



Darlene Rider Colapinto

April 30, 1949 - July 28, 2010

Darlene Rider Colapinto, 61, of New Britain, beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend, widow of Peter F. Colapinto, passed away Wednesday July 28, 2010 at her home. Born in Hartford, daughter of the late Leigh and Elizabeth Dovin Rider, she moved to New Britain in 1978. Darlene was a graduate of Hartford Public High School, class of 1967, and worked at Phoenix Home Life Insurance Company in Hartford for 38 years, retiring in 2007. She currently worked at R. Follo & Sons Plumbing and Heating in Newington for the past 3 years. Darlene was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Church in New Britain; was an Avon representative over twenty years; was a former member of the Phoenix Bowling Team; and was a member of Marlborough Chapter 1212 Red Hot Flashes; 1212 of the Red Hat Society.

Surviving is a son, Eric M. Colapinto of New Britain; three brothers, Kenneth Rider of Westerly RI; Leigh Rider Jr. and his wife Sandra and Dennis Rider all of Enfield; two sisters, Janice Margolfo and her husband Paul of Enfield; and Karen Rider, also of Enfield; several nieces and nephews; and her beloved friend, Debbie Reynolds; other special friends Norm and Jean Preissel; Judy and Frank Scalora; Judi and Don Bohman; Darlene also leaves behind her beloved dog, Buddy.

Funeral services are 9:15 AM Saturday at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 10AM at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 1755 Stanley Street, New Britain. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery. Calling hours are Friday 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral

Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society for breast cancer research 2075 Silas Deane Highway Suite 100 Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by "clicking" MEMORY TRIBUTES at the bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ *Darlene:*

You are resting in peace now out of pain and suffering and laying in God's arms. You are now with Pete who was also so close to our hearts. I will never forget where I met him on the cb radio. Leigh and I were KCU3937 and our radio names were Mr. & Mrs. Clean named after our cleaning service, Rider Maintenance. Pete was sneaky Pete on the cb radio. Then along came cupid with his bow and arrow that was your brother Leigh who told you to go for a ride on the motorcycle with Pete. It was love and marriage forever and ever till death did you part. God Bless you forever and you will always be in our hearts.

*Love,
Leigh & Sandy*

Leigh & Sandy - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Our precious Darlene, how will we live without you. You did not deserve to die. You are my kid sister as well as you were Leigh's kid sister. This is like a nightmare and a bad dream and we feel we will wake up and none of this is true. You were the glue in this family and kept everyone together.*

You will never be forgotten. You are now with the angels and Dad and Mom.

We will love you forever Sis.

*Love,
Leigh and Sandy*

Leigh and Sandra Rider - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Eric,
It is with great sadness that we read that your Mom passed away yesterday.

We have enjoyed your Mom's friendship and your Dad's for many years. We are all amateur Radio Operators and for many years your Dad and Mom would trail their Honda Goldwing to Greenfield Mass and support the Triathlon; with our Son Tom on his Goldwing and of course the other radio operators. And the fellowship and dinner that followed was always great!

When your Mom came to our cottage each August at Amston Lake in Lebanon CT, it was always a wonderful time, relaxing, floating, and reminiscing.

We shall miss her and she will always hold a special part of our heart.

Peace be with you.

Leo N1SQG and Elizabeth KG4HTF Foxwell, Suntree Fl.
Tom N1OTS and Ellen KB1FBC Foxwell, Greenfield Mass.

Leo, Elizabeth, Tom & Ellen Foxwell - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ YOU WERE A BEAUTIFUL PERSON WHO WILL BE MISSED BY ALL YOUR FRIENDS. I WILL REMEMBER YOU AS NOT ONLY A CO-WORKER BUT AS MY FRIEND. WE HAD SUCH GOOD TIMES BOWLING, GOING ON DAY TRIPS, OUR FAMOUS LUNCHEONS WITH PHOENIX'S FRIENDS & ALL THE PARTIES WE ATTENDED TOGETHER. I WILL MISS YOU. YOUR IN GOOD HANDS NOW WHERE YOU DESERVE TO BE.

Ralph Acanto - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ We will all miss you and remember all the laughs we shared together at the family B'Day\Holiday parties. I'm sure Peter was there waiting for you with his big smile on his face knowing the love of his life is now with him.

We love you and will always cherish the wonderful memories we shared together.

Love Nancy, Michael, Patrick, Joey & Brian

Nancy & Michael Ginnerty - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Aunt Darlene, I will never forget your laugh. We love you and will miss you.
Love, Carrie, Dan, Brady, Christian & Calla

Carrie Holmes - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ You will be forever loved and missed. One of my favorite memories is when soon after Mark and I bought our house, up the driveway came a motorcycle. I wasn't sure who it was, however, off came your helmet and there you were with Uncle Pete! You had come over to see our house. I am glad you are no longer in any pain. If you hear 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer' in the middle of the summer, it's just Braden playing with the the musical stuffed animal you gave him.: I love you Aunt Dar!
-Amy

Amy Barron - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ My "Sweet Smile" Cousin Dar. We were out of touch for too many years. I'm so very Grateful that we were reunited last October during my visit to Massachusetts to visit family and friends. I had hoped that we could spend more time together during future visits, however I am happy that in your time of need our heavenly father wrapped his loving arms around you to give you comfort and to take you home.

You always have, and always will occupy a special place in my heart.

My heart goes out to your family who have lost a truly loving and unselfishly giving human being and family member. I pray that God will comfort them in their time of such a great loss.

*You are truly missed and loved,
Alan*

Alan Rider - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM