
Collin J. Bigras

BARRE TOWN - Collin Joseph Bigras, 25, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at his home.

Collin was born on Nov. 22, 1991, at the Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin, the son of Steven and Christina (Metakos) Bigras. He grew up in East Montpelier and attended East Montpelier Elementary School and graduated from U-32 High School in 2010.

Collin was vice president of B&B Monumental Engravers, the family business in Barre. He also was an experienced carpenter and heavy equipment operator working on many projects with his father and brothers.

Collin competed in trapshooting all over the United States. He was mentored by a longtime family friend, Mike Blaisdell, who taught him how to shoot. Collin won multiple trophies at the many places he and his family shot. While shooting at the World Championships at age 15, he won the Champion of Champions event as a sub junior competing against the other state sub junior champions. Two years later, he won the Junior Clay Target Championship hitting his first 200 straight and then another 187 straight in the shoot-off to win. He was the first shooter to ever run 200 straight at the Vermont State Shoot singles championship and win the singles title since record-keeping started 104 years prior. Collin was a life member of the Amateur Trapshooting Association, the Barre Lodge of Elks #1535, the Barre Country Club and the Montpelier Gun Club.

In his spare time, he loved trapshooting, golfing, hunting and fishing and would always help anyone who needed help. Collin loved coming to work. Everyone at his work was like family to him. He always had a smile on his face and was happy saying "good morning, boys" every day.

Collin also helped his brother, Tylor, donating his time for the Tires for Troops program which helps veterans in need. Survivors include his mother, Christina Metakos-Bigras; his father, Steven and his wife, Chantal Bigras; his brothers, Trevor and Tylor Bigras; his sister, Jessica Driscoll; aunts, Cindy Bigras, Lori Bigras and Diane Morrison; his maternal grandmother, Mary Metakos; and his paternal grandfather, Maurice Bigras; as well as many cousins.

A graveside service to honor Collin will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. in Hope Cemetery in Barre and a celebration of Collin's life will follow at the Barre Lodge of Elks at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be sent to the Montpelier Gun Club, P.O. Box 664, Montpelier, VT 05601, as Collin loved being there.

The Hooker and Whitcomb Funeral Home, 7 Academy St., Barre, is in charge of the arrangements. For a memorial guestbook, visit www.hookerwhitcomb.com.

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