



Melvin Eugene Collins

February 10, 1934 - December 2, 2017

Melvin Eugene Collins passed on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at his home in Dover, Delaware. He was 83.

Mr. Collins was born on February 10, 1934 in Columbia, North Carolina to the late Raymond A. Collins and Rosella Hill-Collins. He was a 1952 graduate of Tyrell High School in Columbia.

He enlisted in the Air Force in 1953 as a Jet Mechanic, with assignments to Delaware, Washington, Germany, Tennessee, Ohio, Guam, California and Thailand, returning to Delaware where he retired in 1979 after 26 years. He was then employed with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service as a Store Security Specialist, retiring in 1997 after 17 years.

He married Mary Alice McClees on December 23, 1955.

He spent his time in retirement traveling between homes in North Carolina and Delaware. His favorite pastimes were collecting coins and guns. As an avid NASCAR fan, he spent his weekends following the racing circuit.

He is survived by his four children, Daryl 'Skip' Collins of Chesapeake Beach, MD and his wife Shondell, Ronald V. Collins of Harrisburg, PA and his wife Glenda, Brian 'Derek' Collins of Atlanta, GA., and LaJeune Y. Futrell of

Hinesville, GA and her husband Efrem. He also leaves to cherish his memories, one brother, H. Raymond Collins of Elizabeth City, NC. He was widowed in 2002, with the passing of his wife, Alice, after 46 years of marriage. He will be fondly remembered by his six grandchildren, Clayton, Jacob, Lauren, Jerron, Kendrick and Kiana and one great-granddaughter, Da Johnna. In addition, he is survived by one sister-in-law, Wilma Collins of Florida. He will be missed by a host of loving aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Melvin Eugene Collins, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - December 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ We would to leave our condolences and prayers for Mr. Melvin Collins' family. We live directly across from him for 4 yrs and next to Mr. Potter. He was a very nice man and often spoke or waved when coming and leaving his house. He will be missed.

The Taylor Family - December 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I would like to offer my condolences for your loss. I hope you will find comfort in knowing that Jehovah, the God of all comfort, will soon eliminate all grief and provide permanent consolation when “all those in the memorial tombs will hear [Christ’s] voice and come out”! (John 5:28, 29) God promises that “he will do away with death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.” (Isa. 25:8) Then, instead of having to “weep with those who weep,” all earth’s inhabitants will “rejoice with those who rejoice.”—Rom. 12:15.

M Jones - December 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ *My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one with the hope that we can in some small way comfort you as it has comforted us with what the Bible reveals to us about the GOOD NEWS from Almighty God.*

As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is personally going to bring back to life all those who have died, just as he did when he was on earth as a man (John 5:28, 29; 11:43, 44). Death is surely an enemy not only to mankind, but also to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason as well as others, He promises to remove FOREVER all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and DEATH that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10, 11, 29). What a glorious and almost unbelievable day that will be! This is a sure hope that we can rely on because it is literally impossible for God to lie (titus 1:2; Isaiah 55:10, 11).

Please take a moment to look up these scriptural references in your own Bible (1 Timothy 4:15, 16). My wife and I are confident you will be encouraged and comforted by the marvelous hope Almighty God has in store for us (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - December 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Lajeune, you and your family continue to be in our prayers. We pray God's strength and comfort for you all, knowing that God will hold you closer during this difficult time. God Bless. We love you.*

Pastor John and Rev. Debbie Morse - December 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *LaJeune & Family. We are sending our love and sympathy your way. Memories, hold on to them doing this difficult time. You know where your strength comes from, lean on Him for He will see you through.*

Tazewell Family - December 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *I would like to offer my personal condolences to your family. I hope that you will be able find strength in Gods promise at Revelation 21:4 that soon: he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. You are in my prayers.*

JoyceA - December 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM