



William Floyd Collins Sr.

May 19, 1938 - December 10, 2017

William Floyd Collins, Sr., the son of the late, Mae Beatrice Collins (William) Matthews was born in Seaford, Delaware, on May 19, 1938. He peacefully departed his life at his home, in Rhodesdale, Maryland, on Sunday, December 10, 2017, at the age of 79.

William was raised by his maternal grandparents, Floyd “Cap” and Sara (Dennard) Collins. He had two special fathers, the late, Freddy Boy Jackson and Golden (Catherine) Camper. Growing up, William was a man of faith, who believed in God, and that Jesus Christ was his Savior. He attended Cokesbury Methodist Church in Rhodesdale, Maryland, with his grandparents and sister, Matilda (Collins)Robinson. He received his formal education from the Delaware Public School systems. He attended Frederick Douglass Elementary School in Seaford, Delaware and William C. Jason Comprehensive High School in Georgetown, Delaware. He served in the United States Army for 6 years, until he was honorably discharged in 1963.

While serving in the Army, William met and married the love of his life, Margaret Nichols, on July 30, 1960. They were devoted to one another for 57 wonderful years. He was a very loving husband and provider.

After being employed for 33 enjoyable years as a truck driver with JOB Construction in Bridgeville, Delaware, William took his last ride on November

30, 2017. He was known as “Cokesbury Wild Man” and “Bubba”. It was such an honor and pleasure for William to work with an outstanding company, and to have coworkers whom he considered as his family (Jeff, Joey, Stan, Butch, Crystal, and Kelly). In prior years, he was employed with Country Pride in Hurlock, Maryland, Caroline Poultry in Federalsburg, Maryland, and John Yoder Trucking in Greenwood, Delaware. As a young boy, at the age of 8, he started working on the farm to provide for his family, and continued to do so throughout his teenage years. William was definitely a hardworking and reliable man.

Some of his favorite pastimes included spending time with his family, playing basketball, cutting grass (with his great-grandchildren Orianna and Orville, Jr.), watching football, westerns (Gunsmoke), and wrestling. He loved to joke all of the time. He was one of the funniest men in his family and on the Eastern Shore. He had such a way with making people laugh and bringing a smile to someone’s face.

William Floyd Collins, Sr. leaves to treasure his memory and legacy, his wife, Margaret (Nichols) Collins of Rhodesdale, MD; two children, a son William Floyd (Shakia) Collins, Jr. of Cambridge, MD, and a daughter Tywanda Chevet Collins of Rhodesdale, MD; six grandchildren, Ty’Keta A. Butler, Brittany M. Rodriguez, Ashlee N. Pitts, Curtia Y. Holland, Ty’Kerra C. Holland, William F. Collins, III, and Chache Linthicum; and twelve great-grandchildren. He was a special father figure to three of his grandchildren, Ty’Keta, Curtia, and Ty’Kerra, whom he raised with his wife Margaret. He also leaves behind three brothers, Robert (Frances) Camper, Russell (Lori) Camper, and Kendall (Rochelle) Camper; six sisters, Doretha Jackson, Glendora Jackson, Elsie (James) Combs, Delores Harris, Carla (Keith) Wongus, and Melissa (Robert) Hooks; brother-in-law, Leman Pinder; sister-in-law, Delesia Pinder; special uncle, Neal (Vivian) Jackson; aunt, Ruby Pinder; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

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“ 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 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. Please take comfort in the bible during your time of grief. At Revelation 21:4, it tells that soon death, tears, mourning and pain will be removed. Please look forward to that time. Until then, may your entire family be comforted and blessed.

Doretha Sampson - December 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Family,

I wish to extend my deepest sympathies during this difficult time. May you 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 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM