



Schelia Margaret Colee

April 16, 1942 - February 16, 2021

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It is with great sadness that our sister, aunt and friend to so many, passed peacefully in her sleep on February 16th 2021 while in hospice care at the SAHR facilities in St Augustine FL. Schelia was born in Atlantic City NJ on 16 April 1942. She was always proud to be called a Yankee – the same as her mother. She moved as an infant, to St. Augustine, was schooled by the Sisters of St Joseph and graduated from Jessie Ball Dupont HS in Jacksonville FL.

She was very proud to be in 1st graduating class of Flagler College in St. Augustine with Bachelor's degree in English & Education. Her lifetime pursuits were vast; she wrote "Letters from Augi" to children, had regular contributions to local newspapers, wrote a history of local churches and was a partner in a commemorative Pieces of Eight medallions sold at local tourist attractions.

She was a lifelong member of the Cathedral Parish, attended the House of Prayer for decades and was a member of the Carmelite Sisters as well.

She must be recognized for her struggle with Cerebral Palsy, never stopping her from pursuing anything she wanted to do. This dogged determination, and not give in attitude, was legendary as anyone she encounters, knew her view on matters. She was preceded in death by her devoted parents Charles D. Colee and Marie Conway Colee and is survived by her brothers Charles "Dan" Colee Jr & wife Donna, Dawsonville Ga and John L Colee & wife Carol, Glasgow Scotland. Also nephews Joe & David and nieces Patrice & Tiffany and 8 great nieces & nephews and 1 great great nephew. No doubt Schelia would thank all her friends and confidants especially Patty, Beth and Susan. A Private graveside service is planned; however, a public memorial service will be held at a later date when friends and family will gather to share memories of Schelia.

In lieu of flowers the family would suggest donation be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph in her name.

Comments



“ I met Schelia when both of us were student's at St. Joseph's Academy, her being two years my senior, both being very young!

I clearly remember thoughts of not understanding what I was feeling when in her presence and came eventually to realize this was a young girl with inner strength, even though she had physical challenges.

I was often touched in my heart to see how much caring and love was shared by our Nun's & other girl student's with Schelia.

The last time I saw her was when she was being a very proud, strong and clear minded student at Flagler college. Oh, yes, and lots more people sharing respect, probably amazement,

Lastly, I want to share with you something that has affected my soul in addition to what I have shared, so far about the impact of Schelia on my life.

I can still see in my mind her father....so many times, I saw this man loving his daughter with so much conviction and dedication for her as she moved with crutches or wheelchair.

They helped me understand that we are LOVE....for this I am grateful

Respectfully,
Journey (James) Maness

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