



Michael David Kollin

August 27, 1952 - April 8, 2024

Michael David Kollin, 71 years of age, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 8, 2024, in San Antonio, Texas. Proud to call himself a native Texan, he was a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas and a descendant of Alsatian immigrants, who settled in Castroville, TX, in the 1840s.

Michael was born on August 27, 1952, to Charles and Hazel Semlinger Kollin, in San Marcos, Texas. He graduated from Sam Houston High School in 1971 and married his loving wife, Dianna Strzelczyk, on September 16, 1972, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church. Soon afterward, they had their two children, Jennifer Kollin Hayenga and Michael Wayne Kollin. He was employed by Southern Pacific Railroad, which later became known as Union Pacific Railroad, for 30 years.

An outdoorsman at heart, Michael thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of hunting and fishing. Each year, he looked forward to South Texas dove and deer hunting and making venison sausage, two long-standing family traditions. Talking about his grandchildren always made him smile. He especially enjoyed the time he was able to spend with them. He discovered his love for baseball at a young age and excelled as a pitcher. However, it was as a coach, where he truly made his mark by dedicating over 15 years to coaching Little League Baseball. He mentored countless young athletes including his children and enjoyed sharing his talents as a pitching coach.

Michael is survived by his wife, Dianna, of 51 years; daughter, Jennifer Kollin Hayenga (husband Michael) and son, Michael Wayne Kollin (wife Michelle); his twin grandchildren, Lauren Elizabeth, and Ethan Michael Hayenga. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Charles Kollin Jr. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

A rosary and funeral mass will be held on May 7, 2024, at 10:00 AM at Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, 14011 FM 1346, St. Hedwig. Interment will follow at Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Cemetery, St. Hedwig.

Cemetery Details

Annunciation of the Blessed Mary Roman Catholic Cemetery

14011 FM 1346
Saint Hedwig, TX 78152

Previous Events

Rosary and Mass

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Mike on the railroad, he was always an asset to any railroad job. Mike was fun to work with and always had interesting and entertaining stories to tell. We were on the road one day, stopped in a sidetrack to meet another train, where a field with cows was next to the tracks on the conductor's side. Mike opened his window on the engine and began to make mooing sounds, and to my amazement the cows began running towards us. I have tried to call them like Mike did but, but they don't respond to me. He was a special person and will be greatly missed.

Rodney Bruce Winn - April 16, 2024 at 02:38 PM

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Lester Lambert - April 15, 2024 at 11:22 AM

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“ Mike was a great friend to Steve and talked almost every week till Steve passed away.
Him and Mike were very close friends and always lifted each other up and talked railroad.
I missed those calls and both of them laughing when Steve passed.
Diane sending prayers, hugs and love to you and your family.
May God give you peace and comfort.
With Gods promise we will see them again.



Diane DeLaO - April 13, 2024 at 05:23 PM

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“ *Most gracious condolences to your family, Mikey ! You were a real pleasure to work with. You could make the worst assignment tolerable with you humor. I pray to see you one day when we can once again thumb our noses at everything and laugh about it. It's guys like you who I really missed when I retired. R.I.P. Bud.*

Gary Addcox - April 13, 2024 at 02:50 PM