



Kenneth Dwight "Ken" Collier

July 28, 1947 - July 9, 2019

Memorial service for Kenneth Dwight "Ken" Collier, age 71, of Decatur, will be Saturday, July 13, 2019, 1:00 p.m. at Shelton Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. John Chesser officiating. The family will receive friends for two hours prior to service at the funeral home.

Mr. Collier, who died Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at Decatur Morgan Hospital, was born July 28, 1947, in Lexington, AL to Kenneth Henry Collier and Edith Viola Murks Collier. He was preceded in death by his son, Chad Collier, and his father. Mr. Collier was a U. S. Marine Corps veteran who served in Vietnam. He also served the City of Decatur as Chief of Police, from which he retired following 40 years of service.

He is survived by two daughters, Missy Cottingham (Mark) of Hartselle, and Sandi Rowe of Decatur; mother, Edith Collier of Decatur; one sister, Vicki Reeves (Dale) of Decatur; three grandchildren, Spencer Cottingham and Taylor Vest (Caleb), both of Priceville, and RaeLyn Rowe of Decatur; one great-granddaughter, Olivia Vest of Priceville; and the mother of his children, Nina Collier of Decatur.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial donations be made to the Morgan County Child Advocacy Center, 801 Church Street, N.E., Decatur, AL 35601.

Tribute Wall

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“ From Becky Aldridge: My favorite memory with Chief Daddy...I have been blessed to be a part of their family all of my life. There are several memories and I worked to summarize these to share. I learned at an early age that Dwight was the Police. Like in my mind even when he wasn't in leadership or the Chief, he was to me. I had the respectful fear that most children did back then of their friends' parents because we knew our parents all knew each other and they had given permission to punish us as they would. My parents would belt type punish us and I definitely never wanted Missy's dad to do that. He was huge to me and was ""the police."" HA! I also knew any police car that went down our street was there to ""spy"" on us to make sure that we were being good! And probably sometimes they really were! As I got older I learned to listen closely to what he was saying. I loved his stories about work, his jokes, and respected his guidance. He knew I had a love of Ireland and was thrilled that I got to visit there. My absolute favorite thing was over the years in Facebook Messenger he would send me Irish Blessings. For example: May you always walk in sunshine. May you never want for more. May Irish Angels rest their wings right beside your door. I would reply normally with -- Thank you! I love that! He would then send, Who Loves ya? I would say, Chief Daddy does and I love you too!!! What a gift it has been to know him and be loved by him. He is already missed and has left a huge imprint in my heart and my life.



Becky Aldridge - July 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *You are remembered always!*



Brian Booth - July 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Was a great man and it was honor call you my friend.*



Kimm Livingston - July 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Your presence enhanced so many lives. You will be missed and remembered ALWAYS! Rest In Peace Chief 🙏🙏*



Belle Star Haggermaker - July 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Heaven gained a true angel.*



Cari Johnson - July 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Semper Fi*



Rick Hughes - July 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *My condolences to the family, friends and former colleagues of Ken Collier. I had the good fortune to work with Decatur PD officers and investigators when I was assigned to work in the North Alabama area. Under his leadership as Chief of Detectives, and later as Chief of Police, the department was a key partner in the Federal State & Local law enforcement effort. I considered Ken a friend. It has been said that the best compliment a southerner can receive is, "He's a good guy". Ken Collier was definitely a good guy.*



Billy Hancock - July 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I'm saddened to here of Chief Collier's passing. As a fellow Chief, Ken and I had a few opportunities to share the "woes" of being Chief. I'll be thinking of his family and friends. John C. White, Esq., Chief of Police, Ret, Dothan PD, FBINA#166*



Chief John C. White, Esq., Dothan AL PD, Retired - July 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We just lost one fine man.*



Angela Naron - July 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Angela Naron lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Dwight "Ken" Collier*



Angela Naron - July 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Rest in Peace*



Dwight Hale Capt. Decatur Police (Retired) - July 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Barry Hamilton Lt. Decatur Police (Retired) lit
a candle in memory of Kenneth Dwight "Ken"
Collier*



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