



Marc Richard Collard

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Marc Richard Collard, age 74, passed away peacefully at home on January 3, 2025, after a short battle with cancer. Born on January 9, 1950, in Biddeford, Maine, Marc was the son of Aline Berthe (Valliere) Collard and Robert Joseph Collard.

Marc was a proud alumnus of Assumption Preparatory School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. He later obtained a Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence from the Joint Military Intelligence College. Marc served honorably in the U.S. Army from 1975 to 1981, and then went on to have a distinguished career as a Master Intelligence Analyst with the National Security Agency (NSA), a role he held until his retirement in 2007.

Marc was married to his beloved wife, Elizabeth “Beth” Collard, for 49 wonderful years. Together, they shared a love of travel, particularly through Europe and France, creating lasting memories. Marc was deeply interested in following various sports teams, especially the NBA and NFL, and kept a keen eye on current and world events. His passion for learning was also reflected in his love of reading, particularly about U.S. history.

Marc is survived by his wife of 49 years, Elizabeth Collard, his brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Mary Anne Collard of Maine, his brother-in-law William Nagel of New York, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Aline Berthe (Valliere) Collard and Robert Joseph Collard.

A devoted husband, brother, and friend, Marc will be remembered for his intellect, dedication to service, and his deep love for family. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.



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Burial will take place, at the New York State Veterans Cemetery-Finger Lakes, NY on Friday, January 24, 2025 at 1:00 PM.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, January 17, 2025 at St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church, 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE.

A viewing will be held on January 16, 2025, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Marc's memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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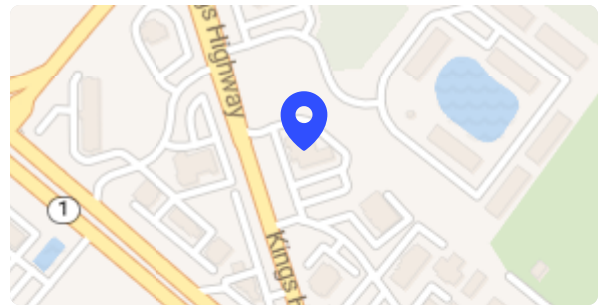
Flowers

Thursday, January 16, 2025

1:00 PM ET

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



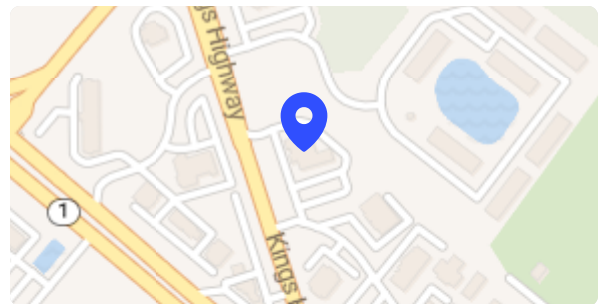
Viewing

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CR

Charles Rankowski posted:

Marc was a classmate of mine at Assumption; in fact, we stayed over the summer to help the priests clean dorms after the other students left, and were roommates one summer. He was a smart, kind, and quiet man, thoughtful and reserved. The world is lesser for his passing.

February 16 at 7:22 AM

JS

Julia Shovein posted:

Dear Beth, So sorry to read of Marc's death. We have not seen you both since we left Berlin 45 years ago. Deepest sympathy, Julia Shovein (530) 965-3808 or jshovein@csuchico.edu

February 2 at 7:54 AM

MB

Marty Byrd posted:

I was a classmate of Marc's for 4 years in high school and have nothing but good memories of Marc, a true salt of the earth gentleman. Rest in peace Marc

January 18 at 12:12 PM

AC

Anne Crown-Cyr posted:

I was deeply saddened by Marc's passing. He was one of the good guys. I have known Marc and Beth for almost 20 years mainly through art and food. Marc always helped with the Delaware Watercolor Society's events. He was such a regular presence that we decided to make him an honorary member simply because he was always with us. He was very supportive of all of our art endeavors. He was patient, witty, and low-key. You could say he was the man behind Beth, the one who always supported her in every way. He never made himself the center of attention, but was always helping. Marc and I shared an interest in French and genealogy. The Cyr name is French-Canadian and my father-in-law had written a book of genealogy about the Cyrs that was recognized by the Canadian government. I shared the book with Marc, and he thought maybe there could be a Collard somewhere in there. We laughed about that. He, Beth, and I shared good times and many meals together. They both helped me when I was sick with a back injury and many other times offered their help, which I so appreciated. Marc will be greatly missed. The world was a better place with Marc in it.

January 16 at 7:37 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marc by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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