



Colleen Dawn Hellesvig

September 28, 1970 - July 25, 2023

Colleen Dawn Hellesvig went home to be with her Lord and Savior on July 25, 2023, at the age of 52, at the Hospice of the Valley in Glendale, Arizona, with her mom and special friends Shannon Donahoo and Grant Shapirio by her side. She fought a courageous two-year battle with cancer, with her mother by her side.

Colleen was born on September 28, 1970, to Wallace “Wally” and Beverly (Knels) Hellesvig in Seattle, Washington. In 1972 the family moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming. In 1974 the family moved to the family farm in Bloomfield, Montana. Colleen attended school at the Bloomfield and Richey school.

In 1984 the family moved to Billings, Montana, where Colleen graduated with the Class of 1988 at Billings West High School. In 1992 she graduated from Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri, with a degree in music.

After college Colleen moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, for several years. In 1998 she moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where she met some friends for life. She didn’t like the ice storms and tornadoes, and moved to Phoenix, Arizona, in 2008.

In 2011 Colleen bought a house with a swimming pool. She loved to swim, hike, ski, play tennis, and many other sports. She worked hard to fix her house the way she wanted it. She loved doing yard work with the twelve different fruit trees she had planted. When her mom would come in November for visits, Colleen would take her mom on a trip, and it usually involved hiking.

Most weekends you could find her hiking in the mountains around Phoenix. Colleen worked for Farmers Insurance as an adjuster. She loved her job and the friends she made there. She was not a quitter. She worked up to the week before she passed away.

Colleen is preceded in death by her father Wally Hellesvig, grandmas Rebecca Knels Hofer, Emma Hellesvig, and some aunts, uncles, and cousins. She is survived by her mother Beverly, brother Mike, niece Kasey, two great nieces Paislee and Willow, aunt Delphie Tiesen, aunt Virginia Farmsworth, and many cousins. She will be truly missed by special friends Shannon Donahoo and Grant Shapirio, her friends at Farmers Insurance, and her mom that took care of her every day for two years.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at the Richey Alliance Church in Richey, Montana with Darrell Nefzger officiating. Interment will be in the Bethlehem Mennonite Cemetery in Bloomfield. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Funeral Service Link: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Richey-Alliance-Church/100068946982508/>

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Mennonite Cemetery

Bloomfield, MT

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Christian & Missionary
315 S 4th St
Richey, MT 59259
(406) 773-5548

Tribute Wall

MI

“ Colleen and I met thru work when she moved to Arizona. She was always so friendly. Throughout the years I really got to know her and truly understood her love for life. She had the great love of the outdoors and always being active. At work, she was helpful and really got to know people not just thru work but personally. She would always remember something that I had told her before and ask about it at a later time. After her diagnosis, we spoke for hours and shared stories, exchanged text messages, funny pictures and the list goes on. She fought this disease with grace and always had a positive view of the future. She was a fighter and overcame so much, which shows her will. I will miss Colleen so much and my condolences to her family 💕💕

Michele - September 29, 2023 at 10:15 AM

MD

“ Colleen was a bright light in the office. Her positive and encouraging presence will be missed! My sincerest condolences to the family.

Mike Diehl - August 08, 2023 at 12:14 PM

PH

“ Nancy & I met Colleen through my close friend Grant Shapiro, some 10 years ago.

Every person that I've met through Grant, has been a high-quality individual.

So as Nancy and I got to know Colleen, we were not surprised to find that she fit this mold and had a very-strong moral compass.

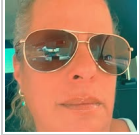
Nancy & I spent a few days w/ Grant & Colleen in Rocky Point in 2015 & enjoyed that trip so much !

Other special memories that come to mind include the great time we all had at the James Bond party & also Colleen hosting Grant's 50th birthday party in her beautiful home with her entertaining all of us guests with fantastic piano playing on her baby-grand !

We miss Colleen-she departed so young - but we are grateful that we knew her, for the short time that we did 🙏

*-Phil Hodson
Phoenix*

Phil Hodson - August 05, 2023 at 02:41 AM



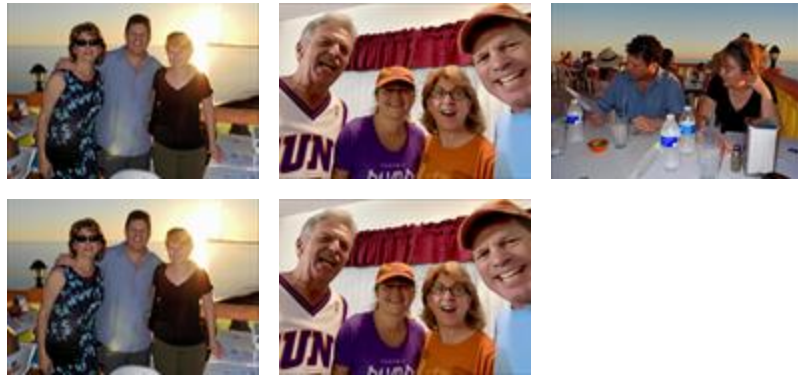
“ I will miss you Colleen. I could post 100 more memories but I will always remember the ones we had. Rest in peace my friend.



