



Angela Collins St. John

February 26, 1947 - June 13, 2017

Angela Collins St. John died June 13, 2017 in Napa, California, of complications from Alzheimer's disease. She was a resident of St. Helena in the late 1980s where she was an active volunteer in local schools. She returned in 2010, and loved spending time gardening and walking her dog, Mosie.

During the 1970s, she resided in Washington DC where, she opened "Angie's New Leaf," a plant-flower-card-gift-neighborhood anchor on 17th Street NW which flourished during a transformational period in the city. Angie's New Leaf was a popular shop for locals to visit and re-visit, and she is still remembered fondly by many of her customers. Angie and her sister, Mary Margaret, ran Angie's New Leaf for more than a quarter century.

In February 1981, Angie married Edward P. St. John, a native of Napa California. They spent their first year a marriage in Armidale, Australia, where her new husband was a visiting fellow at the University of New England and Angie made many friends. When they left the small rural community to return to DC with their newborn son, Denis Wesley, more than 30 residents came to the airport to say goodbye. After their return, Angie gave birth to her second son, Liam Edward, who was born at Sibley Hospital, where both Angie and her mother had been born.

Angela and Edward moved to the Napa Valley in 1985 so their young children could be closer to their grandparents, Wesley Victor and Gladys Loretta St. John. They spent an extended period away from St. Helena, living in New Orleans (LA), Dayton (OH), Bloomington (IN), and Ann Arbor (MI), as Edward pursued his academic career. Angie volunteered in schools and libraries, gardened, and hosted many large and memorable dinner parties

In 1995-96, as part of a sabbatical, the family took a nine-month trip around the United States, as they "home schooled" their boys. Denis's project was study of earth science focusing on national parks and Liam's examined how state communicated about their histories in capitol tours. Angie took photos and edited their volumes. For many years Angie also edited Edward's publications, contributing to his rise to an endowed professorship at the University of Michigan. They were an academic family harking back to the traditional spirit, making their way together as a unit, not just as individuals.

Angie was born February 24, 1947 in Washington DC, attended Nativity grade school and

Notre Dame High School in Washington, and received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Dayton, OH. She was the second daughter of Denis and Mary Hannan Collins. She is survived her husband and sons, along with her daughter Denise Lynn Bradley, her husband Peter John and their children Alana Elizabeth and Connor James. She will also be sorely missed by her siblings and their many children: her sister Mary Margaret Nickolaus and husband Paul, brothers Denis Collins and wife Pamela Riley, Kevin Collins and wife Kristen Sparrow, Joe Collins and partner Susie Monick, and Brendan Collins and wife Dawn Collins.

Visitation will be at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home (1975 Main St., Napa), June 24, from 1-4 p.m. Angie's family will make contributions in her name to her favorite charities: Global Harmony Through Personal Excellence (3925 Livingston Street, NW, Washington, DC 20015-292) and the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies (USC, 6301 Watt Way, GFS 203, Los Angeles, CA 90089-1693).

Events

JUN **Visitation** 01:00PM - 04:00PM

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Claffey & Rota Funeral Home

1975 Main Street, Napa, CA, US, 94559

Comments



“ I just learned of Angie's passing, and I am saddened by her loss. She was the Chi Sigma Alpha fraternity sweetheart in 1969 while we all were at the University of Dayton, and no one ever fit the description better than Angie. She took me to my first (and only) Dionne Warwick concert, of whom she was a big fan. I will carry her memory with me forever.

Larry Hurley, December 19, 2017

Lawrence Hurley - December 19, 2017 at 04:16 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. I went to NDA with Angie, and knew her as a bright and wonderful friend to all who knew her. She truly made the world a better place for having lived, and I feel very fortunate to have known her as a friend in those earlier years. She will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her. My sincere condolences to her family and those close to her. Good thoughts and prayers going out to you all.

Anne Lorenzetti Davies

anne davies - June 26, 2017 at 12:46 PM



“ Angie was a brilliant fun loving classmate at NDA. We shared the same classes for 4 years and I will always remember her wonderful smile. My sincere condolences to the family.

Barbara Dykes Coffin - June 25, 2017 at 07:47 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Angela Collins St. John.



June 22, 2017 at 02:11 PM



“ Feeling so sad about this news. I worked for Angie at New Leaf and she was a Beach Week chaperone when Suzie and a bunch of Catholic school girls went down to Ocean City. She was so good-natured and easy to be around! My condolences to the St. Johns and all the Collins family. Sending you all so many hugs.

Carla Linder and family

Carla Linder - June 19, 2017 at 10:16 AM



“ I am deeply saddened by the news of Angie's passing. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with Ed and family. While in Ann Arbor, Angie was always so gracious to me and Ed's other U of Michigan colleagues and students.

Phil Bowman

Phillip Bowman - June 22, 2017 at 08:51 AM



“ Dear Ed and your entire family,
I am so saddened to learn of Angie's passing. Wishing all of you strength and love during this difficult time. May you find comfort in the many lovely memories you have of this remarkable woman.
Fondly,
Patti Doughty

Patti Doughty - June 19, 2017 at 09:15 AM



“ To Angie's Family,
I am a high school friend of Ange. I was deeply saddened to learn of her passing. I have many happy memories of her and of visiting the family home and hope that your memories will help during this sad and difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with all. Marie Vecchiarelli Sharpe

Marie Sharpe - June 17, 2017 at 11:38 AM