



Dr. Cecil Eugene Collins, Sr.

September 8, 1932 - June 28, 2019

Dr. Cecil Eugene Collins, Sr., age 86, of Bluff City, TN, passed away on Friday, June 28, 2019, at James H. Quillen VA Medical Center in Mountain Home, TN. He was born on September 8, 1932 in Max Meadows, VA, the son of the late William Marshall and Sally Elizabeth Jackson Collins. He is also preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years, Nila Amick Collins; sister, Charlotte Callis; and brother, Ray Rickey.

Cecil was a U.S. Navy Veteran. He attended Milligan College and the National College of Chiropractic and served the people of East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia as a chiropractor, friend and neighbor for 61 years. He loved life and spending time with his family and neighbors. He had a passion for fishing as well as UT and Clemson Football.

He is survived by his daughter, Mary Collins Johnson and husband Bobby of Abingdon, VA; sons, Dr. Cecil Eugene Collins, Jr. and wife Diana of Lebanon, VA and Marshall McKnight Collins and wife Debbie of Fort Collins, CO; grandchildren, Sylina Potts, Mary "Katie" Brown, Nicole Collins, Matthew Collins, Christopher Collins, and Jonathan Collins; great-grandchildren, Adante' Aguilar, Octavio Aguilar, Nykai Anthony, Nila Joy Potts and Aliya McBride; sisters, Bernice Niekirk, Shirley Warf and Barbara Ann Harpe; brother, Dickey Rickey; and many special cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 until 3:00 PM and from 5:00 until 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at Oakley-Cook Funeral Home in Bristol, TN. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at Oakley-Cook Funeral Home with Pastor Randy Camper officiating. The committal service and entombment will follow in the Heritage Chapel of Memories at Glenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers will be grandsons and great-grandsons. Military Rites will be performed by the DAV Chapter #40 Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements especially for Dr. Collins and his family have been made through Oakley-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory.

Cemetery

Glenwood Cemetery

839 Bluff City Hwy
Bristol, TN, 37620

Events

JUL **Visitation** 01:00PM - 03:00PM

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Oakley-Cook Funeral Home

2223 Volunteer Parkway, Bristol, TN, US, 37620

JUL **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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JUL **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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JUL **Committal Service and Entombment**

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Glenwood Cemetery

839 Bluff City Hwy, Bristol, TN, US, 37620

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Oakley-Cook Funeral Home - July 01 at 03:55 PM



“ Linda Glisson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Cecil Eugene Collins, Sr.



Linda Glisson - July 03 at 09:59 AM



“ Dr. Collins was a blessing to know and was a kind and wonderful neighbor. He helped make our journey here a welcome one. He will be missed by us and others. He was kind, gentle, positive and good energy flowed from him. May he rest in peace in God's kingdom.

The Cherrys - July 02 at 04:50 PM



“ To Cecil's family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Cecil was a great man, and helped so many people in his practice. I started coming to his practice in the mid-80's, when I was in my early 30's, after suffering a back injury at work. When I came in and met him for the first time, I was practically unable to walk, and had tears in my eyes. I told him I'd put him in my will if he could make me walk straight again, and he said, "Don't you worry - you came to the right place, and we're going to help you." When he gave me my treatment that day, I felt at least 50% better, and I gave him a hug, and knew that I had found an important person in my life. He had me walking straight within two months, and I was grateful to him for that, and the pep talks he would give me about my life, and how it was going. He really seemed to care about what was going on with you.

Over the next few years I would occasionally go back and get a tune-up done on my

back, and have wonderful conversations with him. He even hired me to come to his home, and play and sing for his daughter's wedding reception. Again, he took time out from his busy family activities to come over and chat with me for a few minutes to make sure I didn't feel like just the hired help.

I moved out of the area, and lost touch with Cecil until 2010, when I moved back from Myrtle Beach, and I saw him at an area store parking lot getting into his car. I spoke to him, and he immediately knew who I was and asked if I was still singing. He always made you feel special when he talked - such a lost talent these days. We said our goodbyes after a few minutes, and I got the feeling I may not see him again, as he had visibly aged to where he was slightly bent, and moving slower.

