



Colleen Elaine Watters

April 26, 1950 - August 7, 2021

Mineral Point - Colleen E. Watters, age 71 of Mineral Point, passed away on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at Upland Hills Health in Dodgeville, WI.

She was born on April 26, 1950 to Genevieve (Laufenberg) and Paul Blotz. Colleen called Mineral Point home. She graduated from Dodgeville High School in 1968 and moved to Waukesha to attend college and become a registered nurse. She married Douglas Watters on September 4, 1971, at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Mineral Point. Colleen then went on to complete her Bachelors of Nursing at Edgewood College and Masters through University of Phoenix. She became a nursing instructor at Southwest Technical College in Fennimore in 2001 and retired May 2016. Colleen was not only passionate about her 40+ year career as an instructor and nurse throughout various hospitals, nursing homes, and schools but also her many accomplishments and impact she had on her colleagues, students and the community.

Colleen enjoyed spending time with family and friends, cooking, baking, quilting, sewing with her friends, making cards and the many others projects in which she was engaged.

Doug and Colleen raised two children, Jeff (Missy) Watters of Mineral Point and Jeri (Shawn) Buckingham of Dodgeville. Colleen was the proud grandma

of four grandchildren: Blaise Watters, 19; Blair Watters, 17; Belle Watters, 15; and Boyer Watters, 9.

Immediate survivors include her children and grandchildren as well as her sister Marilyn McApline of Stillwater, MN; her three brothers John (Charlene) Blotz of Mineral Point, Michael Blotz and Timothy (Jean) Blotz of Dodgeville; three sisters-in-law Penny (Dennis) Rickard of Linden, Louann Watters (Dave McCullouch) of Tuscon, AZ and Mary Blotz of Fennimore; two brothers-in-law Kenneth Watters of Madison and Richard Rock of Darlington; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Doug (February 06, 2011), her brother James Blotz, her sisters Patricia Blotz and Sharon Rock and brother-in-law Leo McAlpine.

A Mass Of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, August 13, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Ss. MARY & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH in Mineral Point. Fr. Michael Tarigopula will officiate. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. A visitation will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2021 from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the GORGEN FUNERAL HOME in Mineral Point and on Friday from 10:00 until 10:50 a.m. all at the church.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be given in Colleen's name at a later date.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

700 Dodge Street
Mineral Point, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen Funeral Home
310 Ridge Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565
(608) 987-3421
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

Visitation

AUG 13. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

Ss. Mary & Paul Catholic Church
224 Davis Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ss. Mary & Paul Catholic Church
224 Davis Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Tribute Wall



“ *Colleen Elaine Watters*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Colleen and your whole family were so gracious and welcoming when we visited a few years ago. Wish we had visited more often. So sorry for your loss, love to all, Bill and Shirley Watters.*

Shirley Watters - August 16, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Colleen Elaine Watters.*



August 12, 2021 at 03:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Colleen Elaine Watters.*



August 11, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Colleen Elaine Watters.*



August 11, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ *The gals at the Iowa County Health Dept purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Colleen Elaine Watters.*



The gals at the Iowa County Health Dept - August 11, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *I worked with Colleen for many years. I cared for her family and shared meals with her. I remember her dedication to teaching student nurses. My deepest condolences to family. I am saddened by the news of her passing.*

Adam Dachman - August 11, 2021 at 08:38 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Colleen Elaine Watters.*



August 11, 2021 at 05:51 AM

DZ

“ I met Colleen shortly after I started my 4 year adventure at Southwest Tech in the fall of 2008. She always greeted me with a smile and would ask how things were going. She always impressed me with how happy she was to share what she knew with her students. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. Rest In Peace, Colleen



Danny Zadrazil - August 10, 2021 at 08:54 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Colleen Elaine Watters.



August 10, 2021 at 02:14 AM

AP

“ Colleen was such an inspiration. She was fair and loving with guidance. So much respect for the woman she is/was.

Allison Philipps - August 09, 2021 at 10:22 PM

MM

“ There are 2 things that popped into my head when I heard Colleen had passed away. 1) When my dad passed away, she was on duty at the hospital and at the nurses' station when dad's heart rate and breathing started to really slow letting the nurses know that the end was near. Colleen came in and turned the monitor off so we wouldn't hear the flatliner noise. She said "family doesn't need to have that be the last sound before he takes his last breath? She was right! 2) I worked with her on the class of 1968 class reunion and so enjoyed seeing the talented and creative of her. She was such a PLUS to our committee and provided a lot of great ideas and laughs. She will be missed. Marianne (Fred) Rock McCrary

Marianne McCrary - August 09, 2021 at 05:59 PM

PN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Penny Neal - August 09, 2021 at 04:47 PM

PN

Colleen with nursing students on one of our Haiti trips. What an amazing woman to have the honor to know and travel with.

Penny Neal - August 09, 2021 at 04:49 PM

TC

“ They say to teach is to touch a life forever, and when you're a nurse everyday you will touch a life or a life will touch yours. Thank you for the wonderful ways you touched my life. You will be missed.

Tracy Crubel - August 09, 2021 at 01:03 PM

KA

“ Colleen and Doug (A.k.a. Simon) were two great people! Simon would let me drive his car when I was 12. They took me to a NASCAR race in Michigan when I was 13. That event, and the drive there, was an experience. We left at 12 midnight and returned 24 hours later. I'll never forget it. They were always my friends.
Kevin Argall

Kevin Argall - August 09, 2021 at 12:30 PM



“ Colleen will definitely be missed. She had a way about her that could never be matched. She had a heart of gold, and taught me well when I was a Nurse. She had the utmost faith in me, and I appreciated her even more for that!
R.I.P. Colleen thank you for everything...



Lynette Anderson-Pagni - August 09, 2021 at 11:35 AM

EP

“ Thoughts and prayers for her family. She was a genuinely friendly and professional RN who cared so much.



Elaine and Jon Pepper - August 09, 2021 at 10:37 AM

DN

“ *Dena Nelson lit a candle in memory of Colleen Elaine Watters*



Dena Nelson - August 09, 2021 at 09:16 AM

DN

Colleen was one of the nicest people I ever met. In 1978 she was my teacher to be a nurse's aide. About 20 years later she taught my daughter to be a nurse's aide. Always such a caring and generous person. She will be missed dearly.

Dena Nelson - August 09, 2021 at 09:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Colleen Elaine Watters.*



August 09, 2021 at 09:15 AM

TO

“ *Colleen, you will be so missed by many. You were always ready to help wherever needed. So enjoyed our times together.*

Terry Ottoway - August 09, 2021 at 08:21 AM

MP

“ *Mark Perry lit a candle in memory of Colleen Elaine Watters*



Mark Perry - August 09, 2021 at 12:57 AM