Stacy Culberson - August 04, 2023 at 07:47 PM

PH

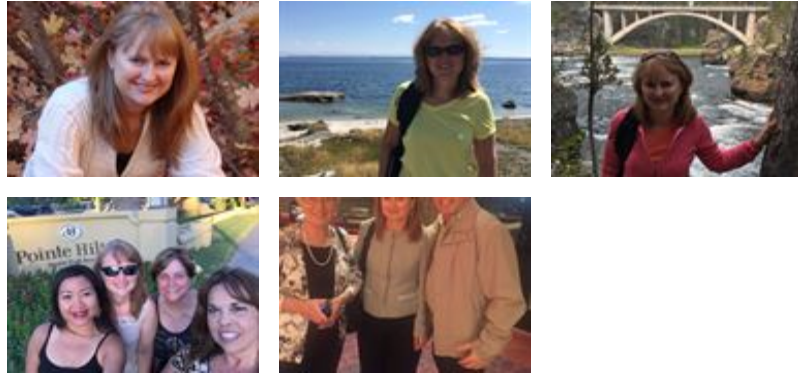
“ 6 files added to the album Colleen



Phil Hodson - August 04, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Silha Funeral Home - August 04, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Colleen Dawn Hellesvig*.



August 04, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Colleen Dawn Hellesvig*.

August 04, 2023 at 03:36 PM

RO

“ I got the pleasure to meet Colleen when I came to work for the Phoenix, AZ office. She was so welcoming and I was instantly drawn to her. She had such a good energy about her and such an amazing soul. I couldn't wait to see her, as I am planning a visit the Phoenix office soon. To my sadness, that won't happen. Colleen you will be missed - our heavenly angel!

Robyn - August 04, 2023 at 03:06 PM

JJ

“ I had the great pleasure of working with Colleen for nearly a decade and appreciated many things about her. I loved her testimony for the Lord, she had a wonderful way about her and navigated life with confidence knowing her Lord.

All that worked with her were better for it. She would teach, call you out, and set the bar for what we all wanted to be. She set an amazing standard with her file knowledge and was easily one of the best negotiators any of us will ever know.

Her love for creation and being out in it was one of her greatest joys. Many of us would discuss our outdoor adventures and she had plenty of them. Her photography is amazing, and you could see her love for the outdoors in her prints. Her active lifestyle was always wrapped around another outdoor adventure.

She will be missed in many ways, and I am thankful I knew Colleen. My thoughts and prayers are with you and thank you for sharing her with all of us.

Joseph Jones - August 03, 2023 at 05:08 PM

BS

“ I had the opportunity to get to know Colleen through work. I feel the way so many of our coworkers have already expressed. We had work conversations and lovely and meaningful personal conversations. I am fortunate to have had the chance to get to know her. My sincere condolences to her family and friends. She will be missed but remembered fondly.

Betsy Swisher - August 03, 2023 at 01:23 PM

MA

“ Colleen was a tremendous person. Professionally, she had a palpable passion and it was fun watching her negotiate, as she was more prepared and tougher than the person on the other line. She always carried an internal pride that I admired. Personally, I always enjoyed talking with her about being outdoors or eating good food. She will be sorely missed.

Matt Allen - August 03, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Colleen Dawn Hellesvig.

August 03, 2023 at 12:29 PM

RC

“ Colleen was one of the first new hires I worked with as a trainer with Farmers. There is one particular memory that pops up often for me- when I was getting ready to move to Oregon, I had a long discussion with Colleen about inflatable kayaks- and still think of her whenever I see someone in a kayak on the river. I always admired her sense of adventure. To all of Colleen's family, my thoughts are with you, and may your memories of Colleen be a blessing in the future.

Rachel Callahan - August 03, 2023 at 11:25 AM

BB

“ It was an honor to work alongside Colleen at Farmers. She was tough on the attorneys but had a kind heart to all her fellow co-workers. Her sense of humor and ability to brighten your day will be missed.

Bret Berthelson - August 03, 2023 at 09:52 AM

DA

“ I had the pleasure of working with Colleen for the last six years. She was what you would want from the perfect employee - respectful, hard working, smart and you could count on her. I always enjoyed hearing about her ski trips and weekend plans. She made a difference in our lives and she will be missed - David

David Anderson - August 03, 2023 at 09:34 AM

AT

“ Colleen was an amazing coworker and she was such a pleasure to work with. My condolences to her family and close friends.
Alma Tovar



Alma Tovar - August 03, 2023 at 12:50 AM

LD

“ I had the pleasure of working with Colleen for the past 8 years. A wonderful human who left me with great memories that will forever be kept in my heart. I will miss you.

