January 04, 2021 at 08:33 AM

JB

“ We were so sad to hear of the deaths of both Roger and Betty Colee over the last couple of weeks. Their daughter Shauna, was my daughter-in-law for a number of years and we love her like she was our own. After the divorce between our son and Shauna we did not get to see her anywhere near as much as we would have like to but she has always been in our hearts and we would like to send her out condolences. Prays for Shawna as well as Sheril, and Wayne.\

Jim & Sylvia Bragg

Jim Bragg - January 03, 2021 at 06:44 PM

CR

Thank you for those kind words Jim and Sylvia. We appreciate your prayers and support during this difficult time.

Cheryl Reese - January 07, 2021 at 07:33 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Roger & Betty Colee.*



January 03, 2021 at 03:24 PM

JS

“ I remember going to the beach one summer with Uncle Roger, Cheryle, and I. First time I'd ever seen Turtles lay eggs. Then my most funny memory is went Cheryle and I gave Wayne dirt and rocks to eat and Aunt Betty Joan washed his mouth out with soap. Sorry Wayne hope you forgive me. 😊 I have fond memories during the summer and Family Reunions. I will miss them both and thankful they are having a Family Reunion in heaven with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Janice

Janice Stricklin - January 03, 2021 at 02:41 PM

CR

Thank you Janice for those sweet memories. We had some fun times and are going to miss them tremendously. I agree they are haven't family reunion last in heaven with Jesus! 😊

Cheryl Reese - January 07, 2021 at 07:35 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roger & Betty Colee.



January 03, 2021 at 01:19 PM

JB

“ Cheryl & Kevin... I'm so sorry for the loss of your parents and the pain that brings. I'm praying for you and your family's.

Jerry Blalock - January 03, 2021 at 07:44 AM

CR

Thank you.

Cheryl Reese - January 03, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roger & Betty Colee.*



January 03, 2021 at 06:53 AM



“ *So sad! Two wonderful people . RIP SENDING LOVE AND PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY. They will be missed by many. Beautiful family . I did moms hair for awhile and we talk and laughed together beautiful memories. Beautiful picture of them . My God be with them . ElaineLunestad*

Elaine Lunestad - December 31, 2020 at 05:52 AM



Thank you for sharing those memories and the kind words.

Cheryl Reese - January 03, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ *So sad to lose two lifelong friends. I grew up with Roger near Bakersville.. We teens gathered around my Grandfather Mullis store Sunday afternoons.. Rogers pride and joy was a beautiful Ford Crown Victoria. He was always so polite and courteous, a credit to his wonderful Mother, Miss Madeline, our beloved bus driver and Mill Creek lunchroom Mother. Met Betty in High school and later worked with her at the Military Department for years. I grieve with all of you and cannot begin to imagine what these last long,long weeks of suffering have been for each of you. Peace and rest at last. Molly Anne and Aubrey May*

Molly Anne May - December 30, 2020 at 03:22 PM

CR

Thank you for those special memories. I love to hear about my dad in his younger years, and he still has a picture of that car on his fireplace. He was such a social butterfly. My grandmother was special lady, and I have heard so many nice things about her from friends I went to high school with that rode her bus. I do remember you working with mom at the National Guard many years ago. Special times, and memories and we thank you for sharing with us.

Cheryl Reese - December 30, 2020 at 08:35 PM

LB

“ Lynn Black purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Roger & Betty Colee.



Lynn Black - December 30, 2020 at 02:11 PM

TM

“ I worked With Roger years ago when he was security on the St. Augustine beach he was always a nice man to talk with, we had some great conversations that I'll always remember, may him and his wife Betty Rest In Peace with our Lord and Savior. Tim Morris

Timothy Morris - December 30, 2020 at 12:03 PM

CR

Thank you Tim. Dad always thought a lot of you and enjoyed working with you as well. He always said “that is a good boy”. So glad you had the opportunity to get to know him.