I tried to make my time with him count with every second's passing as he was and still is one of the nicest people I ever had the pleasure of meeting and knowing. I even give him credit for making me think more maturely, and seriously about my relationships. I was basically still a kid when I came to him in my 30's, and I give him credit for inspiring me to change a lot of the foolish behavior I had until then.

That's all I wanted to say. I know you all will miss him terribly, but he is now up there watching over you, and will be ready and waiting on us all when our time comes. What an awesome time that will be! God bless you all.

Harold D Beverley - July 02 at 02:17 PM



“ I was terribly saddened to hear of Dr. Collins' passing. He was a very genuine, nice, friendly, kind man. I was never a patient of his, but I would often tag along with my mom when she would go visit the "Good Doctor." He was one of those people that would just make you smile. Dr. Collins helped both my mom and sister so much in the past several years. They both considered him a very dear friend. I know the world became a better place because he was in it. He will be missed so much by so many people. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.



Adrienne Holman - July 02 at 12:34 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear the loss of our favorite Chiropractor. He will be missed and has blessed us with his smile and caring advice over 40 years. May God give comfort and peace to his family during this time.
Keeping the Collins family in prayer,

-Jim & Patty Liggett

Patricia Liggett - July 01 at 07:50 PM



“ 121 files added to the album LifeTributes



Oakley-Cook Funeral Home - July 01 at 02:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Cecil Eugene Collins, Sr..



July 01 at 02:36 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Cecil Eugene Collins, Sr..



July 01 at 01:29 PM



“ Dr. Collins will be greatly missed. He was a true friend and was always willing to help. My life was truly blessed to have known him as my friend and chiropractor.

-Earl

Earl McVay - July 01 at 12:44 PM



“ Dr. Collins was such a blessing to so many people in so many ways. He was one of my absolute favorite people I have ever met. He was more than a chiropractor, he was a true gentleman and my cherished friend that I will miss so very much. My thoughts and prayers to Dr. Collins family and friends during this most difficult time. Prayers that God will surround each of you with love, peace, comfort, and strength now and the days ahead.

My favorite Good Doc, I hope you know how much you are missed by so many people. Your smile was so contagious. You could literally take my frown and turn it upside down! You had the kindest words and so many words of wisdom. I will miss you tremendously. I MISS AND LOVE YOU WHOLE BIG BUNCHES!!!!

Keila

Keila Dugger - July 01 at 10:08 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. Cecil Eugene Collins, Sr..



July 01 at 09:39 AM



“ Cecil Jr,
I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I really enjoyed working with your Dad. He always had a smile for you no matter what kind of day you were having, especially me. He was a wonderful person and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and the family at this time.



Sharon White - July 01 at 03:58 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Dr. Collins was such a sweet man. Enjoyed working with him when he filled in for Dr. Lonnie Jackson. He will be missed by many people.

Gail Simms - July 01 at 02:31 PM



“ When it comes to Doc Collins, it is just so difficult to come up with the right words to describe what he meant to us, as there are so many great words to describe him. He was genuine, loving, caring, kind and absolutely an amazing man. Doc worked on our whole family at one time or another throughout the years.

I was fortunate to be able to spend a good bit of time with him this past January, as He helped me thru some rough times. He also recently helped my Daddy tremendously. He was not only the best chiropractor, he was one heck of a counselor and a true and loyal friend. Doc was a very giving man. And a complete gentleman. He taught me so much and really opened my eyes to what life should be about. Our family and your family go way back and we have so many fond memories. We were so fortunate to live across from your family. I can honestly say that Doc Collins loved life and lived it to the fullest. Always had a smile and a hug.

If more people were like him, our world would be a much better place. Doc was very wise and I learned so much from him. I could go on and on, but I pray that God will wrap his arms around your entire family and give you peace, love, comfort and understanding. Doc will be missed by everyone who was fortunate to have known him. Dad and I are in total shock of his passing and are going to miss him so much. Deepest sympathy to your family during this very sad time.

