



## Cornelius B. Collins III

March 26, 1953 - October 9, 2014

Hampton – Cornelius B. “Neil” Collins, III, 61, of Hampton, died Thursday, October 9, 2014 at home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Lowell, MA, March 26, 1953, a son of the late Cornelius B. and Agnes (Kirwin) Collins, Jr.

Neil was raised on the lower east side of New York City and earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from Merrimack College in Andover, MA. During the summer of 1970, while working as an usher at the Hampton Beach Casino Theatre, he met the love of his life and future wife, Kathleen (Lussier) Collins, who worked the ticket booth. The couple married in 1975 and after living in New York and Dover, NH, moved to Hampton in 1984.

Neil had worked for over 20 years for Associated Grocers of New England. He left Associated Grocers and went to work as a hardware associate on opening day at the Home Depot in North Hampton where he worked for the past 12 years. Neil was a skilled woodworker and used his Shopsmith Power Tools to produce many fine pieces of furniture for his family. His friends benefited from his other passion, building and tinkering with computer hardware and software.

In addition to Kathleen, his wife of over 39 years, Neil is survived by two sons,

Cornelius Collins IV and his wife Carla of Exeter and Michael Collins and his fiancée Michelle Butman of Brookline, MA. He is also survived by his daughter, Kathleen (Collins) Leombruno and her husband Michael of Raymond and two grandchildren, Kyle and Peyton Leombruno. Neil has one brother, Patrick Collins of Hampton, and was predeceased by his sister, Marianne Collins.

Memorial services will be private. If desired, donations may be made to A Tree Instead, at [www.atreeinstead.com](http://www.atreeinstead.com), or the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, at [www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cornelius B. Collins III*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I'm So sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers  
xoxo*

**jenny griffin** - October 27, 2014 at 10:08 PM



“ *I loved working with Neil, he was my best friend when I worked in  
north Hampton, he always helped me with my computers and would  
give me his pepes, he loved his candy. I had a lot of fun working  
with him. He was a great guy and will be missed.*

**heather bucci** - October 23, 2014 at 03:33 PM



“ *Patti Kirwin-keilty lit a candle in memory of  
Cornelius B. Collins III*



**Patti Kirwin-keilty** - October 14, 2014 at 02:05 PM



“ *Always smiling and up beat. A real pleasure to know and work with  
you. My sympathies to the whole Collins family. Neal will be missed  
by all who knew him.*

**Jim O'Neil** - October 13, 2014 at 12:38 PM

PN

“ I have many fond memories of Neil from our college years together. He was a great guy. May his family and friends find comfort and peace in this time of sorrow.

Paul Noonan - October 13, 2014 at 08:56 AM

CD

“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to the entire Collin's family. May all your wonderful memories of Neil bring you comfort through this difficult time. I worked with Neil at Home Depot. We shared some great times there. He was an awesome guy and a good friend. You will not be forgotten my friend. May you rest in peace!

Chris Doyle  
North Hampton, N.H.

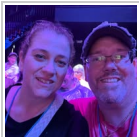
Chris Doyle - October 12, 2014 at 11:22 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cornelius B. Collins III.



October 12, 2014 at 10:21 AM



“ Had the best time working with Neil at home depot. He was a gr a at friend.

Ben Jacobs - October 12, 2014 at 08:10 AM

AO

“ I am so very sorry about Neil's passing.....I am glad that in the past year or two Neil and I reconnected through Facebook. Please accept the prayers and sympathy of my family. May Neil rest in peace!

*Agnes Kirwin Owens*

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**Agnes Kirwin Owens** - October 12, 2014 at 05:54 AM

RB

*My deepest sympathy to Neil's family. Neil was the best boss an employee could ever have. I worked with Neil at the Casino Coffee Shoppe for many years. What a great man he was. Shared lots of laughs and he was so knowledgeable. He will surely be missed in this life. Rest in peace Neil. God Bless you and your family.*

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**Renee Bergeron** - October 12, 2014 at 07:11 PM



*I grew up with Neil. His family were next door neighbors to my cousin. I lived in a building across the playground. We went to the same High School. I also worked for the same company as his father. I'm so sorry to hear about his loss at such a young age. God rest his soul and bless his family.*

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**Rodger Fenfert** - October 12, 2014 at 11:23 PM

PE

*I,m not sure if you got my message,but anyway so sorry for your loss of husband and mom and dad, pete haight*

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**peterhaight** - March 18, 2015 at 09:55 PM