



## Mrs. Colleen Thornton

March 4, 1944 - September 2, 2024

Mary Colleen Thornton of Roswell, GA was born on March 4, 1944, in Houston, Texas to Wesley and Effie Ann Ratcliffe. Colleen entered into rest on September 2, 2024.

Colleen was full of life. She enjoyed spending time outside in her beautiful garden, attending book club and scrabble group events in the neighborhood. She was full of life, known for her wisdom in any situation and her expressive storytelling. She loved working out and did so almost every single day, but what truly brought Colleen the most joy was her family. She was a loving wife, sister, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Colleen is preceded in death by her parents, Wesley Ratcliffe and Effie Ann Kearns; and her daughter, Sandra and son, Ronald Muckelroy.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, William Thornton; her children, Stephen Muckelroy (Betsy) of Houston, Kristin Salak (Jeff) of McKinney, Scott Muckelroy (Annette) of Houston, and Renee Johnson (Rob) of Charlotte; her grandchildren, Justin Ingle (Erika), Brent Muckelroy (Cami), Nikole Moyer (Connor), Jessica Gemmill (Ross), Stephani Mumma (Sean), Celeste Salak, Sophia Salak, Isabelle Salak, Blake Pellerin (Sarah), and Fiona Collins; her great grandchildren, Brianna, Dylan, Gavin, Colby, Reese, Sutton, Silas, Winnie, Tristan, Eva, Henry, Ellie, Everett, Neal, Cheyenne, Tyler, Zoey,

Emalyn, Benny, Andrew, and Maddie; and her siblings, Suzi Brown (Jeff), Elizabeth Staha (Joe), Rita Stoker, Patrick Ratcliffe (Cheryl), and Dennis Ratcliffe (Jana).

Colleen's family will receive friends on Thursday, September 5, 2024, from 11:00am until 1:00pm at Northside Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, GA 30075.

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall

ET

“ I knew Colleen for our entire lives (starting as kindergarten classmates). She was one of the most beautiful women I have ever had the pleasure to know and had a dazzling smile, laugh, and kind disposition to match. Over the years since she left Houston we were fortunate to meet at several school reunions, and she never changed. She was so much fun!! I was also fortunate to get to know her parents when I moved three houses down from them in the 70s, and we attended the same church (St. Anne) for many years. The Ratcliffs were an outstanding family loved by many.

*I am attending a memorial service for recently deceased school classmates on Sept 25, and Colleen will be included among the honorees. My prayers and many fond memories of this delightful woman and her family will be there with me.*

*Colleen, may you rest in the eternal peace you so deserve.*

*Edward Tuffly*

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**Edward Tuffly** - October 22, 2024 at 02:53 PM

ME

“ Moe & Kathy Escoto purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.



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**Moe & Kathy Escoto** - September 05, 2024 at 09:47 AM

ME

“ Moe & Kathy Escoto planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.

Moe & Kathy Escoto - September 05, 2024 at 09:47 AM



“ Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.



September 05, 2024 at 09:46 AM

JF

“ Colleen and I have been friends more than 20 years. She is the bright and energetic Spirit filled with knowledge, Ideas, experience, thoughtful advice, a love of dogs and a hope and zest for life always present in her expressions, enthusiasm, and wise counsel. She loved to share her own stories and talk about the family she loved so much. She will be there in my heart at Book Club, scrabble and always when I'm in the garden. My heart goes out to Bill and their children and grandchildren.

Jayne Fox - September 04, 2024 at 07:04 PM

KS

Thank you, Jayne. I feel like I know all of you so well. My mother loved her friends so very much.

Kristin Salak - September 04, 2024 at 08:18 PM



*Colleen and I were not close friends, but I remember her well. She was as beautiful on the inside, as she was on the outside. She always had a smile on her face, and she was nice to everyone. She was a one in a million girl. My deepest sympathy to her family and close friends, who I know are devastated by her sudden death. She was an angel on earth, now an angel in heaven. RIP Colleen.*

**Karen Hartman** - October 18, 2024 at 10:08 AM

FC

“ *Frances C. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.*



**Frances C.** - September 03, 2024 at 09:47 PM

TB

“ *Tim and Ngozi Bolton purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.*



**Tim and Ngozi Bolton** - September 03, 2024 at 07:31 PM

TB

“ *Tim and Ngozi Bolton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.*

**Tim and Ngozi Bolton** - September 03, 2024 at 07:31 PM

MB

“ *Michael and Rebecca Boudreau purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.*



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**Michael and Rebecca Boudreau** - September 03, 2024 at 06:46 PM

MA

“ *Michael A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.*

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**Michael A.** - September 03, 2024 at 06:40 PM

BE

“ *So many memories. The way she made me feel special is what I will carry with me always.*

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**Beverley** - September 03, 2024 at 05:44 PM

CY

“ *Charlotte and Tim Young planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.*

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**Charlotte and Tim Young** - September 03, 2024 at 05:17 PM

CY

“ Charlotte and Tim Young purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.



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**Charlotte and Tim Young** - September 03, 2024 at 05:17 PM

NH

“ Nancy (Dixon) Hunter purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.



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**Nancy (Dixon) Hunter** - September 03, 2024 at 05:12 PM

NH

“ Nancy (Dixon) Hunter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.

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**Nancy (Dixon) Hunter** - September 03, 2024 at 05:12 PM

WB

“ Wesley & Pat Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.

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**Wesley & Pat Brown** - September 03, 2024 at 05:09 PM

WB

“ Wesley & Pat Brown purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.



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**Wesley & Pat Brown** - September 03, 2024 at 05:09 PM

KB

“ Kathleen Brown purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.



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**Kathleen Brown** - September 03, 2024 at 04:11 PM

KB

“ Kathleen Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.

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**Kathleen Brown** - September 03, 2024 at 04:11 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.



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September 03, 2024 at 03:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.



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September 03, 2024 at 02:07 PM



“ Robert and Susan Corley purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.



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**Robert and Susan Corley** - September 03, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ Bridget A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.

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**Bridget A.** - September 03, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ Beverley & Holly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.

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**Beverley & Holly** - September 03, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.*



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September 03, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ *Jeff and Suzanne Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.*

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**Jeff and Suzanne Brown** - September 03, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ *Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.*



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September 03, 2024 at 01:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.*



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September 03, 2024 at 12:13 PM

LF

“ Love, Corey and Michele Foreman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.

Love, Corey and Michele Foreman - September 03, 2024 at 12:10 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.



September 03, 2024 at 12:10 PM

DR

“ Denise R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.

Denise R. - September 03, 2024 at 11:57 AM

BH

“ Bob and Pam Holub purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.



Bob and Pam Holub - September 03, 2024 at 11:49 AM

TF

“ The Becker family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.

The Becker family - September 03, 2024 at 11:41 AM

TF

“ The Becker family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.



The Becker family - September 03, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.



September 03, 2024 at 10:11 AM

PR

“ Patrick and Cheryl Ratcliffe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Colleen Thornton.

Patrick and Cheryl Ratcliffe - September 03, 2024 at 10:11 AM

ES

“ Elizabeth and Joe Staha planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Colleen Thornton.

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Elizabeth and Joe Staha - September 03, 2024 at 09:17 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Colleen Thornton.



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September 03, 2024 at 09:17 AM