



Clifton Collins

March 19, 1948 - June 5, 2022

Clifton Collins, 74, of Hurlock, MD, quietly departed this life and took his eternal rest with the lord on Sunday, June 5, 2022, at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Easton, MD. He was born on March 19, 1948, in Exmore, VA, to the late Frank Collins Sr. and Beatrice Collins.

Clifton moved to Hurlock at an early age, receiving his formal education in the public schools of Dorchester County, graduating with the Maces Lane High School - Class of 1967. He went on to further his education, earning a Bachelor of Science in 1971 and a Master of Education in 1985 from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

On August 14, 1971, he was joined in Holy Matrimony to Beverly Young Collins. God blessed their union with his only child, Lynnell G. Collins Thomas. He began his teaching career with the Talbot County Board of Education in 1972 and retired after 33 years. After retirement, he kept busy with multiple projects around his home. He loved fishing, painting, gardening, watching football, old westerns, and listening to music in his spare time.

Clifton loved his family. His most significant accomplishments were being a brother, husband, father, and a grandfather. He was always there for his family through their difficulties, teaching them to come together and stand firm.

He was preceded in death by his parents Frank Collins, Sr. and Beatrice Collins; sister Virginia Collins; brother Frank Collins, Jr.; sister-in-law Shirley Nicholson; and brother-in-law Russell Thomas.

Those left to cherish the life, love, and memories are: his loving wife Beverly Collins of Hurlock, MD; daughter Lynnell Thomas (Lorenzo) of East New Market, MD; granddaughter Taylor Martin of Hurlock, MD; brothers Thomas Collins, Sr. (Doretha) and William Collins, Sr. (Barbara) of Hurlock, MD; sister Geneva Thomas of Denton, MD; sister-in-laws Lenore Purnell of Cambridge, MD and Patsy Collins of Hurlock, MD; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family of Clifton Collins would like donations to be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF). Please use <https://give.themmr.org/CliftonCollins> link to donate in memory of the departed.

Sorrowfully,
The Family

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - Hurlock
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Funeral Service

JUN 17. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PJ

“ *Pat, Olia & Alvin Hopkins, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Clifton Collins*



Pat, Olia & Alvin Hopkins, Jr. - September 17, 2022 at 01:00 PM

AT

“ *Mr. Collins was my middle school shop teacher, I still have the jewelry box I made in his class. My condolences to family and friends. May God be your strength.*

*Angela Thomas
SMHS Class of '81.*

Angela Thomas - June 25, 2022 at 09:32 PM

VC

“ *Condolences to the Collins family. From Aunt Virginia and family in dover Del. Much love*

Virginia Coston - June 23, 2022 at 01:09 PM

VB

“ *Vickie Bildstein lit a candle in memory of Clifton Collins*



Vickie Bildstein - June 22, 2022 at 07:27 AM

VW

“ I’ve known Cliff for many years. We work together painting during the summer. He was such a good man. I remember him bringing me lots of vegetables from his garden. He will be missed. My condolences to the family that he loved so much.

Vickie Wilson
Easton Maryland

Vickie Wilson - June 16, 2022 at 02:12 PM

LC

I would like to extend my appreciation for your kind words. Thank you

Lynnell Collins - June 16, 2022 at 07:42 PM

PS

“ Rest In Peace, our prayer are with the Collins family.
Peter and Natasha Singleton

Peter H. Singleton - June 15, 2022 at 01:56 PM

LC

Mr. & Mrs. Singleton, Thank you for your prayers. My family appreciates you.

Lynnell Collins - June 16, 2022 at 07:44 PM

GL

“ Quiet, soft spoken and very friendly. Never a harsh word. A wonderful classmate with a beautiful personality. He is truly missed!!
REST IN PEACE!!!!

George Lee - June 14, 2022 at 10:20 PM

LC

Mr.Lee, Thank you for your kind words.

Lynnell Collins - June 16, 2022 at 07:46 PM

WB

“ *My condolences to the family.*



Wanda Banks - June 14, 2022 at 08:51 PM

LC

Ms. Wanda, Thank you for extending your condolences. We would like to extend our appreciation.

Lynnell Collins - June 16, 2022 at 07:47 PM

VE

“ *My Classmate RIP Class Of 1967*

Vernon Ennels - June 14, 2022 at 08:27 PM

LC

Thank you, Mr. Ennels

Lynnell Collins - June 16, 2022 at 07:53 PM

TF

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to Beverly and the family. Sorry for your loss.
The Bowens Family of Cambridge, MD*



The Bowens Family - June 14, 2022 at 02:45 PM

TT

*My Heart Goes Out To Beverly Lynell Taylor & The rest of the Family!
May GOD surround you all with comfort and peace! Samuel and Tina Thompson & Family*

Tina Thompson - June 15, 2022 at 01:20 AM

LP

“ *RIP brother-in-law, God only takes the Best!
You were an exceptional man, person and brother-in-law with a
great deal of concern and compassion for others! Rest In Peace!
You Will truly Be Missed! LPURNELL*

Lenore Young Purnell - June 14, 2022 at 12:44 PM

LC

*Aunt Lenore, We appreciate you. I thank you for checking in daily. You
been a comfort to to us all. Thank you*

Lynnell Collins - June 16, 2022 at 07:56 PM

SB

“ *My condolences to Beverly and the family. RIP
Classmate!*



Sylvia Bolden - June 14, 2022 at 11:30 AM

LC

*Ms. Bolden, we would like to thank you for extending your
condolences. We appreciate you.*

Lynnell Collins - June 16, 2022 at 07:49 PM

AA

“ *High School classmate at Mace's Lane, Team mate on Cross
Country Team, College Classmate at UMES, Friend!*

Andrew Anderson - June 14, 2022 at 07:26 AM

LC

Thank you, Mr. Anderson. I miss him....he was great father. I'm happy to have him in my life for 49 years.

Lynnell Collins - June 16, 2022 at 07:52 PM

J(

Praying for the family. One of the Good Guys of Mace's Lane High. Rest : Well Done.

James Howard (Pat) - June 20, 2022 at 01:11 PM