



## Colleen Noble Newell

May 22, 1947 - February 13, 2016

Colleen Newell (1947 -2016)

Colleen Therese Newell, of Rockford, passed away surrounded by her family on Saturday, February 13, 2016. Born May 22, 1947, in Iowa City, Iowa, to Joseph and Virginia (Mooney) Noble. Colleen attended Muldoon High School before graduating from West High School in 1965. She was employed by a credit union upon graduating and later married Jodie Newell in 1967. Colleen enjoyed reading, flower gardening, music and raising her two children, her life's center. She was later employed as a domestic worker providing in home care to the elderly, babysitting and cleaning homes. She is remembered by family members as putting herself before others. Colleen was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Survivors include: daughter Nicole (Paris Catlin) Newell; son John Newell ( both in Rockford). Three sisters: Cathy Wievel (Stevens Point, WI.); Shannon (Joseph) Girardi (Scottsdale, AZ.); Kelly (Don) Aanrud (Amherst Jct. WI.) and one brother Casey (Kerri) Noble (Loveland, CO.) Three grandchildren: Jalen, Adrian and Christian Newell (Rockford). Several nieces and nephews. A celebration of life will be announced by the family at a later date. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family. Share a memory or condolence at [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

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“ Shannon and family,  
My condolences for your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.  
Dagny Gallagher Johnson

**Dagny Johnson** - February 24, 2016 at 09:01 PM

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“ Cathy Lewellen lit a candle in memory of Colleen Noble Newell



**Cathy Lewellen** - February 23, 2016 at 11:43 AM

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“ Shannon & Family:  
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Remember that your loving memories are God's gift to you; may they bring you peace.

Diane Diventi Zabawa

**Diane Diventi Zabawa** - February 23, 2016 at 09:55 AM

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“ Ruth Raxter lit a candle in memory of Colleen Noble Newell



**Ruth Raxter** - February 22, 2016 at 04:29 PM



“ I'm a friend of Colleens daughter Nikki, my thoughts and prayers go to her and the family. This is not goodbye its see ya later. May god be with you all.

**Ruth Raxter** - February 22, 2016 at 04:32 PM

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“ Coleen and I became friends at West High School, class of 65. What a wonderful summer of 65 we shared along with our friend Jill. I lived a couple of blocks away, also being the oldest of 5, and we would meet up with Jill (on the bus) and head downtown, being "cool" in our white jeans and pink plaid shirts! Rest in peace my friend and my thoughts to your family. Sherry (Williford) Flynn

**Sherry Flynn** - February 21, 2016 at 11:08 AM

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“ I remember when I was young I always thought she was my prettiest cousin, course she was the oldest...She was one of the kindest people I have ever known..My favorite memory of her was when we went to Buffalo Lake in 1960. Tim wasn't born yet and we stuffed the three of us, Mom and Dad, Gramma Mary and Colleen in the 1956 pontiac. We had a great time, I still have pictures of that vacation in one of the family albums.

God Bless you Colleen and may the road rise with you

Your Cousin

Pat Fenelon

**Patrick Fenelon** - February 21, 2016 at 10:31 AM

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“ My deepest condolences go to Colleen's family. You are in my thoughts and prayers, and I hope your life is filled with joyful memories with Colleen for you to cherish and remember her by. Sincerely, Heather (Noble) Dunne & family



Heather Dunne - February 20, 2016 at 04:41 PM

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“ I was a close friend of Colleen's our senior year at Rockford West High School in 1965 and actually have been trying to locate her for the past several years - even posting on the West High facebook site. She and I would laugh a great deal and one memory I can share was the time we decided to ride along with another gal who drove outside of Rockford to a dance. The driver went off with some boy and we were stranded! I was forced to call my dad who drove out to pick us up at midnight - way past our curfew. We both found ourselves 'grounded' - something that had never happened before (or since). We bonded over that adventure and somehow lost contact after graduation. She was a dear sweet friend and her family that remains can be comforted knowing how often she made me smile back in 1965 and how proud I am to call her a friend.

Carol Swinehart Woodard  
dumplin@neb.rr.com

Carol Woodard - February 20, 2016 at 03:59 PM

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“ I remember Coleen as a very sweet kind hearted woman!!! She was always worried about other people she loved and cared about and put others first before her own self!!! I remember many times going to pick out flowers with her and her daughter nikki!!! Lol she could never have enough petunias around the yard of all colors!!! I could go on and on!!! I will say that woman was a fighter threw everything that was put in front of her and I myself never heard her complain !!! She is now no longer suffering and has gained her wings!!! Rip Coleen I will never forget you and am so honored to have been apart of your life !!!

Love nicole

Ps the one thing she would always call me as she winked at me trusty nicole!!!

nicole - February 19, 2016 at 09:24 PM



“ My memory is of Colleen when she studied for tests. She was such a good student in school and memorized pages of notes, word for word. I would listen to her conjugate Latin verbs or listen to her prepare for history tests. Muldoon was a demanding school. Sometimes I would try to take off instead of helping with her studying, but she usually caught me and gave me her notebooks, replete with notes and I'd settle in. It was incredible how much she could memorize and how well she did in school. I could always make her laugh. How impossible it seems that my older sister is not here. I think an honorable trait of hers was taking the blame for things she did in her life. I don't remember her blaming others. ( Few people can do that.) She was a good hearted person and I am proud to have had her as my sister. Kelly Aanrud  
Amherst, Jct. WI.

**Kelly Aanrud** - February 19, 2016 at 02:48 PM