



Colleen M Dunn

January 31, 1932 - June 12, 2018

Colleen Bonnie McGillivray Dunn passed quietly on Tuesday June 12, 2018. She was 86 years of age, born on January 31, 1932. Colleen was born in Detroit, Michigan, her parents were Charles and Lillian McGillivray. She graduated from John J. Pershing High School in Detroit. She lived on Long Island, NY briefly, before returning to Detroit and then relocating in Toronto, Canada. In Toronto she and her husband managed and owned a discoteque, "Passionella", for a few years. Their more famous patrons were Joe Garagiola, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Bill Cosby, plus numerous American and Canadian professional athletes. Her hobby while living in Toronto was to be an "extra" in several movies that were shot in Toronto in the 1970s. Colleen and her son relocated to Tuscaloosa, Alabama in 1980. While living in Tusaloosa, she was the church secretary at Holy Spirit Church for several years. She also acted in several local plays. When her son went to ST. Bernard Prep School in Cullman, AL, Colleen followed a year later, to become the female student's Dorm Director. While living in Cullman, Colleen worked as a bookkeeper for radio station WXXR 1340 AM. A few years later Colleen relocated to Hunstville, AL where she worked for Merrill Lynch as an Insurance Administrator. In 1993 Colleen decided to partially retire, and moved to Gulf Shores, AL. She wanted to live on the "beautiful Gulf of Mexico" which she had fallen in love with after numerous vacations. She worked in Real Estate, and also was church organist for St. Thomas By The Sea Catholic Church in Orange Beach, and then at Our Lady of the Gulf in Gulf Shores, AL. After full

retirement, Colleen believed in a life of giving service to others. In the Foley, Gulf Shores and Orange Beach area, she often volunteered for the Salvation Army, worked as a Literacy Tutor, sitting with the home bound, and many other worthwhile agencies. During the Second Gulf War, Colleen volunteered as a secretary for the Naval Dental Command on Pensacola Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL. Besides her lifelong love of playing music, she enjoyed sewing, she made several of her own outfits. She definitely loved playing bingo weekly. Mom, watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune nightly will never be the same without you! Colleen is preceded in death by her sister, Joan McGillivray Brown. She is survived by her son, John Dunn, of Foley, AL, Nieces Amy Bergeron (Brown) of Winterport, Maine, Sally Kiefer (Brown) of Golden, Colorado, Nephews Bill Brown of New Mexico, and Dan Brown of Birmingham, AL. Cousins Paul McDonald of Point au Claire, Quebec Canada, and Neil McGillivray of Hopkinsville, KY, and so many friends. There will be a Celebration of Life Party for Colleen on Sunday June 24, 2018 at American Legion Post 99 in Foley, AL. In Mom's own words---- "bye for now"

Memorial Service June 24,2018
1-4Pm American Legion Foley AL

Tribute Wall

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“ John Dunn..Roman and I want to express our sympathy to you on the loss of your MOM. Being a winter visitor for many years and attending Mass at Lady of the Gulf we had the opportunity to know your MOM. WE DID MANY THINGS TOGETHER, LUNCHES OUT, PINOCHLE SESSIONS ETC ETC. We have such good memories of her as you would know. #1 was hearing her sing at noon at McGuire's on St. Patrick Day. She brought much happiness to us just with her smile.

We did try to get together with her a year ago but it was not possible because of her health. John I feel sad that you did not let us know about Colleen..you had my number. please call us if you can..906-399-0772.. I will stop at the STORE where you were employed and try to see you.

It was a pleasure visiting and being with her on these winters away. I know your Memories of your MOM are ones you will not forget.
GOD BLESS YOU. GAYLE

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