Laila Doroudian - August 02, 2023 at 10:34 PM

NW

“ Nancy & Michelle Latham & the Whitefields purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Colleen Dawn Hellesvig.



Nancy & Michelle Latham & the Whitefields - August 02, 2023
at 10:29 PM

CW

“ I only got to know and work with Colleen for a little over a year, but we shared a lot of laughs about the ways people mess up the name Colleen/Collin. She was so passionate and had a great sense of humor. I will think off her when a name mix up happens again and know she's laughing with me. She will be missed.

Collin Welch - August 02, 2023 at 09:28 PM

NL

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Nancy Latham - August 02, 2023 at 08:55 PM

NL

“ It was such a blessing to have Colleen as a friend to myself, my husband, my baby daughter, and all of the rest of my family. She was a guest in my home and in my mom's home many times while she lived here in Oklahoma. She was intelligent and informed and was a great source of knowledge. I really appreciated visiting with her and getting to know her. All of my family enjoyed her visits as well and have great memories of her. I enjoyed her wealth of understanding of the Bible and many other subjects and benefited from her advice about many areas of my life. I'm so sorry that she was taken away so young. She was a sweet and beautiful person whom I am thankful to have had the pleasure of knowing.

Nancy Latham - August 02, 2023 at 08:48 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Colleen Dawn Hellesvig.



August 02, 2023 at 07:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Colleen Dawn Hellesvig.

August 02, 2023 at 07:17 PM

ES

“ Colleen will be missed. She was an amazing coworker for many years and it was a pleasure working with her and having her on my team both in commercial auto and personal lines auto. My condolences to her family and close friends.

Eric Swannie - August 02, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Colleen Dawn Hellesvig.*



August 02, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *I had the honor of working with Colleen over many years at Farmers. She was such a thoughtful and insightful person both in work, and in life. Her positive impact could be seen in those she worked with and mentored daily. She will be greatly missed.*

Aaron Davis - August 02, 2023 at 06:35 PM



“ *I have known her for 10 years. We had several great hikes and shared many fabulous meals. She loved my pups. Will miss her.*
Marsha B

Marsha Bennett - August 02, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Marsha B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colleen Dawn Hellesvig.*

Marsha B. - August 02, 2023 at 03:02 PM

GS

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Grant Shapiro - August 01, 2023 at 09:19 PM

NI

“ *I already miss Colleen so much. I have had the honor to work with her for many years and was privileged to call her a friend. She was so passionate about her work and always brought a smile to my face when we chatted. I always enjoyed talking about work related stuff with her but the lengthy non-work related conversations we had will forever be cherished by me. I am so sorry for her family and send my best wishes to them. Colleen will always hold a special place in my heart and will never be forgotten. -Nick P.*

Nick - August 01, 2023 at 06:20 PM

NT

“ *Bev and family I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Colleen My thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Noreen Turnquist - August 01, 2023 at 05:42 PM

GS

“ 10 files added to the album Colleen



Grant Shapiro - August 01, 2023 at 12:28 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album Colleen



Grant Shapiro - July 29, 2023 at 07:05 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Colleen



Grant S Shapiro - July 29, 2023 at 06:53 PM

GS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Grant S Shapiro - July 29, 2023 at 06:50 PM

JO

“ Colleen will be so missed by so many and especially me. You were my friend and coworker. Some of my favorite memories were just talking or chatting with Colleen. I keep going over those memories and it cheers me up through this sad time. She always had a way to make me laugh out loud. Sometimes we would start talking about work and just get lost talking about other things. Colleen is a special person. I never remember a day when Colleen was not smiling or in a good mood, she always had the best personality and perfect smile and charm. That is how i remember her. She will be missed so much ~ Jon

jon - July 28, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Colleen Dawn Hellesvig.

July 28, 2023 at 06:00 PM



“ *Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of Colleen Hellesvig*



Andeen Raymond - July 28, 2023 at 11:54 AM

PH

“ *2 files added to the album Colleen*



PHIL Hodson - July 28, 2023 at 02:54 AM

SD

“ *Colleen's smile and laughter will always stay in my heart. She was mischievous yet tender hearted. Talented and yet humble with the talents the Lord blessed her with...more than that Colleen was a very loyal friend. I will miss her dearly.*

shannon donahoo - July 27, 2023 at 11:45 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Colleen Dawn Hellesvig.*



July 27, 2023 at 11:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Colleen Dawn Hellesvig.

July 27, 2023 at 11:41 PM



“ I only got the opportunity to know her at work, but she was so fun to be around. Very encouraging and I always loved getting to spend time talking with her. She will be missed.

Nicole - July 27, 2023 at 04:52 PM



“ Noreen Turnquist sent a virtual gift in memory of Colleen Hellesvig



Noreen Turnquist - July 27, 2023 at 11:48 AM