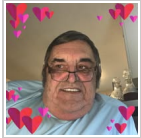
Cheryl Reese - December 30, 2020 at 08:38 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger & Betty Colee.*



December 30, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ *I am so saddened to hear of Mr. Rodger and Ms. Betty's passing. I remember him from his DI days and they lived on Palmer Street, You could always see him out in front of the house and he always had a friendly wave for everyone. Later when they moved to St. Augustine South it was the same way, It seemed he was always tinkering in the garage when at home and if he saw you there was that friendly hello and quick wave! I saw the rescue unit at the house and was worried about them and am saddened by this turn of events. For the family, I also grieve your loss yet rejoice knowing they are still together and in the loving arms of our Lord forever and forever! Just imagine how many old friends they are with today that they had not seen in years...Do not be sad, be joyful, and know this is but a blink of an eye in the grand scheme f things as we believers will always be together for eternity!*

Jim Neuenfeldt - December 30, 2020 at 05:45 AM

CR

Beautifully said. Thank you for sharing those memories. Dad loved people and never met a stranger. We do find comfort knowing they are together in heaven and we will see them again for eternity.

Cheryl Reese - December 30, 2020 at 08:41 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Roger & Betty Colee.*



December 29, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Colee Pictures*



Randy Hudgins - December 29, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ *My heart is broken to hear of Rogers passing. We've lived next to the Colees for 5 years. He welcomed us to the neighborhood with open arms and has been a friend since. I already miss seeing him. Blessings to Betty and the family.*

Rose - December 28, 2020 at 07:54 AM



Thank you Miss Rose. I remember you being their neighbor. He was always looking out for you. They will be greatly missed.

Cheryl Reese - December 30, 2020 at 08:52 PM



Devastated to hear of Bettys passing too. They usually let us know when they were going out of town, so I knew something was wrong. They both are already missed so much. Blessing to you and your family.

Rose - January 01, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ *Roger "Mr. Colee" was always so fun to talk too. I loved running into him around town and catching up. He was always interested in what was going on your life, and happy to talk. I will miss him, and will be praying for your family.*

God bless,

Jayce

Jayce Ginn - December 27, 2020 at 06:24 PM

CR

Thank you Jayce for your prayers, and support. For sure this town will not be the same without them. They were everywhere. You have been a wonderful friend to our family and we appreciate you very much.

Cheryl Reese - December 30, 2020 at 08:50 PM

JS

“ *Roger was a treat to be around. Always upbeat. You could laugh and remember old times with him. He and Betty . What a couple. He shall be sorely missed.*

judy swindull - December 27, 2020 at 08:30 AM

CR

Thank you Ms. Swindull.

Cheryl Reese - December 30, 2020 at 08:55 PM

LH

“ Such a very sweet and loving man. We use to have breakfast with him every Sunday morning at the Krystal on US-1 South with a group, until the restaurant went Downhill. We loved sharing stories and talking about the lastest events. We saw him and his beautiful wife about a month ago while eating in Bono’s and were able to laugh and catch up, letting us know he keeps up with us on Facebook, we had a good chuckle, I even got me a big hug. Sending lots of love and prayers to the family, may he continue to live on in wonderful memories and in your hearts. Rest In Peace sir, until we see you again.

Lynn & Jody Hull - December 26, 2020 at 07:37 PM

ML

RIP Dear Roger ❤️ Remembering our family reunions at Tommy Allen’s and the good memories talking and laughing with Roger! You will be missed dear cousin! Sending Love and prayers to all of our family ❤️

Mamie Jo Priester Lands - December 27, 2020 at 09:55 AM

CR

Thank you, so many good memories! 🥹

Cheryl Reese - December 30, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Roger & Betty Colee.



December 26, 2020 at 07:32 PM

PS

“ Although I have known Mr Colee for most of my life I didn't really get to interact with him until I started working at Osteens. He and his wife Betty came in Regularly for along time and they were both always so sweet. My heart is sad for this loss and pray for peace from Jesus in the hearts of his family and friends!💔

Patrice Shumaker - December 26, 2020 at 07:16 PM

CR

Thank you.🙏❤️

Cheryl Reese - December 30, 2020 at 08:58 PM

VM

I don't know how I missed this earlier but I am saddened by Betty and Roger's passing. Betty and I were in the same class of 55 and I can picture where she sat in Miss Alden's English class. Bud and I used to see them at Cracker Barrel frequently before his passing. Betty and Roger were good people, always looked happy. My deepest sympathy to you, Cheryl and family.

Vee Markel

Vee Markel - December 31, 2020 at 04:48 PM