



Jerry Dean Collins

December 23, 1951 - May 14, 2019

Jerry Dean Collins, 67, of Salisbury, Maryland, died Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

He was born on December 23, 1951 in Salisbury, to the late George Merrill Collins and Lillian Pearl Collins.

Jerry graduated from Mardela High School and worked in the construction field for many years and built a home in 1987 on the family farm. He was also a tax preparer from an early age helping his dad and then taking over after the death of his father which continued to the present day. Many people (young and old) called him to get tax advice as they valued and respected his counsel. Jerry was a jack of all trades and was not afraid to tackle something new.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Linda; a daughter, Jennifer (Nikki) Collins; a son, George M. Collins and a step-son, Tim D. Hastings; three grandchildren, Jeremy L. Wilson, Alyssa L. Hastings, and Caleb T. Hastings; siblings, Cinda Allison, Cathy Helgeson, Alexander (Buddy) Collins, Gary R. Collins, Hiram P. Collins and Zeke E. Collins, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by siblings, Brenda J. Smart, Robert L. Collins, Mister M. Collins, George L. Collins, and Betty J. Collins.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Short Funeral Home, 13 E. Grove Street in Delmar.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research

Hospital by visiting www.stjude.org or the Arthritis Foundation by visiting www.arthritis.org.

Please visit www.shortfh.com to send online condolences to his family.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

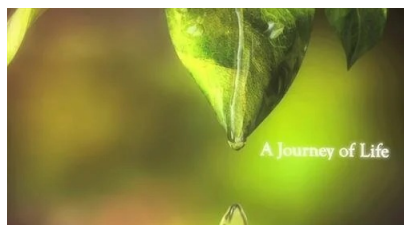
MAY **20.** 6:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove St.
Delmar, DE 19940

Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry Dean Collins*

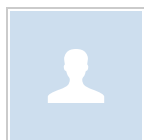


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There are a thousand things I could have said while at Jerry's memorial but it all would have came out sounding like there was an alien invasion. Jerry definitely meant a lot to many people and has touched many people's lives in one way or another. I was lucky to have him as the male role model in my life. Blood doesn't make family, Love does! Growing up Jerry was my Godfather, but to me he was more like my father. He read to me, helped me with homework, watched TV shows with me, taught me how to ride a bike without my training wheels even though I kinda ran into the half open garage, but hey he told me to get right back up and keep trying. He showed me how to paint, how to reach for the stars, how to not give up if I believe in something enough. One of my favorite things was making him take me shopping so I could hint around to what Linda wanted for Christmas lol. I loved going to work with him, although he had a rough exterior he would help anyone in the world that needed help. He believed that people should at least try to help themselves but when it came down to it if someone needed help he was there. Watching him work at jobs I always admired how hard he worked, how much he really cared for those he did work for, but most of all how proud he was of his accomplishments. He will forever be missed <3 R.I.P Jerry/Dad I love you!

Heather Davis - May 20, 2019 at 08:21 PM



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“ *Heather Davis lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dean Collins*



Heather Davis - May 20, 2019 at 09:16 PM



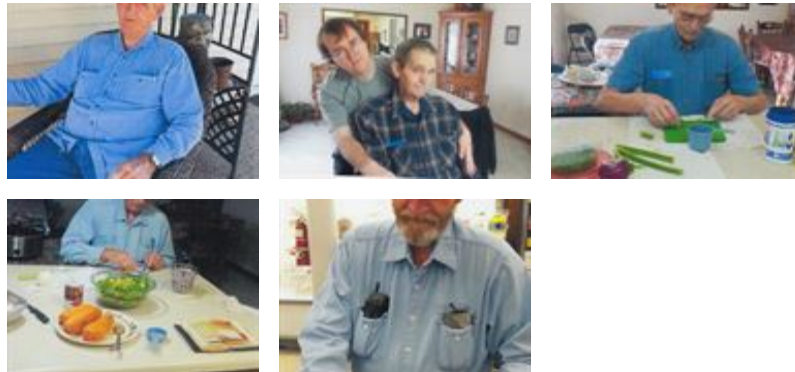
“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jerry Dean Collins.*



May 20, 2019 at 10:22 AM



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Short Funeral Home - May 20, 2019 at 09:58 AM

JP

“ Jerry will be greatly missed, Always a great friend growing up with. He would do anything and everything for you , so kind Did my taxes, Great person to talk to. Sorry to the family for your loss, feel like he was part of my family too. Loved him and will always love the memory of hem. The world was blessed to know such a man , Love to all the collins family. James Parsons

James L. Parsons - May 20, 2019 at 07:46 AM

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“ It was a privilege to have Jerry as a friend. He was very conscientious in any work that he did, and I appreciated his willingness to help when called upon. My condolences go out to Linda and the family. May the Lord bless you with His love, grace and peace during this time of loss.

A Fellow Graduate,
Steve Wagner

Steve Wagner - May 17, 2019 at 05:05 PM