



## Jerry Martin Collarini

April 19, 2026

Jerry Martin Collarini, 77, of Salisbury Twp., passed away on April 19, 2026 at St. Luke's Hospice House, Bethlehem. He was the husband of the late Margaret Munn (Steelman) Collarini. Jerry was an income maintenance case worker for the Commonwealth of PA, Department of Human Services, retiring in 2016. Prior to that, he had a 30-year career starting at Western Electric and retiring from Agere Systems where he held various assignments in engineering, marketing, customer support and product planning. He received his bachelor's degree in engineering from The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York City and his MBA from Lehigh University, Bethlehem. Born in Hancock, NY, he was the son of the late G. Robert and Lillian R. (Esolen) Collarini. Jerry was a faithful member and Sacristan at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Allentown.

He was an avid pickleball player and gun enthusiast. As a member of the Ridge & Valley Rod & Gun Club, he would participate in the monthly cleanup, shoot his favorite weapons, and enjoy partaking in club events. He was very patriotic and proud to be an American.

Survivors: Daughters: Maggie Rose Hume wife of Daniel F. Hume of Tucson, AZ and, Colonel Katherine V. Suarez wife of Colonel (Ret.) Victor A. Suarez of Frederick, MD, Brother: Robert F. Collarini of Hancock, NY, Sister-In-Law: Nell V. Whitlock wife of James S. Whitlock, Jr. of Raleigh, NC, Brothers-In-Law:

Herbert S. Steelman, III and his wife Gail of St. Augustine, FL and Charles M. Steelman and his wife Jeannie of Lindale, GA, Grandchildren: V.A. (Alex) Suarez of Fairbanks, AK, Jack M. Kindt of Tucson, AZ, Cadet Jayden M. Suarez of Frederick, MD, Tyler F. Hume of Tucson, AZ, and Ryan N. Hume of Tucson, AZ.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 11:30 A.M. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church 1040 Flexer Ave. Allentown. A calling hour will be held on Friday, from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. in the Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to: Blood Cancer United, formerly Leukemia & Lymphoma Society [www.bloodcancerunited.org](http://www.bloodcancerunited.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

547 N. Krocks Rd.  
Allentown, PA 18106

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR 24. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St Thomas More Church  
1040 Flexer Ave  
Allentown, PA 18103-5597  
(610) 433-7413

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 24. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St Thomas More Church  
1040 Flexer Ave  
Allentown, PA 18103-5597  
(610) 433-7413

# Tribute Wall

FP

“ Jerry was such a great guy! He became sacristan for the church and would faithfully show up early to set everything up for mass. He was a pleasure to talk with and I will miss him. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord...

Fr. John Pendzick - April 24 at 10:28 AM

TM

“ Our sincerest condolences to Jerry's family. He and Maggie were such nice and kind neighbors. We will miss our daily "waves of hello" and chats when walking by his house. May you be at peace Jerry while walking around your new neighborhood with dear Maggie.  
~ Tracey and David Miller

Tracey and David Miller - April 23 at 04:04 PM

HS

“ Herbert S. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Jerry Martin Collarini.



Herbert S. - April 22 at 04:22 PM

WK

“ With love from Paula Kellogg purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Jerry Martin Collarini.



With love from Paula Kellogg - April 22 at 02:44 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Martin Collarini.*



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April 21 at 10:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerry Martin Collarini.

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April 21 at 10:17 PM



“ *i loved playing pickleball with jerry! he got so much better - so quickly - and he just loved playing!  
we also swapped christmas cookies the one year as we were sharing recipes. he was a source of comfort to see at church and just loved his job there! enjoy being with maggie again - while we all cherish our memories with you!*

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**gina fitzsimmons** - April 21 at 06:57 PM