



## Colleen H. McAuliffe

September 1, 2025

Colleen H. McAuliffe, 95, passed away peacefully on September 1, 2025, at Lemay Avenue Health and Rehabilitation Facility in Fort Collins. Colleen was born on March 8, 1930, in Ogallala, Nebraska to Mary (Schindler) and Henry Lomme. She grew up on a farm north of Brule, Nebraska and was the oldest of seven children: Jerold, Gene, Jon, Patricia, David and Jim. She assumed responsibility early in her life caring for her siblings and helping on the farm delivering milk and cream to sell.

Colleen attended first through eight grades at a country school outside of Ogallala. During high school in Ogallala, she sang in the a cappella choir, worked at the local movie theatre and spent a summer working on an assembly line at Goodall Manufacturing Company. After graduating in 1948, she worked at Sullivan's Department Store.

On September 10, 1951, Colleen married Harold McAuliffe of Chappell, Nebraska. Harold was a good friend of Colleen's Aunt Lorraine Pappas. Colleen and Harold made their home in Chappell where Harold worked in construction as a brick mason. Shortly after their marriage, Harold's work led them to Hebron, Nebraska where they lived for two years. In 1955 they moved to Fort Collins to live in a home purchased by Colleen's parents so her brothers, Gene and Jon, could attend Colorado State University School of Veterinary Medicine. She maintained this home for her family, her two brothers

and two fellow veterinary students. In 1959 Harold built a new home on College Avenue where they raised their family and lived for 30 years.

Colleen kept an immaculate house and a well-manicured yard. She was a devoted mother to Kandis, Kevin, Kim and Kris. She was also a loving grandmother to eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She worked as a salesclerk at Montgomery Wards for 13 years. She provided childcare for family members and friends. Colleen and Harold opened their home to many family members throughout the years who were either attending CSU, working in the Fort Collins area or just needed a place to stay for a while. Colleen cared for her ailing father, and she and Harold visited almost daily their mother and mother-in-law who resided in care facilities.

Colleen and Harold enjoyed CSU football and basketball games where they held season tickets for many years and were members of the CSU Rams Club. They also enjoyed attending their children and grandchildren's sporting events. Colleen joined the CSU Women's Association in 1993. During her time with the association, she was Co-Chair of the Hostess Committee, a member of the Gardening Group and volunteered to bake homemade cookies and work the canteen at the Blood Drive. In 2017 she assumed the position as Chair of the Blood Drive.

Colleen was a member of Saint John XXIII Catholic Church for many years. She sang in the choir with her daughter, made communion bread, scheduled volunteers and worked the kitchen at Catholic Charities Northern Mission. Here she prepared and served meals to the homeless. She participated in a faith sharing group at the church as well as preparing and serving meals for CSU students after Sunday evening mass.

Colleen was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, brothers Jerold, Jon and David, as well as her sister-in-laws Hester and Doris. She is survived by

her children Kandis of Fort Collins, Kevin (Lyn) of Thornton, Kim (Rachel) of Fort Collins, Kris (Sheri) of Fort Collins, eight grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren and siblings Gene (Dorothy), Patricia (Norvin), and Jim (Jan).

Recitation of the Rosary will begin at 10 am Thursday, October 16, 2025, followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 am at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church in Fort Collins. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the CSU Foundation (Women's Association), P.O. Box 1870 Fort Collins, CO 80522 or Foothills Gateway Inc., 301 West Skyway Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525. Interment will be held Friday, October 17, at 11 am at Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery in Fort Collins.

# Previous Events

## Recitation of the Rosary

OCT 16. 10:00 AM (MT)

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish Church  
5450 S Lemay Avenue  
Fort Collins , CO 80525

## Mass of Christian Burial

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5450 S Lemay Avenue  
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## Interment

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (MT)

Resthaven Memorial Gardens Cemetery  
8426 S College Ave  
Fort Collins, CO 80525  
info@resthavencolorado.com  
<http://www.resthavencolorado.com/>

# Tribute Wall

KG

“ I’ve struggled to find the right words to honor such an incredible woman. My grandma was truly one of the most amazing people I’ve ever known — the rock of our family and the glue that held us all together.

*She never missed an event, performance, or birthday, and she always showed up with love and pride shining in her eyes. She kept all of us cousins close, whether it was nights at Chuck E. Cheese, cheering at CSU games, or celebrating every holiday together.*

*She was a safe place to turn to, never judged anyone, and always made you feel loved and accepted. Grandma poured her heart into everything she did — from baking endless Christmas cookies to cooking our favorite meals when we came to visit. She was always up for anything, whether it was hiding booze during Cheyenne Frontier Days, playing hours of Old Maid, or wearing a crazy birthday hat or hula skirt.*

*Even after I moved away and started my own family, visiting Grandma was always at the top of my list. I’ll never forget how her face lit up when she saw my daughter, or how excited she was when I told her we were expecting our second child.*

*Grandma was an amazing role model. She showed us how to be strong, kind, patient, and giving. Her love, laughter, and kindness shaped who we are today and will always be a part of us.*

*Thank you, Grandma, for being our rock, our role model, and our reminder of what it means to love with your whole heart and the importance of family. You will be forever missed, never forgotten, and always loved.*



**Katie Grossman** - October 16, 2025 at 09:23 PM

CY

“ Colleen was the oldest cousin on the Schindler side of the family. There were 19 1st cousins. She was also my godmother. I think she was the kindest person I have ever known, Aside from maybe Grandma Schindler 💕 Whenever we visited Colorado Colleen always made sure to have a family gathering so we could see family here. She welcomed everyone. My memories of her are full of appreciation for the caring person she was. Her loving spirit continues..

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Cindy Schindler Yichoy

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**Cindy Yichoy** - October 16, 2025 at 10:55 AM

RM

“ Colleen always made me a cherry pie for my birthday.. a great Mother-in-law!  
Rachel

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**Rachel McAuliffe** - October 11, 2025 at 12:36 AM

KM

“ Colleen was my Grandmother. I was so lucky to have such a wonderful Grandma in my life. She was there for every birthday, every school event, every sport, every milestone. Colleen was a grandmother to 8 grandkids and she made sure we all felt loved and supported in every aspect of our lives. Grandma taught us the importance of family and always made sure family came first. I was so lucky to spend all of my holidays with her. I will always cherish the memories of Christmas in her basement sitting as a big family around her Christmas tree and everyone just laughing. The holidays will not be the same. Thank you for being the best Grandma.

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**Kelsey McAuliffe** - October 10, 2025 at 10:02 PM

DC

“ Aunt Colleen was a beautiful person inside and out! As a child I was in love with her beautiful pink kitchen! She always tried to keep all the family together, which was quite daunting considering how large the family is. She always remembered everyone's birthday with a card. She will be missed! Rest easy Aunt Colleen 💔

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**Debbie Callender** - October 07, 2025 at 02:16 PM

GL

“ She was a matriarch for the family. Brick and Colleen redid a little house for us to stay in when we came to Ft. Collins. She always had us for Sunday dinners, including homemade pies. After Stephen was born, she babysat him for 2 years while I worked and Gene was in veterinary school. . .She will be missed by all who loved her and now miss her. Gene and Dorothy Lomme

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**Gene Lomme** - October 02, 2025 at 09:59 AM