



Colleen Margaret O'Leary

February 3, 1983 - September 21, 2025

Colleen Margaret O'Leary, age 42, of Arden Hills, passed away on September 21, 2025.

Colleen was born in Fridley, MN, the first of three girls. As a child, she was shy but had a vivid curiosity and loved playing games, video games, and drawing. Growing up, Colleen was a true and loyal friend to many.

She developed a passion for fashion and beauty and dedicated herself to sharing her gifts with others. She attended and graduated from Paul Mitchell The School of Cosmetology, where she honed her craft and began a career that would touch countless lives. Throughout her career, Colleen helped clients discover their confidence and inner beauty through her talent and genuine care. She had a remarkable ability to make people feel seen and valued, and she worked to make the world more beautiful-one person at a time. Colleen had an incredible work ethic which enabled her to achieve her dream of home ownership.

In 2014, Colleen became a mother to Donovan, the joy and light of her life. She was a fiercely loving and proud mother, devoted to nurturing and supporting her son. Colleen cherished their time together-whether taking Donovan to the water park, whole family trips to Urban Air, building puzzles and Legos, or sharing her love of arts and crafts. She found deep joy in watching him grow and was both proud and humbled by his academic achievements. Her love for Donovan was boundless, and being his mother was her greatest honor.

Colleen also had a strong interest in health and fitness. She completed several half marathons and fun runs, including the Garry Bjorklund Half Marathon multiple times. She found joy and strength in Pilates and clean eating. Her dedication to wellness was a reflection of her desire to live fully and vibrantly.

Colleen is survived by her son, Donovan Smith; her parents, Joseph (Laura) O'Leary and Carol (Dave) Klein; her sisters, Leslie O'Leary (Ramzy Shayib) and Shannon O'Leary; and her niece, Danica Rollow.

She will be remembered for her bright personality, her kindness, and her deep love for her family. Her laughter and smile could light up any room and were gifts to everyone who knew her.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, October 3, 2025 at 2 PM with visitation one hour prior at Washburn-McReavy Robbinsdale Chapel , 4239 W Broadway Ave, Robbinsdale.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Robbinsdale Chapel
4239 West Broadway
Robbinsdale, MN 55422
(763) 537-2333
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Memorial Service

OCT 3. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *She really changed me... I think of her every day and I'll never forget ❤️ ☐ happy birthday Colleen*

Danny Moeller - February 03 at 03:59 PM

SJ

“ *Scott & Julie purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Colleen Margaret O'Leary.*



Scott & Julie - October 01, 2025 at 08:55 PM

SJ

“ *Scott & Julie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colleen Margaret O'Leary.*

Scott & Julie - October 01, 2025 at 08:55 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Colleen Margaret O'Leary.*



October 01, 2025 at 07:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Colleen Margaret O'Leary.

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Colleen Margaret O'Leary.



October 01, 2025 at 06:03 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Colleen Margaret O'Leary.



October 01, 2025 at 04:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Colleen Margaret O'Leary.

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Colleen Margaret O'Leary.



September 30, 2025 at 05:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Colleen Margaret O'Leary.

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“ Klein family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Colleen Margaret O'Leary.



Klein family - September 29, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Colleen Margaret O'Leary.



September 25, 2025 at 01:54 PM

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“ It took too long for me to see it, and there is so much I wish I could say to her... but she's one of the best people ive ever known and a saint among my kind. she was the only person who would bother with me at my absolute lowest, and she treated me human and made me feel human again, despite obvious errors in my programming. Generous, compassionate, kind, beautiful. she was my best friend at multiple points and really she saved me, she inspired me to be a better person, being around her i had the best times of my life and meeting her was the best thing to ever happen to me. I would take her place in a second if I could. it's tragic that she's gone now and the world was a better place with her in it. she will be forever missed ❤️👉 I'm so sorry for your loss, to her family

Anonymously yours, - September 24, 2025 at 08:29 PM

AN

not super important - but if Dave could contact me at 612-357-7857, I've been looking for a way to reach out

Anonymous - September 24, 2025 at 08:37 PM

RW

“ Colleen had a beautiful smile. Joe and I would run into her out and about over the years like at blaines blazing forth as well as countless family gatherings and holidays. She cut our hair at home and in the shop in lexington. Colleen was a joy to be around over the years and I will miss her greatly. Losing your child is one of the hardest things in the world to deal with. My heart goes out to you carol and to you Leslie as well as Donovan Dave and all who knew and loved her. She flies with the angels. God bless you.

Renee wolff - September 24, 2025 at 03:27 PM

KT

“ Colleen was such a lovely person. I loved chatting with her- either during a hair cut or at a meeting of a group we both belonged to. I will miss her and her smile and laughter. Your family is in my thoughts.

Kyria Tarnowski - September 24, 2025 at 01:30 PM

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Thank you, Kyria

Leslie O'Leary - October 08, 2025 at 12:20 PM