



## Peter F. Colapinto

March 17, 1953 - November 18, 2005

Peter F. Colapinto, 52, of New Britain, loving husband, father and son, husband of Darlene Rider Colapinto, died Friday November 18, 2005 at Hartford Hospital. Born in Bristol, son of Vito Colapinto of Bristol and the late Irene Fuller Colapinto, he lived in New Britain since 1978. Peter was a graduate of Bristol Central High School, Class of 1971 and was a Systems Manager for The Herald and Middletown Press for the past seven months. Previously he worked at Combustion Engineering in Windsor for 15 years and then at Orion Capital Companies in Farmington for 15 years. He was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Church in New Britain; the American Radio Relay League in Newington and the Middlesex Amateur Radio Society, call sign N1XTI.

Besides his wife Darlene and his father Vito, he leaves a son, Eric Colapinto of New Britain; a brother, Thomas Colapinto of Bristol; four sisters, Carole Ostapchuk and her husband Walter of East Orleans, Mass; Susan Nichols and her husband Paul; Paula Magyar and her husband Keith; and Nancy Ginnerty and her husband Michael, all of Bristol; several nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and a best friend Donald Bohman and his wife Judith of Marlborough. He was predeceased by an infant brother, Jack Colapinto.

Funeral services are Monday 9:15 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin

Square, New Britain, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 10 AM at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Stanley Street, New Britain. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery. Calling hours are Sunday 3 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 306 Industrial Park Road, Suite 105, Middletown, CT 06457.

Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Peter's family by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

PV

“Pete was a wonderful person and a good friend. I feel thankful for the many times he touched our lives with his optimistic, enthusiastic and can do demeanor. Most people have not had an opportunity to experience a person such as Pete, and we have been fortunate. Pete was kind hearted and most generous with his time and talents to many. He made a most positive imprint on our lives that will not be forgotten. Pete will be greatly missed. Our sympathies go to Darlene and Eric.

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**Peter Vinci** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“Darlene and Eric, Pete was a great cousin and friend. His e-mails often lifted my spirits after a tough day. Also, I remember his job as a neckerchecker at the Plainville Drive In Theatre. He had to rock the rear bumper and shine his flashlight if he didn't see anyone watching the movie. There is a lost job. Louise and I have you in our prayers. God's Peace be with you. Curt & Louise

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**Curt D. Fuller** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KD

“It was my great pleasure to work with Peter at The Middletown Press over the past several months. His sense of humor and fun added a light-hearted time to being at work. I have a bit of a tendency to break things -- and Peter was always there to fix them for me. He commonly addressed me with "What did you break now?!" But he was always there to help. Everyone here will miss his engaging way. He spoke lovingly and proudly of his family. I shall always remember him as a kind man, and for the laughs we enjoyed. May it be a comfort to you, his family, to know that we loved and appreciated his presence in our lives. Bless you.

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**Kim Dodge** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I, and my colleagues at The Middletown Press wish to express our great sorrow at Peter's passing. We all knew him to be a kind, gentle, man. He had a good sense of humor and was always willing to help out whether a problem was job related or was just something he knew about.

*In my case, Peter walked me through the steps of putting in a Pergola floor. He had to do this clearly enough because I was translating his instructions to my husband and son-in-law. They were the ones doing the work. He even provided me with starter spacers and mallet. The floor went in beautifully thanks to Peter. My husband and son-in-law were impressed with the fact that I was the guiding force. Well, Peter was the guiding force.*

*I know I speak for everyone here when I say, Peter will be so missed. My condolences. Best to all of you.*

*Susan Hyde*

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**Susan Hyde** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ There is on time that we could set for parting, We who must remain are never ready for such pain. Even our prayer would be, "Not yet! Not yet, dear God...another day with us let our loved one stay." We must believe, when falls the blow that.wisely, God has willed it so.

*My deepest sympathy to all of you. My love and prayers are with you at this hard time.*

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**Trudy Greenleaf** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Dear Darlene, My sisters and I were saddened to learn of the death of Peter. My mother always spoke so fondly of you and Eric and Peter, and if she were still with us she would be joining us in sending her deepest sympathies to you and your family. We are sorry for your loss.

Always,  
Pat, Greta, Jane and Karen

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**Pat Mullen Miano** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ Our family will always remember Peter with a smile. Your family and ours have been parts of each others lives for as long as I can recall. Please accept our condolences and know we have the very best memories of Peter - from Cape Cod to fixing computers. My boys will always remember him as the Man with the really cool toys and Grandpa's best friend. Peter will be missed - we are so sorry. You will all be in our prayers.

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**Kristin & Marco Verdone** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Love and Prayers  
Aunt Hazel & Lou

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**Hazel Masse** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Darlene, Aunt Hazel informed me of your loss. I was so sorry to hear of your losing your husband at such a very young age. Your in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you in his comfort and love. Alan

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

JP

“ *Uncle Vito and family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Peter's death. I wish that I could be there to give you each a hug and personally tell you how I feel. I will keep you all in my prayers. Love to all, Janet*

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**Janet Czerbinski Pettis** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Dear Pete travelled to Dover Delaware in 1996 to remove my "ham" tower and an 20 meter antenna earning him all of that equip. His son assisted. I met him there and we became friends from that date on, exchanging e-mails. I gained GREAT respect for Pete during his Dover visit involving a full day. A great and capable man ! and a fellow Amateur Radio Operator ! He will be missed.*

*Love Jack*

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**Jack Anderson W1FDH** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *I was very sad to hear of the sudden passing of Peter. He was like a ray of sunshine at The Middletown Press, always there with kind words, a great sense of humor and a warm smile. Peter always went above and beyond to help people. We will all miss him greatly. I wish to express my deepest condolences to his family.*

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**HOLLY SHULER** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Peter was a warm loving, kind, and Christian man with an infectious humor. He seemed always to be willing to help someone else, yet we were never able to fully repay him for his kindness. He was always fixing someone’s computer, and that included ours. He was into amateur radio big time and had made an antenna that today stands proudly over our lake home.

We talked frequently from Florida to New Britain via email and video email, or live when we were in Connecticut via ham radio. You could always find him listening or having a friendly chat with someone.

He gave generously of his time, even to helping out with our son’s radio club events way up in Greenfield Mass. He and Darlene would leave early in the pre dawn to be there hours before the athletes, for set up and checking out all the radio gear.

One of Pete’s humorous “got ya’s” stands out. During a roll call where the hams would give their first name and call sign, he introduced Darlene with “And this is Darlene, N1WIFE. We all thought she had passed her license exam and rushed to congratulate her. It was his way of saying “Number One WIFE”.

Pete may be gone, but he will never be forgotten for the legacy of friendship he has left behind. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Darlene and to Eric during this time of upheaval.

Though we cannot be there at this time, rest assured Darlene we will keep our friendship alive for years to come, and Peter will be with us in spirit.

Leo N1SQG and Betty KG4HTF Foxwell  
Tom N1OTS and Ellen KB1FBC Foxwell

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Leo & Betty Foxwell - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Frank and I want to express our deepest condolences to you Dar and Eric, and to the rest of the family also. Such a shock and deep loss. We will miss him as I know many will, family and friends. We love you. Frank and Judy

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**JUDY AND FRANCO SCALORA** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Dear Darlene, Annette & I send you our condolences. We will keep you in our thoughts & prayers during this difficult time. When you feel up to it, give me a call.....Ralph

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

AH

“ Peter's passing knocked the wind right out of many people, especially here at The Middletown Press. Too few chances in this world do we have the opportunity to know someone as selfless and sincere as Pete. I personally spent many afternoons talking with Pete and whether it was business related or not I always left laughing over some joke Pete had made. He always had an open ear for anyone who needed it, and offered sincere advice without passing judgement. I know he is looking down upon us now, and although he can not be here with us physically he will forever be with us in our hearts and memories. He will be missed and will not be forgotten.

*Anthony Hudson*

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**Anthony Hudson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences and prayers to the Colapinto family during their time of sadness and loss. Peter was a great guy, very helpful and sweet. He always took the time to answer everyone's questions, no matter how complex. We miss you, Peter, you are a great loss to The Herald and to this world.

Love,  
Sara S.

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**Sara Smith** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Darlene & Eric,

*I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Knowing Pete as a great friend taught me many things about helping people, and Pete was the kind of generous person who would offer his help with anything for anyone. He will missed more than I can express. My thoughts and prayers are with You.*

Rick A.

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**Richard P Anderson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Our family sends our condolences to Darlene and her family for their loss. Our thoughts are with you always.

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**Carol Morelli** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ Paula, Sue and the Colapinto Family - We are so very sorry to hear of your sudden loss of your beloved brother, husband, and son. May all of your special memories of him live in your hearts forever. God bless you during this extremely difficult time. In sympathy and regret, Florence & Fred Sesto

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**Florence & Fred Sesto** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I grew up with the Colapinto Family and have known Mr and Mrs Colapinto since I was a child.  
I work at Associated Spring with Keith. Paula and Susan have been my friends for years along with Keith, Carol and Wally. I also meant you when we were at a function and Pete and I talked for along time. My heart goes out to you and your son and all of the family.  
You are all in my prayers.  
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KR

“ *Please accept our condolences on your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.* ”

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**Kevin and Sharon Ryan** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM