



Emily G. Collins

September 6, 1963 - October 31, 2024

Emily G. Collins, 61, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on October 31, 2024 at CHP Defiance Inpatient Hospice. She was born in Napoleon on September 6, 1963 to the late John and Graceanne (Honeck) Reese. On May 20, 1989, she married Jack Collins at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Napoleon.

Emily's love for horses led her to attend Midway University to pursue equine studies. She enjoyed showing horses as well as trail riding. Emily had a fondness for animals, she had many pets and served on the Humane Society Board. Her greatest joy came from being surrounded by her family .

Emily is survived by her husband of 35 years, Jack; sons, Benton (Katie) and Dalton (Claire); grandchildren, Annora, Joella, and Cooper; and sister, Sarah (Chris) Luzny. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Jane Reese.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Sunday, November 3, 2024 from 2:00PM until 6:00PM. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Grand Rapids, on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will be private at Glenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Augustine Catholic School, Filling Home of Mercy, or the Harry Hughes Equestrian Center. Online condolences

and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV 3. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Memorial Gathering

NOV 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
14010 S. River Road
Grand Rapids, OH 43522
<https://stpatrickprovidence.com/>

Memorial Mass

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
14010 S. River Road
Grand Rapids, OH 43522
<https://stpatrickprovidence.com/>

Tribute Wall

IG

“ I worked with Emily for a few years, she was so sweet, smart and hardworking!! Such a good friend who always had wise advice, she blessed everyone who knew her.

Iliah Gutierrez - January 03, 2025 at 04:19 PM

BF

“ Bonnie Floro lit a candle in memory of Emily Collins



Bonnie Floro - November 05, 2024 at 04:30 PM

JD

“ I'm so very sorry to hear about the passing of Emily. I remember when Emily and Sarah would come to my place and ride my Buckskin. I know how she will be at peace with her animals. Sending many prayers from Matt Dickmann, who went to school with Emily and from me.
Judy Dickmann

Judy Dickmann - November 05, 2024 at 01:23 PM

TS

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with the family.

Tim Suppes - November 05, 2024 at 10:31 AM

TK

“ Thoughts and prayers to Jack and Emily's family at this terrible time. I first met Emily when working at the Filling Home then by chance through horse means with Jack and my partner Debbie Shenefield. Debbie and I send condolences to Jack. RIP Emily

Tim Kolhoff - November 02, 2024 at 06:05 PM

LL

“ Jack and family so sorry to hear of Emily's passing.

I first met Emily over 25 years ago. She volunteered and ran the school library for St. Augustine. We both had kids attending and Emily welcomed my help. We spent many Wednesdays chatting, in between classes coming to check out books, about a variety of subjects; books, kids, and life in general.

Eventually the time came for Emily to literally pass me the keys for the school library. I know I would miss our rambling conversations every Wednesday but I understood that time moves on and kids grow. I still would come across Emily (and sometimes Jack) at different activities and would try to catch each other up on the going-ons in our lives.

It was so wonderful last year to find out Emily had grandkids now attending the St. Augustine School and she was graciously willing to now volunteer and help me run the school library. Yes, I am still there at the school's library every Wednesday. Emily and I continued our rambling conversations. I felt truly blessed to be able to reconnect with her after so many years.

*Sending prayers to you all,
Lisa Lautar*

Lisa Lautar - November 02, 2024 at 09:36 AM

CS

“ I am very sorry about the loss



Crystal sweebe - November 01, 2024 at 02:46 PM

KH

“ Roberto and I wish you condolences and peace in your heart during your time of sorrow. May God surround you with His love. Our prayers are with you and your family. Karen M Herrera and Roberto L Huesca

Karen Marie Herrera - November 01, 2024 at 12:59 PM

KV

“ RIP sweet Emily, you are pain free and can sleep as long as you want. ❤️🙏 Kenny & I will miss you 🌹

Kenny and Debbie Vaughan - November 01, 2024 at 12:34 PM