



Pete S. Collette

May 29, 1924 - July 26, 2009

Funeral services for Pete S. Collette, 85, of Rosenberg, will be held at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, July 30, 2009 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 1416 George Street in Rosenberg with Fr. William D. Bartniski officiating. A graveside service will be held at 3:00 P.M., Thursday, July 30, 2009 at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Bryan.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 29, 2009 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Pete was born May 29, 1924 in Bryan to Vincenzo "Charlie" Collette and Benedetta Scardino Collette. He proudly served our country in the United States Air Force. Pete was employed with Southwestern Bell for 35 years, retiring in 1981. He then began his homebuilding career with Kickerillo Homebuilders. He was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church where he was on the church council, a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus as well as a "Grandpal" at Holy Rosary Catholic School. He was past president of Unico and of the church council at St. John Vianney. Lovingly called PawPaw by his grandchildren and great grandchildren, Pete loved being with his family, was an avid gardener, and enjoyed traveling. He passed away July 26, 2009 in Katy.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents, Vincenzo "Charlie" and Benedetta Collette; siblings, Lucy Collette Croce, Joe Collette, Mary Collette Neale, Charles Collette and John Collette.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Gay Gustafson Collette; daughter, Veda Haase and husband, Richard; son, Charles Collette; step children, Cary Ostera and wife, Wendy, Guilia Vanderlaan and husband, Ron, Vincent Ostera and wife, Vangie; grandchildren, Kent Schrock and wife, Kim, Rachel Rankin and husband, Todd, Jonathan Schrock, Ami Bradley and husband, Ford, Clay Vanderlaan, Meaghan, Maddison, Matthew, Will, Vance and Chance Ostera; great grandchildren, Brylin, Audrianna, Nash, London, Beau and Elle; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other family and a multitude of friends.

Pallbearers will include Kent Schrock, Jonathan Schrock, Clay Vanderlaan, Jeremy Collette, Todd Rankin and Ford Bradley.

Honorary pallbearers will include Vincent Collette, Cary Ostera and Vincent Ostera.

For those wishing, memorial contributions may be made to Keep the Vision Alive, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 1416 George Street, Rosenberg, Texas, 77471.

Words of condolence may be left for the Collette family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Tribute Wall

LE

“ Dear Collette Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Thru my study of the Bible, I have found comfort and I wanted to share an encouraging thought with you. Some say that people will always die. That certainly is what has happened to humans right down to our day, isn't it? But notice this wonderful promise made by God at Isaiah chapter 25 verse 8, " He will actually swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces. And the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for Jehovah himself has spoken it." As one of Jehovah's Witness, I offer free home Bible studies. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in learning more about the Bible. The address to the Kingdom Hall is 700 W. Fairgrounds Road, Rosenberg, TX 77471. Sincerely, Leah

Leah - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Those of us at Dundee Manufacturing would like to send our condolences to the Collette family. We know this is a great loss to all of you. Cary, we are thinking of you during this difficult time.

Peter Davis - July 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Dear Gay,

I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I hope that you can find comfort in family, friends and memories.

Sincerely,

*Marilyn Knight
Houston Museum of Natural Science*

Marilyn Knight - July 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ We were very saddened to hear about the passing of "Mr. Pete". Pete was the first "Grandpa" waiting to greet our son Kyle in the morning car line at Holy Rosary School and always with a big smile and friendly greeting. Kyle would often jump into his arms from our van and "Mr. Pete" would carry him to the walkway and he never complained. He will be missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him! Our sincerest condolences to his lovely wife Gay and their entire family.

Scott, Michelle, Kyle & Cameron Cavnar - July 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dear Gay, I was deeply saddened by the news about the death of Pete. I am so very sorry. This must be a difficult time for you and your family.

Please remember you are in my thoughts and prayers. I know how much you will miss Pete but you can take strength from the wonderful family that you had together. I know their love will get you through this difficult time. I would like to offer my help too. If there is anything you need please let me know.

May God bless you and your family during this time and always.

Joe

Joseph M DeTally - July 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ Momma,

We are sorry to see you suffering from Pete's passing. We just want you to know that we all love you, and will be here for you now and always. You mean so much to us!!!

Giulia Vanderlaan - July 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ Gay, We are sorry for you and your families loss of your beloved husband & father. Holy Rosary Church & School have lost a loving & participating gentleman. May God be with all of you and comfort you. Love & Prayers, Violet & Fred

Violet & Fred Poncik - July 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ I am sorry for the loss of your dear loved one. We look forward to the day when this prophecy at Revelation chapter 21 verses 4 will be fulfilled. It reads, "And heGodwill wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." Also at John chapter 5, verses 28 and 29, Jesus said, "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which ALL those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out....."

Rena - July 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ dear uncle pete
i will always remember calling you and ask are you alive and kicking , you would say the same to me and we would have good laugh then get into conservation about grandma your garden , kids then you ask if i remember grandma talking italian to me then we would say good bye until the next time this is final good bye you are with your family now and talking italian , laughing and having good time i will miss you but now you are in loving hands of our god my prayers are with you and the family that remains because i cant be there your niece frances matrie

frances marie neale mullis - July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ On my first day at SWBT in 1970 Mr. Collette handed me health insurance papers to sign for my family & me. At the time the cost was \$25 a month for the first 6 months and after that, it was free... I told him I couldn't afford it. He "politely" said, "Sign the d... paper". I did and thanked my lucky stars ever since that day...for his sage advice.

I never forgot him. I passed on that same advice in the same fashion throughout my career at SBC.

My prayers are with him and the family.

Craig Bosse - July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We were so sad to see where Uncle Pete had departed in the newspaper. We would like to send our deepest condolences to Charles and the rest of his family.

Love

Jason and Melinda

Jason Collette and Melinda - July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

T1

“ To express our deep sympathy to you on your loss. We thank Mr. Pete for serving our country during WW II in the U.S. Air Force Army Air Corps. You were a member of "the greatest generation". May God's Speed Be With You Airman. It our privilege to present the Flag under which you served our country so proudly as your Final Military Honors.

cjo

The American Legion, Earl Graham Post 159 - July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Dear Gay,

Albert and I share your sorrow in the passing of Pete. He is such a nice guy, very friendly, and very honest. We'll surely miss the hugs and handshakes that he so often shared with us. We shall keep you and your family in our prayers.

Norma & Albert Locker - July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Dear Gay-

Tom and I are so sorry to hear that Pete has passed away. We know that the world will be poorer without his sunshine and love. He made so many people happy at the beginning of the day at Holy Rosary School- what a blessing to pass on joy to the children. He shared his love of his family and his heritage and his garden. His special trademark was that he was a true gentleman who spread joy to all those he met and no one was a stranger. We will miss him dearly and wish that we could be there with you but know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.
Sue and Tom Phalen

Tom and Sue Phalen - July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Dearest Gay,

When Joseph came home this evening from the KC meeting and told me of Pete's passing, it caught me offguard. To have known this lovely, hard-working and charming gentleman was a true blessing. Although the man I met nearly 10 years ago was fading away, I will never forget his twinkling eyes, fatherly advice, genuine warmth and open friendship to one and all. My heart breaks for you, Gay, but he is now with his Lord and surely John, his mother and all who had gone before were waiting for him with open arms. I can still see him by your side at Mass holding your hand. All our love and prayers to you and the family.

Anita, Joseph, David, Adam and Stephen Minda

Anita Minda - July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM