



## Mrs. Colleen Laughlin Patricia Andrews Pelchat

June 18, 1951 - April 10, 2020

Conway

Mrs. Colleen Pelchat, aged 68 years passed away April 10, 2020 peacefully at her home in Conway, SC with her loving family by her side. Mrs. Pelchat is survived by her husband Michael J.M., and 2 sons Christopher M. and Timothy M. Pelchat. Colleen is also survived by her brother Robert Andrews of Trumbul and sister in law Julie Andrews of Darien, Connecticut. Colleen is also survived by 3 grandchildren, Matthew, Kaitlyn and Aidan, her niece Deborah (DL) and nephews Gered and Joshua.

Arrangements are being made for a memorial service that will be announced at a later date and time. In lieu of flowers or donations to the family, please consider donating to the (Disabled American Veterans) DAV Chapter 57, 3457 Kates Bay Highway, Conway, South Carolina 29527.

Michael and Colleen shared a home on Kates Bay Highway for 15 years having relocated from Stamford, Connecticut in 2005.

Mrs. Colleen in her early years attended Saint Mary's School until such a time as she transitioned over to Stamford High School. Colleen was a feisty tom boy always running around with the others in her group that were considered at the time to be 1960s Hippy types. Colleen wore her leather vests with bangles and beads and extremely long straight blond hair. By 1969 Colleen found herself with several thousands of other teens and young people out on Yasgur's Dairy Farm at the Woodstock Music and Art Fair.

Shortly afterwards, Colleen began her working career at Southern New Telephone Company with her mother on a switchboard. Later she took on a position with Courland Gardens as an Aide working with convalescents. By 1973 she met Michael and they were married at Saint Mary Chapel with many friends and family in attendance. Colleen insisted on a home wedding reception.

Christopher was born in 1974. By 1978 Colleen delivered her second son, Timothy. Shortly thereafter, Colleen started working at the Saint Joseph Medical Center as a switchboard operator. Over the years Colleen advanced to becoming the Communications Supervisor for the hospital. In time Saint Joseph Hospital was sold to the Stamford Hospital System and Colleen transitioned to the communications department at the Stamford Medical Center and worked there for several years as an operator. In time, she assumed the role of Communication Supervisor for Stamford Hospital and retired in December of 2004.

Both Michael and Colleen retired in 2005 and spent nearly a year travelling in their motorhome all over the United States in support of the Workhorse Chassis Company as Ambassadors. Michael and Colleen later purchased their 1st home in Conway, SC and by October of that year took up residency.

Both Michael and Colleen travelled in their motorhome for 5 more years in support of Workhorse until the company shuttered in 2010. Michael and Colleen continued to travel and support multiple RV groups such as FMCA, Good Sam Club, iRV2, Workhorse Club and several others. Over the years since, Michael and Colleen made many close friends in person and in social networking and enjoyed their retirement together.

Colleen very much enjoyed her Carolina Room and would go and sit, read her paper and books and enjoy other activities in the warm sunshine from the comfort of her rocking chair.

Colleen always had a zest for life and on the road adventures. She was a strong and loyal friend having made several lasting relationships with the persons whom she met or knew here in Conway.

Colleen was a beloved wife and mother who will be sorely missed by both her family and friends. Instead of grieving her loss we would ask that you celebrate her life and her love for everyone.

Colleen wants to share with you to always "Live, Love and Laugh".

Please sign the online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family.

# Comments

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“ Carol Gillis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Colleen Laughlin Patricia Andrews Pelchat



Carol gillis - July 03 at 10:19 AM

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“ We met Colleen at the Elkhart rally. She had a radiant smile And a hearty hello for two newbies. I'm so glad that I had time to get to know her better this past October. Mike, our deepest condolences to you and your family for the loss of Colleen. She will be missed by all that knew her, but most of all by her family. May the beautiful memories that you created together over the years help sustain you during these dark hours. Linda and Lynn Day



Linda Day - April 17 at 05:42 PM

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“ Mike wish to say how sorry I am for the of your wife. My condolences to you and your family. Wishing you all comfort and peace and know that you all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Michael Brown - April 16 at 11:48 AM

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“ Our sincerest condolences to you Mike, and your family. There are no words, but just know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Walt and Pam Brzoska

Walt Brzoska - April 15 at 11:18 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family.  
I met her when I worked at Foodlion

**Carol Gillis** - July 03 at 10:22 AM

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“ To the Pelchat and Andrews family - So sorry to hear of Colleen's passing. Colleen always reminded me of her/your mother -"Pat". I remember the fire department events we all attended together as kids. "Live, Love and Laugh" seems to be an Andrews Moto.

**Lorie Haviland Kelley** - April 15 at 11:32 AM

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“ It was wonderful growing up together. Colleen was always happy, funny, caring and loving. She will always be a bright star in heaven.

