



## William Leby Colson

September 4, 1939 - September 6, 2020

William "Bill" Colson, age 81, passed away on September 6, 2020. He was born on September 4, 1939 in Lewistown, PA to Douglas Pinckney Colson and Bernadine Louise (Diamond) Colson. He grew up in Savannah, GA and earned his Bachelor's degree at Georgia Southern University. Bill later made his home in Royal Oak and retired from Clawson Public Schools where he was employed as a teacher. During his retirement years, he enjoyed teaching Driver's Education in Birmingham. Bill was a longtime member of Troy American Legion Post #14. He liked fishing and traveling, especially to Florida.

Loving father of Irene (Joshua) Coons. Dear brother of Carmelita (Mel) Gee. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Memorial service at a later date. Memorial contributions to Capuchin Soup Kitchen are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

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“ Our love and prayers are with the family and friends who loved Bill. He was such a nice and funny man. Love, Abbey & Chris Tromba



**Abbey Tromba** - September 18 at 09:20 AM

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“ Bill was our next door neighbor at our condo complex. My husband saw him as a second father and was touched when Bill called him "son." He always made my husband laugh. They spent a lot of time together, with my husband helping Bill move things about in his condo. We watched out for Bill...my husband made sure that the snow was scraped off his car and the sidewalk, steps and porch were shoveled so that Bill would not slip and fall. Bill's passing will leave a big space in our hearts. He was a true southern gentleman with a wicked sense of humor.

**Alexis Logan** - September 16 at 08:17 PM

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“ Mr. “Wild Bill” Colson,

Thank you for being a great teacher and being a nice guy to us all. RIP!

Ken Case - Class of 84

**Ken Case** - September 10 at 07:22 PM



“ Rest in peace Mr. Colson. My favorite teacher and a good man. Thank you for your guidance. You made a difference!

**Timothy Reynolds** - September 13 at 09:50 PM

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“ Mr Colson thank you for being the best teacher in the world love to learn so much from your class, even though I went to Mr Wentz funeral know your up there in heaven as buddies and Edie Macknis gone too soon, really know so much about our world, great teacher and neighbor.



carrie cramer - September 10 at 02:43 PM

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“ Mr. Colson, or as we 9th graders affectionately called him in 1979, "Wild Bill." Thank you for being a great teacher, and for being kind to young people. I love to read and to write, thanks to your enthusiasm for both. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all of the faithful departed - through the mercy of God, rest in peace." Peace! -Chris Stark

Christopher Stark - September 10 at 10:40 AM

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“ Bill was a great guy with a love for life, a sense of humor, and always entered with a bagful of gifts. He took pride in teaching and loved working with teenagers when he was teaching drivers education. Our family shared many holiday and weekend memories over the years. He is missed. Bill was deeply religious. I know in my heart he's gone to a better place. Irene and Josh, and to his Florida family, you have my deepest sympathy. Diane Contini

Diane Contini - September 09 at 05:59 PM

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“ Bill and I would meet at McDonald's at 13 Mile and Woodward before school around 6:00 AM for breakfast... I will miss his humor and charm so much!!

Michelle Wolfe - September 09 at 10:28 AM

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“ The office staff will miss seeing Bill's smiling face each afternoon. Thanks for the kindness (and candy!).  
Jill, Becky and Lynne

Lynne Staszak - September 09 at 08:27 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



**Michelle Brewer** - September 08 at 09:30 PM

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“ I'll never forget being in drivers ed class with you, listening to your jokes just dying laughing. You were a good man and heart, and you taught a lot of kids something they'll take with them for the rest of their lives. Rest up big man, all love.

**Correy Dupree** - September 08 at 09:08 PM

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“ Mr. Colson was always cracking jokes and made driver's ed something to look forward to. He was so nice and always in a good mood, he will be dearly missed.

**S** - September 08 at 08:50 PM

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“ I'm sorry for your loss, Irene. I'm happy I had the chance to meet your dad and share a couple of meals with him. He was a kind man and his memory and smile will live on through you.

**Melissa** - September 08 at 08:50 PM

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“ My favorite memory with Mr. Colson was him laughing at me when I drove with my pinky's up. RIP Mr. Colson.

**Rosie Bullock** - September 08 at 07:49 PM

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“ I will never forget having him as a driving instructor, such a bright and happy guy who always knew how to make me smile. RIP

**Nicole O'Connor** - September 08 at 06:46 PM

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“ I will never forget Mr. Colson as a drivers ed teacher! He was the best and knew how to keep his students engaged in class and safe on practice drives. Great teacher, great person! He will be missed!

**Charlie Ecker** - September 08 at 06:31 PM

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“ He was the best driving instructor me and anyone in oakland county could ever ask for. He was always really nice and patient with us as well as an amazing teacher. Heaven gained another angel today.

**Jacob Thomas** - September 08 at 06:29 PM

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“ Rest In Peace Bill. We enjoyed seeing you in Las Vegas over the years. We'll miss your stories from drivers ed and our daughter will never be the same from her lessons on the freeway here!



**Susan VanBeuge** - September 08 at 06:01 PM

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“ He was the best drivers Ed teacher out there. Very funny guy! Rest In Peace.

**Kacey Kelly** - September 08 at 05:40 PM

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“ Mr. Colson was a great drivers ed teacher, we all loved him. Rest In Peace

**L** - September 08 at 05:19 PM

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“ Brandon Roye lit a candle in memory of William Lebby Colson





**Brandon Roye** - September 08 at 04:49 PM

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“ That one drive we had fun time

**Angelo** - September 08 at 03:27 PM

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“ Loved his yearly visits to Florida, especially last year when he was our token Michigan fan at the Orlando Penn State game watch. We laughed and cheered and just had fun. Together Family just catching up and attending Mass together. We will miss you Uncle Bill. Denise & Mike Farrington

**Denise Farrington** - September 07 at 08:56 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**irene coons** - September 07 at 07:22 PM



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**Susan VanBeuge** - September 08 at 06:03 PM



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A kind and welcoming voice as I started my teaching career some 30 years ago.

**Mike McGraw** - September 10 at 06:29 PM