



William Collins Jr.

July 27, 1955 - April 6, 2019

William Collins, Jr. departed from this life on Saturday, April 6, 2019 peacefully in his sleep at his home in Dover, DE. Known to his family members, lovingly, as “Pop,” “Skip,” “Skippy,” “Poppa Skip,” and to his professional associates and many friends, as “Bill,” he left a legacy of love, joy, and sincere happiness.

William Collins, Jr., was born on Wednesday, July 27, 1955, in Brooklyn, New York, the only son of William and Helen Mae Driver Collins. William joined the United States Air Force on June 21, 1977, and shortly after that was united in holy matrimony to Phyllis Brooks, subsequently having four children. He attended Midwood High School in Brooklyn, NY. He began his college studies at Queens College and received his Bachelors of Science in Psychology from the State University of NY at Albany, and his Masters of Human Resources Management from Wilmington University (formerly Wilmington College). He proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1977 to 1994, completing tours in London, England; Fairbanks, Alaska; Seoul, Korea, and a final duty station at Dover Air Force Base in Dover, Delaware. Bill started his civilian career in Kent County, Delaware working for agencies such as Kent County Counseling, Psychotherapeutic Services (PSI), and the State of Delaware Public Defender’s Office. Bill also worked as a substitute teacher in several schools within Kent County between 1992 and 2004. He worked as a civilian for the US Air Force at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, Fort Bragg Army Post in North Carolina, and again at Dover Air Force Base, serving in

his last employment role as the Director of Drug Reduction/Prevention Programs until his recent passing. Bill loved to cook and travel. He enjoyed listening to music and reminiscing about the wonderful experiences he'd had with his family. His jovial personality and distinct laugh was a signature of the legacy he leaves with many others. He was a strong believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and attended services at Christ Episcopal Church in Dover.

Bill will be sorely missed and mourned for many years to come by his surviving children and their mother, Dr. Phyllis Brooks Collins; sons, William Kevin Collins, Christopher Troy Collins (wife, Jacquelyn), and Keith Raymond Michael Collins; his only daughter, Camille Nicole Collins; his grandchildren whom he adored and who adored him; PFC. Isaiah Jordan Collins – U.S. Army, Rodney Cameron Collins, Andrew Christopher Collins, Caroline Helen Collins, and special grandson Tadan Daly Tomko (U.S. Army Enlisted), and a host of cousins, loved ones, and friends.

Bill had a very special relationship with his grandson Isaiah, and special grandson Tadan, whom he was able to care for, guide and assist in their enlistments to the United States Army.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Please accept my condolence. My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow. May you find comforting Job 14:14, 15, which says, \u201clf an able-bodied man dies can he live again? You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning.\u201d Ms Woodson

Ms Woodson - April 24, 2019 at 12:56 PM

CC

“ Daddy, I still can hardly process it in my mind that you\u2019re no longer in this earthly realm with me as you\u2019ve been my entire life. My heart is broken, my spirit grieves, and I wanna turn back time to the day you were still with me. Your life means so much to so many, and your death leaves an empty chasm in our lives. I know that while you\u2019re earthly form is gone away now, I also know your spirit is forever with me and all of those you knew, loved, and loved you. You\u2019re free now Pop! Until we meet again in Heaven, I love you - always have and...you say it! Always will \ud83d\udc95

Camille Collins - April 15, 2019 at 04:31 PM

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 - April 13, 2019 at 12:57 PM

PW

“ To the family, My sincere condolences in the passing of William. Please find comfort in the words of Isaiah 41:10, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be anxious, for I am your God. I will fortify you, yes, I will help you, I will really hold on to you with my right hand of righteousness." God will help you as you grieve. To learn more, please go to jw.org.

Phyllis W. - April 10, 2019 at 07:42 PM

AF

“ My Condolences to my Family. I pray everyone remembers all the Wonderful Times that were shared. Keep God in your heart and remember this world is not the end. May God Bless you and Keep you. Aisha Fairley and Family , Bronx, New York

Aisha Fairley - April 09, 2019 at 02:00 PM

AR

“ I like to express my deepest sympathy for your loss. It was never God's intent that death should rule over mankind. - Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:26, 55; God will do away with death. But for now God has provided hope-as stated at John 5:28, 29. During this most painful time please find comfort from God's word.

Artina - April 09, 2019 at 11:35 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss Jesus Christ Loves Me We Love You

Thomas Widgeon - April 08, 2019 at 08:18 PM

JO

“ Dear Family, Grief can be so hard at times, but our cherished memories help to cope. Hold tight to those memories. Lean on each other for support. And may you find comfort in God’s promise at (Revelation 21:4).

JoyceA - April 08, 2019 at 05:54 PM

JR

“ We will miss Skip at family gatherings. Our heartfelt sympathy to the entire Collins family. We have fond memories of holiday and birthday parties at Chris and Jackie’s house. We remember sharing meals with him in Fayetteville and Myrtle Beach on our travels with Rodney. He was a kind soul with a great laugh!

John and Janet Ray - April 08, 2019 at 05:37 PM

LO

“ I am so very sorry to hear of your great loss.

Lauren O - April 08, 2019 at 05:16 PM

JR

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Willaim. I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort through the loving and happy memories that you share and those that you keep close to your hearts. May you also look to our loving Heavenly Father, the GOD of all comfort, to provide what you need at this very sad time. (2 Corinthians 1:3,4, Psalms 83:18). He promises us that very soon, "He will wipe every tear from our eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." Revelation 21:3,4, Isaiah 33:24. He also promises us that there will be a resurrection of our loved ones that we have lost in death, and they will have the opportunity to live forever in perfect health in Paradise right here on earth. (John 5:28,29, Psalms 37:10,11). What wonderful promises! Can you imagine a time on earth when there will be no more sickness, pain or death? At that time, William will have the opportunity to live life to the full with the prospect of everlasting life. May all of God's promises give you a measure of comfort, peace, hope and strength. I personally found very comforting information on jw.org. when I experienced the loss of my parents and siblings.

Jackie R - April 08, 2019 at 02:59 PM