



Colette Kove

March 6, 1934 - December 10, 2025

Colette Kove (nee' Cordero), age 91, of Shelby Township, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, in Romeo, Michigan. Born on March 6, 1934, in Detroit, she was the beloved daughter of the late Camille and Theresa (née Chrzanowski) Cordero.

Colette was the devoted wife of the late William J. Kove Jr., with whom she shared a lifetime of love, partnership, and family. She was the loving mother of William J. Kove III, Frank (Susan) Kove, Charles J. Kove, Michael (Kimberly) Kove, and Annette (Anthony) Reaves. Known affectionately as "Gigi," Colette was immensely proud of her large and ever-growing family of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild soon to arrive. She is also survived by one sister and one brother.

Colette had a special place in her heart for her cherished companion Shu Shu, who passed away many years ago and whom she remembered fondly throughout her life.

Deeply committed to honoring and supporting veterans, Colette was a dedicated member of VFW Post 4659 in Shelby Township. She served as Past Grand Supreme of the Order of the Cooties Auxiliary #24 and was actively involved with the VFW National Children's Home in Michigan, especially through activity fundraising and hospital visits to veterans-efforts

that brought comfort, connection, and joy to many.

A longtime member of St. Kieran Catholic Church, Colette lived a life grounded in faith, service, and love. She enjoyed traveling with her VFW community and treasured every moment spent with her children, grandchildren, and extended family.

Colette's warmth, humor, resilience, and generous spirit touched all who knew her. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

In memory of Colette's dedication to helping Veterans and Children donations to VFW National Home 3573 S Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 ~ <https://vfwnationalhome.org/donate>

Family and friends will gather for a visitation on Sunday, December 14, 2025 at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica from 2-8pm with a VFW Order of Cooties Service at 5pm.

Colette will be instate 9:30am on Monday, December 15, 2025 at St. Kieran Catholic Church 53600 Mound Road (Btwn 24-25 Mile) Shelby Township until time of mass 10am.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

VFW Order of Cooties Service

DEC 14. 5:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Instate At Church

DEC 15. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran Catholic Church
53600 Mound Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Funeral Mass

DEC 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran Catholic Church
53600 Mound Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Tribute Wall

CD

“ *Camille Dery purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Colette Kove.*



Camille Dery - December 13, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Colette Kove.*



December 12, 2025 at 06:47 PM

TF

“ *The Moss and Marlow family's. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colette Kove.*

The Moss and Marlow family's. - December 12, 2025 at 06:47 PM

SF

“ *Steve & Jo Ann Reaves & Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Colette Kove.*



Steve & Jo Ann Reaves & Family - December 12, 2025 at 05:19 PM

SF

“ Steve & Jo Ann Reaves & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colette Kove.

Steve & Jo Ann Reaves & Family - December 12, 2025 at 05:19 PM

TJ

“ Tina Cordero, Alyssa, Adriana, & Joshua purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Colette Kove.



Tina Cordero, Alyssa, Adriana, & Joshua - December 12, 2025 at 04:54 PM

CF

“ Chuck & Mary Jane, Sheri, Don & family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Colette Kove.



Chuck & Mary Jane, Sheri, Don & family - December 12, 2025 at 03:09 PM

SC

“ 5 files added to the album colette visiting family



Sandra Alesi Cirello - December 11, 2025 at 06:32 PM

SA

“ Sandra Cirello, Anthony & Roberta Alesi purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Colette Kove.



Sandra Cirello, Anthony & Roberta Alesi - December 11, 2025 at 05:59 PM

SA

“ Sandra Cirello, Anthony & Roberta Alesi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colette Kove.

Sandra Cirello, Anthony & Roberta Alesi - December 11, 2025 at 05:59 PM

RD

“ Collete was a great friend to any one she meet. You were only a stranger once, til you meet with her and she smiled. Than you were bonded friends. We meet her at the Bruce Post-VFW many years ago and she always was a great leader, friend, coworker, and mostly a Auxiliary sister to many. She will be missed. She is now with her husband, Bill and they will continue their love for each other and all their family. RIP sweet lady
The Dobrowolski sisters (Darlene, Marcella and Rochelle)

Rochelle Dobrowolski - December 11, 2025 at 04:19 PM

PA

“ Peter Alesi Jr and Pamela Alesi purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Colette Kove.



Peter Alesi Jr and Pamela Alesi - December 11, 2025 at 02:53 PM

KB

“ Beautiful Lady who was always ready to assist her auxiliary sisters.



Kathy Browne - December 11, 2025 at 01:49 PM

BS

“ *Bibi and Sonja purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Colette Kove.*



Bibi and Sonja - December 11, 2025 at 01:21 PM

SM

“ *I miss you my wonderful Colette*



Sonja Marinkovski - December 11, 2025 at 01:06 PM

GZ

“ *I met Colette many years ago as a member of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary. She was very active with the Cooties, even though she wasn't able to physically come to Supreme Convention or Tomb Trek, she was always on our Zoom Meetings and participated. Her wisdom and insight were invaluable. She will be greatly missed by those in Michigan and all of use in the Supreme Organization.*

Georg Jean Zimmerman, Supreme Sec/Treasurer

Georg Jean Zimmerman - December 11, 2025 at 01:05 PM

HS

“ HM Environmental Services purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Colette Kove.



HM Environmental Services - December 11, 2025 at 10:28 AM

HS

“ HM Environmental Services planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colette Kove.

HM Environmental Services - December 11, 2025 at 10:28 AM

TC

“ Collette was my Supreme President for 2000-2001 year while I served as Grand of Ohio President. We grew as friends and shared many memories together. We stayed in touch over the years. I will miss her sense of humor and her wisdom immensely. Please, accept my deepest condolences and deepest love for her.
Theresa "Tex" Columber PGP Ohio 2000-01.

Theresa "Tex" Columber - December 10, 2025 at 08:39 PM

CO

“ I met Collette through my mother Geri Hunter. They were in the VFW and Cooties. I have many fond memories of the two of them being silly and laughing about one thing or another. I remember her as a happy, kind and friendly person. I always enjoyed being around her. I was proud that she led the Cootie service at my mother's passing. I bet the two of them are having a great time together now

Cindy E Osborne - December 10, 2025 at 08:28 PM