



Mr William Hagerup Collisi

November 7, 1935 - July 5, 2025

William Hagerup Collisi (89) passed away peacefully on July 5, 2025, at his Maywood home.

He is survived by Charlene (Garbe), faithful wife of 68 years, and children Lance (Janet), Charmaine (Daniel) O'Connell, Bill (Robin), and Craig (Colette). William was a proud grandfather to Christian (fiancée Hadley) O'Connell, John O'Connell, Natalie Collisi, and Johnny Collisi.

After graduating from Proviso East High School, William worked at American Can Company in Maywood.

He then met Charlene Garbe in 1956 and they were married in October of 1957.

William was drafted into the Army in 1958. He served for two years in Alaska and was present when Alaska became our 49th state. This is where William decided to call himself the "Colonel," at least we think that is where the nickname began.

After returning from his deployment to Alaska, the Colonel began his career as a postman for the United States Postal Service and retired in 1990. His years at the post office were some of the best years of his life. He loved his

coworkers and the people he delivered to in Berkeley/Hillside. He proudly knew the names of all the families on his route and was often invited in for a shot and a beer.

He will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him.

Services will be held on Saturday, July 12th from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm, with a prayer service beginning at 7:00 at Carbonara Funeral Home, 1515 25th Avenue, Melrose Park.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Carbonara Funeral Home
1515 N 25th Ave
Melrose Park, IL 60160
(708) 343-6161
<https://carbonarafuneraldirectors.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew the “Colonel” from our postal union. He and Charlene were always a lot of fun at the conventions & our annual steak fry. My deepest sympathy, Charlene. I hope that your funny and happy memories will help in dealing with your grief for both you and your family.
Dianne

Dianne - July 14, 2025 at 03:48 PM

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“ Love, Ned and family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr William Hagerup Collisi.



Love, Ned and family - July 11, 2025 at 03:57 PM

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“ Love, Ned and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr William Hagerup Collisi.

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