



CDR Colet Brost Crooms, USN (Ret)

June 13, 1955 - June 25, 2021

On Friday, June 25, 2021, Colet (Brost) Crooms, an exceptionally dedicated mother of three children and five grandchildren passed away in Englewood, Florida. Colet was beautiful, intelligent, talented, generous and full of life. She was 66.

Colet was born on June 13, 1955 to Frank and Ann Brost in Dickinson, ND. She was one of 8 children. She lived in Gladstone, ND until 4th grade when the family moved to Stanley, ND in 1965. She graduated from Stanley High School in 1973 and the University of Mary, Bismarck, ND in 1977 with a degree in nursing. That same year, she was commissioned in the United States Navy Nurse Corps at Newport, RI. She was stationed at various Naval hospitals throughout her career including the Naval Hospital in Keflavik, Iceland. She retired in 2001 as Full Commander.

From 1989 – 2001, Colet generously volunteered her time at Trinity Catholic School in Tallahassee, FL where her three children attended. She volunteered tirelessly when chaperones were needed, supporting the school in various ways including softball coach and school nurse. From 2004 – 2011 she worked as a hospice nurse for Tallahassee's Big Bend Hospice. She was a wonderful gift to families on this most difficult journey, providing comfort with dignity, laughter, and peace.

Colet loved the Lord, lived her Catholic faith, and had a great desire to help others. She facilitated Wednesday night Youth Group gatherings in her home and loved her scheduled Holy Hour of Adoration. She was the captain of

Relay for Life for her Navy Reserve crew. Every time Colet moved to a new home, she placed a large picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus above her bed. Colet was hilariously funny with an amazing sense of humor. She could find something to laugh about around every corner. She was caring, compassionate, and would do anything for anyone.

For the past 10 years Colet suffered from stroke induced dementia. She is now free from suffering and pain, and although our hearts rejoice for her release from the disease, we will cherish the sweet memories. We are deeply blessed she was our mom, grandmother, sister, and friend and will miss her terribly.

Colet is survived by her children Nicole (Michael) Bradica of Chuluota, FL; Colette Marie Crooms of Tallahassee, FL; Joseph (Colleen) Crooms of Englewood, FL; and 5 grandchildren: Margaret, Sarah, Joshua, Hannah, and Matthew Bradica; 7 siblings, Vern (Jan) Brost, Billings, MT; Ken (Janice) Brost, Cedar Falls, IA; Ed (JoAnne) Brost, Pasco, WA; Anell (John) Ewing, Lakewood, CO; Renae (George) Banky, Waterloo, IA; Elonda (Lee) Davidson, Stanley, ND; Della (Blaine) Nelson, Bismarck, ND and many nieces and nephews. Her parents preceded her in death.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Tallahassee, FL. A private burial will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations to Big Bend Hospice of Tallahassee (bigbendhospice.org) will be greatly appreciated.

Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee (www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Crooms family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Tribute Wall

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“ Colet and I were great friends in college and both signed up for the navy at the same time and were going to go together. My boyfriend did not want me to so I did not but oh how much fun we had together and if I would have joined when she did we would have had such fun. What a special person she was to me. Love you Colet. Sympathy and prayers to her family!!
Kathy Kramer

Kathy Kramer - August 12, 2021 at 06:59 PM

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“ Lorna (Willer) and Wayne Sanders purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of CDR Colet Brost Crooms, USN (Ret).



Lorna (Willer) and Wayne Sanders - August 03, 2021 at 02:36 PM

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“ I remember Colet in my mothers dance class singing Hello People. I remember her big beautiful smile and her friendly personality.

Jane (Graff) Vaage - July 27, 2021 at 07:38 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of CDR Colet Brost Crooms, USN (Ret).



July 26, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of CDR Colet Brost Crooms, USN (Ret).*



July 25, 2021 at 06:51 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of CDR Colet Brost Crooms, USN (Ret).*



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“ *CDR Crooms was my first CO when I joined back in 95. I was very impressed by her leadership and dedication and she made a lasting impact on my Naval Career. Fair winds and following seas shipmate, we now stand the watch.*

Michael Terhune - July 25, 2021 at 09:45 AM

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“ I was honored to serve in the Navy Reserves with Colet. She was a mentor and a friend. Her kind heart and sense of humor brought our unit together and she impacted so many lives whether on active duty or reserves. I also remember Colet from Trinity and she enlisted me to help in the clinic. She was a great supporter of that school and such a role model in her faith.

Your family is in my prayers for comfort in knowing that Colet is with her Heavenly Father.

❤️ Theresa Bird

Theresa Bird - July 21, 2021 at 09:20 PM