Love you all,

Cliff Keesee and Mitzi Keesee Miller

Cliff Keesee and Mitzi Keesee Miller - July 01 at 12:11 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Cecil Eugene Collins, Sr..



June 30 at 10:14 PM



“ I always told Doc he was hiding the fountain of youth! What an amazing man and friend. Thinking of you Jr and your family loved your sweet Dad for lots of years



Donna Thomas. Ostermeyer - June 30 at 10:25 AM



“ We met Dr. Collins, who we knew as Sylina's Beloved Grandfather. We understood why she loved him as he was an amazing man and a member of the Greatest Generation!

The Potts Family - June 30 at 08:22 AM



“ Doc was such a kind and caring person. He took care of my Dad, Kenny Dixon for a lot of years. We all thought very highly of him. May God comfort your family in this time of sorrow. R.I.P. Doc Collins you will forever be missed.



Kenna Dixon Moose - June 30 at 12:15 AM



“ Maudie Miller lit a candle in memory of Dr. Cecil Eugene Collins, Sr.



Maudie Miller - June 29 at 10:14 PM



“ Mary, Cecil, Marty,
I am so sad to learn of Dr. Collins passing. I am so thankful that I had the honor of knowing and loving this man. There is never a thought of my teen years without you guys and Doc and Nina in them. They were both such amazing people. Doctor Collins was always so good to me and to everyone who knew him. I cant even begin to imagine how many people he has cared for and helped over the years. My prayers will be with you during this time of mourning. I love you.



Vicky Hayes Quintana - June 29 at 08:27 PM



“ Loretta Santo & Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. Cecil Eugene Collins, Sr.



Loretta Santo & Family - June 29 at 07:35 PM



“ Melvyn And Patty Jackson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Cecil Eugene Collins, Sr.



Melvyn and Patty Jackson - June 29 at 03:06 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies go out to the family. I am honored and blessed to have known “Doc” and to have worked with him. His kind soul will forever remain in my heart. May our Lord bless and comfort you all during this time of grief.
Bj & Mac

Bj McIntosh - June 29 at 02:40 PM



“ Ken & Teresa Collins; Finnie & Mary Ann Theofanos purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Cecil Eugene Collins, Sr..



Ken & Teresa Collins; Finnie & Mary Ann Theofanos - June 29 at 01:40 PM



“ Dr. Collins was such a kind and special gentleman. He was more like family to us. Many years ago he made numerous house visits to help care for my mother. We all enjoyed his company and knew there would always be a smile and much kindness. He was truly a gentle soul and we were blessed with his friendship!

Aileen Rutherford

Aileen Rutherford - June 29 at 01:17 PM



“ Cynthia Fritts lit a candle in memory of Dr. Cecil Eugene Collins, Sr.



Cynthia Fritts - June 29 at 12:32 PM



“ Doc Collins was a wonderful person. He was completely professional while being such a kind and caring man. We will certainly miss him along with so many in our community. Our thoughts and prayers are with us family at this sad time. Bob and Sharon Leonard

Robert Leonard - June 29 at 12:02 PM



“ I was a former patient of Dr. Collins. One of the nicest people I have had the pleasure of doing business with.
Steve Godsey

Steve Godsey - June 29 at 11:02 AM



“ We just got back into town and were shocked at this happening. Dr. Collins was more than a chiropractor.....he was a friend, always had a smile and a kind word for you and was truly concerned on how you were doing. He truly loved helping people. He will be missed is an understatement. Rest in Peace Doc.
Forrest & Rita Koder

Forrest Koder - June 28 at 10:14 PM



“ Pa was very special and always one of the kindest people I knew. He was a good grandfather to our Nicki and great-grandfather to our Aliya. Rest in peace Pa. You and Nina are our special angels. God bless Mary, Cecil, and Marty for your loss.

Janice (Collins) Hayes - June 28 at 09:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Cecil Eugene Collins, Sr..



June 28 at 05:30 PM