



Karen Louise Coll

July 19, 1947 - September 8, 2023

Karen Louise Coll of The Villages, FL, died Friday, 8 September 2023, after a short illness.

Born in Lawton, OK, she retired from over 30 years of government service with the Army Research Institute at Fort Monroe, VA, and Orlando, FL. But it isn't Karen's government service that defined her. Her positive and sometimes stubborn outlook, her contributions to her country (she was an Army veteran) and her community (particularly in The Villages) meant the most to her. This was evidenced when Karen was in hospice. A nurse there said she'd never seen so many visitors come and go for one person. Even when her pain was being managed, she had a smile and an "I love you" for each of them. She was wrapped in love by her tennis friends, her softball ladies, and other close friends too numerous to list. And no one could entertain with food and fellowship better than Karen. That and her friendship will always be cherished.

Yes, she left behind a grieving family who must learn to survive without her; her daughter Jessica F. Coll of Leesburg, FL, who must adjust to a new normal; then her siblings, Robert M. Hamilton Jr. of Bribie Island, Australia, Candace A. Hamilton of Aiken, SC, Roger M. Hamilton of Mount Dora FL and Jeffrey S. Hamilton of Duluth GA. Her parents, Joan and Bob Hamilton, and her brother, Teddy Hamilton, preceded her in death. All of Karen's direct family (except her naturalized mother) served in the United States Army.

Karen and her daughter Jessica have specific plans for helping us all through the grieving process. We will honor their wishes in the near future. Don't forget to share funny stories and impressions of Karen for everyone to reflect on.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Taken from us too soon. Will miss you on the field and off. Will especially miss your leadership and coaching our lady veterans softball team. RIP Karen. Donna W

Donna Wright - September 21, 2023 at 02:05 PM

SE

“ I met Karen playing tennis. Enjoyed Karen is so many ways: her competitive spirit, tell you like it is with a smile on her face, great chef, giving nature. Thanks for sharing these photos, that is our smile on her face Karen.

Selena - September 19, 2023 at 04:04 PM

WS

“ God must have desperately needed a starting pitcher. We will all miss an amazing, spunky, feisty, loving, competitive, generous lady ! Bless you Karen - I was proud to be your friend ! Love, Wally

Wally Skomra - September 18, 2023 at 03:13 PM

BE

“ Karen and I were best friends and like sisters for 60 years in Virginia, she was happy and giving to all and an outstanding mother to her daughter, Jessica, we both have the same middle name and always kept up with each other, she was like part of our family, love you girl and keep smiling



BettyBerge - September 14, 2023 at 05:29 PM

WB

“ Our Karen Coll,
God's Team needed a feisty pitcher and drafted you...way too soon for those of us who have to play on without you You will be forever missed but the COACH of all coaches only takes the very BEST!
R.I.P. our friend.
Always,
Donna and Wendy

WB - September 14, 2023 at 01:07 PM

MK

We all will feel the void in your passing. But none of us can forget your competitive spirit that you always brought to the field. And, I will never forget your sense of humor at the moments when it was needed most. RIP my friend and strike them out in Heaven.

Mary Kopp - September 14, 2023 at 03:57 PM

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