



Ernest "Ray" Collins

March 15, 1944 - February 28, 2017

Collins - Ernest Ray Collins, age 72, of Conyers, GA passed away on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 11:00AM in the Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home, Snellville, GA. Rev. Victor Hurst will officiate. Interment will be at Melwood Cemetery in Stone Mountain, GA. Mr. Collins retired from Lucent Technologies in 2004 with 37 years of service. He was a US Marine Vietnam Veteran. An avid fisherman, he was a member of Jackson Lake Bass Club where he fished competitively for many years. An animal lover, Mr. Collins enjoyed being outdoors with Sam his mini schnauzer, working in his yard and garden where he grew a variety of flowers and plants. He is preceded in death by his son Danny Tipton in 2009 and parents Joseph Adel and Jesse Hammons Collins; brother Billy Collins; sisters: Dorothy Childs, Myrtie Massey and Barbara Ann Bargeran. He is survived by his wife of 40 years Mary Foster Collins; daughter & son-in-law: Sherry & Dan Webb of Conyers GA; sons & daughters-in-law: Jason & Susan Collins of Warner Robins, GA; Craig & Megan Collins of Elmira, OR; sisters: Nancy Bruce of Greensboro, GA; Margaret LeDoux of Fayetteville, GA; Jackie Crutchfield of Carrollton, GA; sister & brother-in-law: Lucille & Coe Thomas of Ball Ground, GA; grandchildren: Kylie Webb of Auburn, AL and Kenzie Webb of Warner Robins, GA; Robbie and Ambry Tipton of McDonough, GA; Caroline and Brooks Collins of Warner Robins, GA and several nieces and nephews. The family will receive family and friends on Friday, March 3, 2017 from 5PM to 8PM at Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 2246 Wisteria Drive SW, Snellville, GA

30078. 770-979-5010. Please leave online condolences at www.stewartfh.com

Cemetery Details

Melwood Cemetery

Stone Mountain, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Monroe
209 South Hammond Drive
Monroe, GA 30655
(770) 267-2594
info@stewartfh.com
<https://www.stewartfh.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Snellville
2246 Wisteria Drive
Snellville, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ernest "Ray" Collins*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - March 03, 2017 at 08:53 AM



my sweet uncle, i wish he could come back to me

Jelene Manders - May 22, 2019 at 06:59 PM



“ *Ernest "Ray" Collins*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mary Collins - March 06, 2017 at 08:21 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Maire Doran Holcombe - March 03, 2017 at 03:10 PM

MH

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Maire Holcombe - March 03, 2017 at 02:24 PM

JR

“ *Jason and Candice Scott (Warner Robins) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ernest "Ray" Collins.*



Jason and Candice Scott (Warner Robins) - March 03, 2017 at 01:56 PM

MH

“ *What a great neighbor and friend. You were always there to lend a helping hand or offer advice. We had so much fun talking and cutting up with you. We love you and we sure are gonna miss you!!*
Mark and Beth

Mark and Beth Horetz - March 03, 2017 at 01:39 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ray" Collins.*



March 03, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ *Linda Jones lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ray" Collins*



Linda Jones - March 03, 2017 at 10:53 AM

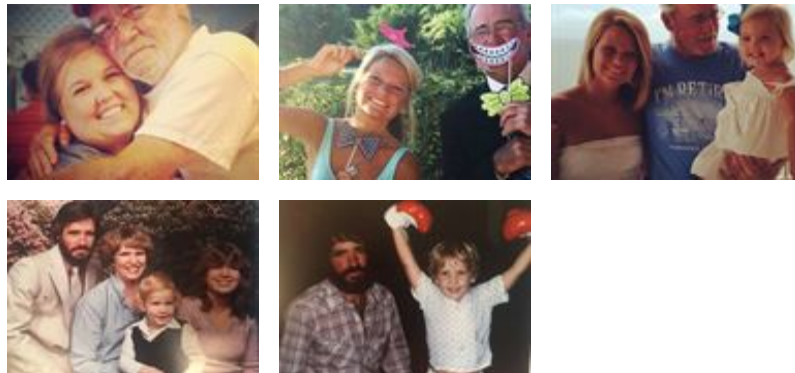


*Mary, my heart is with you and your family. God's peace for you all.
Lovingly, Linda Jones*

Linda Jones - March 03, 2017 at 10:54 AM



“ *49 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - March 03, 2017 at 08:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ray" Collins.



March 03, 2017 at 08:00 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ray" Collins.