**Karen Burns** - April 15 at 10:16 AM

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“ Our continual love, prayers and thoughts go out to Mr. Michael and the entire Andrews-Pelchat Family in the transitioning of Mrs. Colleen. Mrs. Colleen was a sweet neighbor and upon moving into the Sandridge Community/Kates Bay Highway of Conway, SC, Michael and her became fast friends of the community. Mrs. Colleen became a dear friend of my Aunt Janie who had dementia and would get away from us but couldn't get by the Pelchat's watchful eyes. We going to miss Mrs. Colleen's warm waves, walking the dogs and the every now and then brief conversing by the highway. With Love and Deepest Sympathy, Cedric, the Blain-Spain Family and The Sandridge Community & Concerned Citizens



**Elder Cedric Blain-Spain & Family** - April 15 at 09:01 AM

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“ Tim, Lindsey an Aiden and family-so very sorry to hear such a beautiful soul has passed on-our condolences to a very lovely family-thinking of you and you are all in our prayers-XO Lee and Mike Kasseris



Lee Kasseris - April 14 at 12:16 PM

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“ I worked with Colleen at St. Joseph Medical Center for several years. She was always so kind and helpful to me and countless others. She had a great sense of humor and could lift your spirits with her smile and encouragement. Anyone who knew her loved her. May she rest in peace.  
Ann Callahan

Ann Callahan - April 13 at 07:52 PM

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“ Dear Michael & Family,  
Steve and I would like to I express our heartfelt condolences on the loss of our dear friend Colleen. She was a joy to be around, always willing to offer a helping hand. I will miss all our girl fun times together. Lunching and chatting up a storm. The world has lost a true Angel, but now heaven has given her her wings. I love you and will never forget all our great times together.



Sandra Musselman - April 13 at 07:18 PM

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“ You were my best friend and confidant..Strong and loving and devoted to your family...

Barbara Boudreau - April 13 at 10:26 AM

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“ Heartfelt condolences to Colleen's family and many friends. She was always friendly, honest and a joy to be around. She and Mike made the perfect team. Our world lost a treasure that will be missed.

David Laird - April 12 at 10:17 PM

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“ My condolences to you, Michael and your Family. Colleen was a Wonderful, Funny, Loving young Woman.... prayers for your Family... Sincerely, Jeannie Laughlin

Jeannie Laughlin - April 12 at 08:37 PM

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“ Grayson And Dee Mayfield lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Colleen Laughlin Patricia Andrews Pelchat



Grayson and Dee Mayfield - April 12 at 08:28 PM

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“ Your friendship meant the world to me, you were my partner in crime, one of the best people I've ever known. I will miss you and I love you.  
xoxoxoxo



Ellen Myers - April 12 at 08:00 PM

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“ Bill And Camilla Dawson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Colleen Laughlin Patricia Andrews Pelchat



Bill and Camilla Dawson - April 12 at 07:59 PM

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“ Lee & Rita Dawson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Colleen Laughlin Patricia Andrews Pelchat



Lee & Rita Dawson - April 12 at 07:42 PM



“ We will never forget that wonderful smile and those open arms to greet us on our camping trips. Even though we only knew you a short while we will have a lifetime of memories. We can rest assured that we will once again see that gracious smile when it is our turn to join you in our heavenly home.

Lee and Rita Dawson - April 12 at 07:48 PM

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“ Michael and family, Colleen always had a smile and a hello for whoever she saw. I will miss seeing her, but know that she is in God's gracious care.

Henry nier - April 12 at 07:24 PM

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“ As I pull into the campground and get situated on our site for the rally we are attending I can see a Lady approaching with a radiant smile that always brought a smile to Karen and I's faces. A huge hug and a "welcome to the rally" always followed and then we proceeded to have a great time for the days that followed. That is the way I will always remember Miss Colleen. A remarkable Lady that will be remembered by many and never forgotten. Karen and I both know that you are now in the arms of the Lord and no longer suffering any pain or discomfort. With that

thought, I close by saying "May you rest in peace in the arms of the Lord and someday we will join you in that great campground in the sky".

**David Knight** - April 12 at 05:42 PM

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“ Colleen, you were one very special friend to us. There are so many things that we did together that just won't be the same anymore. We will miss your smile, your laugh, and, of course, all the fun camping trips. George and I know that you are now no longer in pain and that gives us some comfort.

**Laraine Weiler** - April 12 at 01:56 PM

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“ IRV2 Staff lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Colleen Laughlin Patricia Andrews Pelchat



**iRV2 Staff** - April 12 at 01:55 PM

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“ Remember the many campouts with our Carolina Campers and IRV2 rallies. Her beautiful smile and infectious love of family and friends. Will remember those Got-Cha games. Denise and I Love and will miss you dear friend.

**Bob Fitta** - April 12 at 10:16 AM

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“ Jim Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Colleen Laughlin Patricia Andrews Pelchat



**Jim Johnson** - April 11 at 05:52 PM



“ Colleen, I will miss you at the IRV2 camping rallies, but I know that your gentle spirit will be there with us. I am honored to have known you and experienced your beautiful smile and contagious laughter. I know you are walking the streets of Gold with that beautiful smile on your face.

**Bill and Camilla Dawson** - April 11 at 08:23 PM



“ Mike & Family,

Dave & I send our heartfelt condolences on your loss of Colleen. She was a beautiful lady. We were blessed to have known her & will miss her at the iRV2 Rallies.

May you find comfort in your memories with family & friends, & may our Lord ease your pain during this sorrowful time.

**Lori Stewart** - April 12 at 02:13 PM



“ We met Coleen and Mike at an FMCA rally in Perry Ga, where we all camped together, ate together, and shared wonderful stories with each other. Coleen will be remembered as a welcoming and graceful lady full of grace and welcomed everyone equally. Best wishes to Mike and the family.

Don and Mary Ellen Pophal/Warner

**Don Pophal** - April 12 at 07:10 PM