



Raymond Collins

June 2, 1926 - February 5, 2021

Mr. Raymond Collins, of Johnson City, Tennessee, passed away Friday February 5, 2021, in his home. He was a loving Father, Grandfather, Uncle, loyal friend, and mentor.

Son of Lillie Belle and Cornelius Collins, he was raised in Henderson, North Carolina, with his 2 brothers and 4 sisters.

He was proud to have served his country in the US Naval Air Force as a taxi pilot during WWII. Serving his country brought him to Illinois, where he met the love of his life, his wife, Leona.

Raymond was a successful barber, owning his own barber shop in Arlington Heights, IL. He went on to be a professional photographer and maintenance administrator.

After retirement, he moved to Johnson City, where he helped in the construction of the Johnson City Church of God where his brother Rev. W. Bryant Collins was the district pastor.

He also dedicated his time to woodworking, where he was constantly refining his skills creating furniture, toys, and musical instruments including harps. Using those skills, he helped the Heritage Alliance restore the historic Oak Hill School currently located in Jonesborough.

He is survived by his son, Richard; daughter, Patricia, and her husband Alfred. He was proud to have two grandchildren, Angeleah and Dominick. They all feel so fortunate to have had him in their lives.

A graveside committal service for Raymond Collins will be conducted at 11 am Wednesday February 17, 2021, at Mountain Home National Cemetery. Rev. C. Bryant Collins of the Johnson City Church of God will officiate the service. The Boone Dam Post #4933 will accord military honors. Family and friends are requested to be at the cemetery

by 10:50 am Wednesday.

Due to COVID-19, a Memorial and Celebration of Life will be held later this year.

Cemetery

Mountain Home National Cemetery

53 Memorial Avenue Unit 117

Mountain Home, TN, 37684

Events

FEB **Graveside Committal** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Ray was the best neighbor that anyone could have. I remember when he moved to Johnson City from Illinois and how he was always offering to help me and give advice. He was so talented in everything he did. He was such a kind and caring person. He showed love to everyone he met. There is a huge void in the hearts of everyone who knew him and he will surely be missed. May the memories of the times shared with Ray comfort his daughter Patti, son Richard, grandchildren Angeleah and Nikki, the family and friends during this time of loss. Ray's neighbor and friend, Marvin Amos

Marvin E. Amos - February 16 at 12:21 PM



“ He was the best God Father anyone could ask for. There are so many wonderful memories of our families together! I cherish them all.
Love and prayers to all feeling the loss.
The Johnson Family

The Johnson Family - February 14 at 10:49 AM



“ Sending love and prayers to the family. From Michelle Collins Hoover (daughter of Charles Robert Collins aka Sonny)

Michelle Collins Hoover - February 13 at 11:46 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss he was a very special person! From Vance's family in Henderson N.C. Rest In Peace Uncle Raymond!

Tonya R Taylor - February 12 at 10:05 PM