



Richard "Dick" Colegrove

December 31, 1936 - January 14, 2016

Richard "Dick" Naylor Colegrove Jr., of Huntsville, Texas, passed away early Thursday morning, January 14, 2016. He went to be with the Lord after battling lung cancer, and the chemotherapy treatment that accompanied it. He was admitted to Kingwood Medical Center on December 17, 2015, with pneumonia, he fought to open his eyes briefly at the start of the New Year, but was not able to fully recover. On January 13th he was transported to the Cornerstone hospital in Conroe, Texas, where his wife, Monique Colegrove of 49 years has been battling her own health issues. A little less than 24 hours later, Dick was called to heaven.

During his younger years, Dick enlisted in the Air Force at the age of 17, he served admirably for 20 years, retiring as a Tech. Sergeant, serving in Korea, Germany, and stateside in Washington D.C. and San Antonio, where retired in 1975. He was employed with the Bexar County Sheriff's Department before gaining employment with the Texas Dept. of Corrections in 1977. He began his career as a correctional officer, while attending Sam Houston State University where he obtained a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice, in 1982. He then transitioned to the medical side of TDC and was a clinical social worker. He retired from TDC, and then went to work for University of Texas Medical Branch in the same capacity.

He married Monique Gatault from Madagascar on January 7, 1967, in

Washington D.C., and lived in Europe while with the Air Force.

Dick and Monique moved to San Antonio in 1972, and then to Huntsville in 1975 and made it their home where they raised Donna and Ricky.

Donna Colegrove, now Donna Howell, married to Mike Howell, gave Dick and Monique 5 grandchildren, Danielle, Damian, Mikel, Matthew, and Dominick. Ricky Colegrove, married to Mistie Rorex, now Mistie Colegrove, gave them one more grandchild, Isabella.

All of his grandchildren gave him great, great joy, as he attended many baseball games, and supported them to the best of his abilities.

Dick was also known as, Sir Knight Richard (Dick) Colegrove, he join the Knights of Columbus on July 1, 1978 and was a Charter Member of the St. Thomas Council #7153. Brother Dick was an active member of the Council and serve as its Grand Knight and most recent Financial Secretary, a position that held until July of '2015. Sir Knight Dick was also a member of Our Lady of the Lake Fourth Degree Assembly #2285 of the Knights of Columbus and was the Faithful Navigator for 4 Years. Brother Dick enjoyed his work with the Council and Assembly in the planning of all Council Activities including First Friday and Lenten Fish Fry, Monthly Chicken Fried Steak Dinners, and all events with the Community and Church.

He will be dearly missed by all of the Brother Knights and Friends.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Gertrude Bertha Cathcart Colegrove of Futon, New York; father, Richard Naylor Colegrove Sr. Gertrude passed in 1975 and Richard in 1960. He had three sisters and two brothers, Grace, David, Betty and Ted and his last surviving sibling is Pauline, who comforted Dick in his last months by giving care in his home while battling cancer.

Dick was a family man in ever since of the word. He devoted his time and talents to giving his wife and children, and later his grandchildren, all he could, be it building or fixing, he was man of many skills and trades. He transformed a small house off of Four Notch road into a home that his family adored.

He will be missed and his love for his family carries on, as he watches over us and looks down on us, proud, because he gave his family and his life all he had.

Fly high Grandpa, we all love you.

A rosary will be held at 12:45 PM on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Huntsville, Texas. A memorial service will follow the rosary at 1:30 PM at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Huntsville, Texas, with a small reception to follow. For those who cannot attend there will be a get together at Donna Howell's home in New Waverly.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN **23**. 12:45 PM (CT)

St. Thomas Catholic Church
1603 Ave. N
Huntsville, TX 77340

Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Dick" Colegrove*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - January 20, 2016 at 08:49 AM

MC

Beautiful....beautiful tribute to a beautiful man

Marcia Crawford - January 20, 2016 at 07:51 PM

SH

We were very saddened to hear of Dick's passing. Over the years Dick has become a friend that will be cherished forever. His work that he did with the Knights will live on forever in many hearts. May his soul rest in peace. Susan and Pete Hayes

Susan Hayes - January 25, 2016 at 08:04 AM



“ *Richard "Dick" Colegrove*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

JG

“ We first met Dick and Monique Colegrove in 1980, when we moved to Huntsville. Over the years they have been dear friends. Dick was always a person to be counted on in times of concern or special needs. We watched our children grow up and shared good times together. We remember him with his apron and back brace on, working at the church, carrying ice chests and things he probably should not have lifted. He didn't let anything stop him. He will be greatly missed. Jan & Nancy Gustafson

Jan & Nancy Gustafson - January 23, 2016 at 09:13 AM

SC

“ Steve & Amy Caberto purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard "Dick" Colegrove.



Steve & Amy Caberto - January 21, 2016 at 09:38 AM

SC

“ The best mentor in the world to guide a young kid fresh out of college. You taught me about the world and inspired me to go and see it all. Thank you for being who you are...a dear, life long friend!
Steve Caberto

Steve Caberto - January 21, 2016 at 08:43 AM

WS

“ Dick, you're a wonderful man and it was my great pleasure to know you! Rest in peace my friend!!

Wayne Scott

Wayne Scott - January 21, 2016 at 07:11 AM

KP

“ *Dick will truly be missed for all the time and love he gave to St. Thomas community. He will be truly missed. Kathy Price*

Kathy Price - January 20, 2016 at 09:05 AM

CB

“ *Carolyn Baker lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Colegrove*



Carolyn Baker - January 18, 2016 at 03:07 PM

CB

“ *My condolences to the Colegrove family. Mr. Colegrove was a wonderful man. I had the honor of working with him and Dr. Gilhausen in the medical department at the Ellis Unit in 1999. He was a hard worker and professional worker. He helped train me in the psychology with tremendous patience. After I left the Ellis Unit, I only saw Mr. Colegrove a couple of times and lost contact with him after that. I will never forget his kindness. May God hold him close and protect his family at their time of sorrow.*

Carolyn Baker

Carolyn Baker - January 18, 2016 at 02:44 PM

RC

“ Truly the most amazing man I have ever known. He was the most giving, caring and loving man, and to be blessed to have him as my father, is a gift from God.

You have made everyone around you a better person, and them knowing you was a true treasure.

While we have lost a special, special person, God has gained a true angel.

You are watching over us Daddy, and I pray we continue to make you proud.

Love you to the moon and back,
Ricky



Ricky Colegrove - January 17, 2016 at 08:00 AM

TB

“ A ST.THOMAS church family friend for many years. The hardest working and most dedicated husband and father I know. Dick gave his all to his church. Many years of cooking for bazaars and many occasions which we all enjoyed. His living and giving memory will never leave us. God bless him and his sweet family

Tribe Barrum - January 16, 2016 at 08:18 AM

TB

Trinell Barrum

Tribell Barrum - January 16, 2016 at 08:19 AM

DF

“ *To all the family,
We are deeply saddened about losing Dick,
He was Always a good friend. You all are in our thoughts and
prayers.
Don, Penny & Scarlett*



Donald Fowler - January 14, 2016 at 02:33 PM