March 02, 2017 at 09:46 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ray" Collins.



March 02, 2017 at 09:14 PM



“ Clayton, Polly, Mandy, Missy & family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ernest "Ray" Collins.



Clayton, Polly, Mandy, Missy & family - March 02, 2017 at 08:36 PM

PP

“ *Phyllis & Ken Price purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Ernest "Ray" Collins.*



Phyllis & Ken Price - March 02, 2017 at 08:34 PM

TT

“ *The Tipton's lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ray" Collins*



The Tipton's - March 02, 2017 at 07:05 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ray" Collins.*



March 02, 2017 at 04:59 PM

JN

“ *Janet Thomas Berger, Ernst's Niece lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ray" Collins*



Janet Thomas Berger, Ernst's niece - March 02, 2017 at 02:27 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ray" Collins.*



March 02, 2017 at 02:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ray" Collins.*



March 02, 2017 at 01:53 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ray" Collins.*



March 02, 2017 at 01:40 PM



“ *Bruce, Regina and Blake Bennett purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ernest "Ray" Collins.*



Bruce, Regina and Blake Bennett - March 02, 2017 at 01:30 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ray" Collins.*



March 02, 2017 at 12:11 PM



“ *Ernie was as genuine as they come, one of the good guys as the saying goes, often doing anything to help someone in need. His grandchildren meant the world to him, guiding them through life sharing his love and knowledge of fishing, hunting and the outdoors. People were naturally drawn to his kindness, like Hunter whom he took under his wing. Hunter truly loved his "Cousin". The man with the green thumb and huge heart will be missed dearly.*



Margie Marcotte - March 02, 2017 at 09:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ray" Collins.*



March 02, 2017 at 08:50 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ray" Collins.*



March 02, 2017 at 08:22 AM



“ *Dear Mary and Family,
We were so sorry to hear from you that Ray had passed away. We have great memories together that we all shared and they will remain with me and in my heart forever. You know that Ray will always be around you - don't ever lose that thought.
I love you my friend -----Miss P. (Phyllis Price)*

Phyllis & Ken Price - March 01, 2017 at 11:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ray" Collins.*



March 01, 2017 at 08:09 PM



“ *Pam lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ray" Collins*



pam - March 01, 2017 at 04:39 PM

DH

“ Deborah Huff lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ray" Collins



Deborah Huff - March 01, 2017 at 03:29 PM

DH

I am so sorry to hear about Ernie (Cousin as we call him). He was always so nice to me. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Deborah Huff - March 01, 2017 at 03:37 PM

JY

I loved him my couison RNP

JANE HAMMONNDS YATES - March 02, 2017 at 09:57 AM

KM

I rode with this country cowboy all of my life. He saved my life several times. The one time in particular, was when I was choking on a piece of onion when I was a little over a year old. He said that I was turning blue and he stuck his fingers down my throat and pulled out blood and onion. We did have our differences while I was growing up at times, he'd get on to me and I'd get mad! Not that he couldn't be mad with me too. The thing he would always do, and it took me many years to understand, I get on to you, because, I love you!. I rode with him, my Pop, my uncle Talmadge from the time that I was old enough to walk. I reckon that I was their little sidekick and beer fetcher. I lost the last daddy that I had on 2/28/2017. I'll miss you Earnest Ray! P.S. Tell Pop and Talmadge that I said hey, when you get home and see them.

Ken Maughon - March 02, 2017 at 02:49 PM

JM

*My first real crush, I was too little to know better, and my favorite uncle in the whole world , I did have many to choose from and they were all so very special to me, A man in public last night came over to say hi, I told him I had been to my best uncle's funeral and that he was one of the bravest men I had ever known....He said, was it your mom's brother? Or your Dad's.... to which I said BOTH, he looked at me funny, I said My Uncle Ernest Ray was as much my Dad's brother as my Mom's brother. They were really in-laws.... or maybe more like "out-laws" Oh the stories we could tell if only we knew them all!!!! They let us in on a few, but some were top secret I am sure!!!! I love you Uncle, I will miss sharing flowers, If I have anything left that the winters sins bite back that got yours, I will take them to Mary. I grew up with this family and I think the world of them, and just like my brother said, Hug my Daddy, and Talmadge and Jack for me, DON't GET KICKED OUT OF HEAVEN, and kiss Danny from his rival monopoly nemesis.
Prayers, Your Loving Niece, Tater Bruce*

Jelene Manders - March 05, 2017 at 12:43 PM