



## Mrs. Carolyn W. Colletta

June 15, 1940 - October 12, 2017

Colletta, Carolyn W. (Hall, Rinaldi) age 77 of La Quinta, CA, formerly of Atlanta, GA & Ecorse, MI, died peacefully in her home on October 12, 2017. Beloved wife of 38 years is survived by her husband, Donald D. Colletta. She was born June 15, 1940 in Baltimore, MD. The third of four children to George and Dorothy Hall (predeceased in death) of Atlanta, GA. Survived by her siblings, Patricia (Hall) Kouvaris, Robert Hall and Timothy Hall and by her mother-in-law, Gertrude (Colletta) Heeney. Carolyn is loving mother of 6 children, 17 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Son, David A. Rinaldi (predeceased in death 09/04/2006) was married to Tracey, they have 4 children of Sandstone, VA. Is also survived by daughter, Shelley (Rinaldi) Bottiaux, married to David S. Bottiaux with 4 children of Mobile, AL, son, Anthony G. Rinaldi, married to Nichole, with 2 children of Peachtree City, GA & daughter Elizabeth (Rinaldi) Hall, married to Brian Hall, with 3 children of Wyandotte, MI and stepchildren, son Donald M. Colletta, married to Susan with 2 children & 1 grandchild of Castaic, CA, daughter, Barbara (Colletta) Verhein, married to Scott with 1 child of North Hills, CA as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Carolyn was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in La Quinta, CA and a member of Palm Desert Country Club in Palm Desert, CA. She loved a good party and she loved to shop. As a professional entertainer for over 18 years, Carolyn was one of the lead singers in the nightclub act she shared with her former husband, Tony & Carolyn and Company. Her group performed in and around the Detroit area at such prestigious venues like Top of the

Ponchartrain, The Wine Cellar and Pine Knob Manor as well as in the Manhattan, NY area at the Summit and The Living Room. She was one of the first White-American Women to ever record at Motown Studios in Detroit, Michigan. A Rosary and Funeral Mass is scheduled for Monday, October 30 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in La Quinta, CA. Cremation services were handled by Rose Mortuary, Palm Desert, CA. Date of Internment to be announced, will be at the San Fernando Mission Mortuary in Mission Hills, CA. In lieu of flowers, family suggests a monetary donation to Carolyn's favorite charity, St. Jude's Children's Hospital Charity. You can visit [www.stjudetributes.org](http://www.stjudetributes.org) and click on ST JUDE GIFT FUNDS and search for Carolyn W Colletta.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Carolyn W. Colletta*

October 05, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ *Carolyn...With my wife Bertha, we will always remember your smile and great personality of a Great Person that you always been!Rest In Peace, Your FriendsSergei and Bertha Santana Akimtsev*

**Sergei akimtsev** - January 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Carolyn,I will always remember the good times we shared. I love you and miss you very much.Rest in peace.Love Patsy*

**Patsy (Hall) Kouvaris** - October 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dearest Carolyn,I will always remember the company Christmas parties we attended together with Don and Adolf. You were always an angelic vision in your signature winter white and I always looked forward to sitting next to you so that we could chat and catch up. I admired your grace and wisdom and your positive outlook on life. Later, when you and Don moved to Palm Desert, our visits became more infrequent but always rich and insightful. Thank you for your beautiful friendship. I rejoice in your place in Heaven as you enjoy eternal communion with God and I look forward to re-joining you there one day. Leave a seat for me next to you at our table.Your FriendMarilou*

**marilou cheung** - October 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ You have my sympathy Don. Her and Judy became friends because they were always meeting at Dr offices. now they are free from pain

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**Jim Lalla** - October 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I had the privilege of sharing laughter, fashion, and sweetness with Carolyn through my time as a Stylist at Macy's. It was always such a treat to block the afternoon for Carolyn. It took extra time, but her face just lit up with excitement seeing all the fashions I had pulled for her. Just like her, she loved white, cream and black. She was such a little Diva and knew exactly what she wanted, how she wanted to look, and always mentioned her lovely husband Don, who sometimes waited out in the car for hours, while Carolyn shopped. Oh, he would get antsy with how long we took, but these special times gave her life, gave her joy, and gave her something to look forward to that perhaps words could never convey. I just "got" Carolyn and we had a very special bond, although our time was brief and a new welcomed friend. We spoke of her days in the entertainment business, she sang for me on occasion and this fiery, sweet, determined, beautiful woman blessed me every time she came in to shop. I know she is in heaven, orchestrating the music, the songs, and the look of her performance with the angels. When I hear Motown, I will always remember Carolyn. She is happy, painfree and will be there to welcome us when it is our turn, with that beautiful smile, those clear light blue eyes, and we will dance!

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**Debra Hertzog** - October 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rest in peace, finally, our Angel & sister Carolyn. ♡

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**Tim & Pat Hall** - October 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I so sorry for your loss condolences to al the family I remember her when I was young. Lovely women prayers to all of you.*

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**Lisa Pakkidis** - October 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM