



Paul Franklin Collins

August 13, 1918 - July 13, 2011

DELMAR- Paul Franklin Collins, 92, passed away on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at home surrounded by family and friends.

Born August 13, 1918 in Delmar, Delaware to parents William K. (Will) Collins and Mary Francis (Fannie) Jackson Collins.

Paul was educated in the Delmar, Delaware public schools, earning varsity letters in basketball, and graduated in 1936. He continued his education in Goldey College in Wilmington, from which he was a member of the Phi Theta Pi International Commerce Fraternity. He graduated in the class of 1939. Upon graduation, he went to work with Hercules Powder Company in Wilmington. In October 1940 he was transferred to Belvidere, New Jersey where Hercules was building a smokeless powder plant for the British government. He was the shipping clerk at the plant when he entered the U.S. Coast Guard in August 1942. He served his country until January 1946. During this period he was on the pre-commissioning detail of the ship USCGC Sebago and thereby became a "plank owner" of that ship. These ships were built to be used to invade Japan, which never came off due to Japan's surrender. The plank owner distinction was historical since it dated back to the times when ships were constructed of wood.

July 7, 1943 he married Irene Hazlett in Belvidere NJ. They celebrated over

51 years of married life before her passing. After returning from the service he joined his father-in-law in the operation of Hazletts' Hatchery, a combination of chicken hatchery and farm store, becoming manager of the business. Along with his wife, they purchased the business and operated it as a family business for 38 years.

Paul's interests revolved around his family, church and community. He served the United Methodist Church in Belvidere for over fifty years in many capacities. Notably at one time or another he was Lay Leader, President of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Pastor Parish Committee and for many years was the Financial Secretary of the church.

In the community he was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout Committee leader for many years and was a member of the American Legion Post #131, Charter member of the Belvidere Ambulance Corps, served on the Belvidere Board of Education and on the town Shade Tree Commission. He helped to form the Meals On Wheels program in Belvidere and along with his wife volunteered with the program until her passing. He was presented with the Rotary Club "Service Above Self" award in 1972 and the Lion's Club "Community Service Award" in 1986.

After his wife passed away Mr. Collins moved back to the Eastern Shore in 1997 to be closer to his family. He was a member of St. Stephens United Methodist Church in Delmar, DE where he volunteered with the Christian Kitchen. He was also an active member of the Mason Dixon Woodworkers Club, making toys for needy children and volunteered with Meals-On-Wheels for Shore-Up and MAC, Inc. delivering meals in Delmar and Salisbury.

In addition to his beloved wife, Irene Hazlett Collins who passed away in 1995, he was preceded in death by his brothers John A., William S., and Walter Collins and sisters Dorothy Collins and Virginia Collins Hastings.

Paul is survived by his son Paul Edward Collins and wife Donna, and his daughter June Collins Brittingham and husband Henry. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Shawn, Leah and Evan Collins. In addition to his children Paul is survived by several nieces and nephews and cousins.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, July 16, 2011 at 3 pm at Short Funeral Home, where family and friends may call from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Additional services will be held on Monday, July 18, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at MacFadden Funeral Home, 325 Hardwick Street, Belvidere, NJ, where family and friends may call from 1:00 to 2:00. The Reverend E.T. Holland will officiate. Interment with military honors will follow in Belvidere Cemetery, Interment will be held in New Jersey on Monday.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations may be made to either Belvidere United Methodist Church, 219 Hardwick Street, Belvidere, NJ 07823, St. Stephens United Methodist Church, 101 E. State Street, Delmar, DE 19940 or Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home, Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **16**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 E. Grove Street
Delmar, De

Service

JUL **16**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I was sorry to hear that Paul had passed away. He was a faithful woodworker when he was well. My dog Spud greeted him every Wednesday when he came to work on toys. He was a very nice man and will be missed.

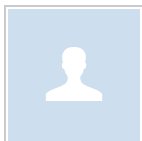
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“ When I was a boy, Paul was a scout leader and neighbor that I looked up to. When I was an adult, he was a fellow businessman who always had the time and energy to help anyone who needed it. I lost track of Paul after his wife had died, and he moved to Maryland. At that time, I was pretty busy with a growing family. After it was announced in our local newspaper that my daughter would be attending Salisbury University in September 2006, a friend, Milly Harris of Belvidere let Paul know about it. Paul wrote a letter to my family that we would always be welcome to stay at his home whenever we visited her. For four years, I took him up on that offer, many times (my daughter, Ali played softball for SU). Reconnecting with Paul, Ed, and June was wonderful. The first couple of years, Paul was able to attend games with me, he was quite a fan. But always, he and I would sit at night and talk. I would bring him up to date on what was happening in Belvidere, but what was so important to me (and maybe him, because he seemed to really enjoy it) was talking about Belvidere in the old days, back to the 1940's, before I was born. I have learned and re-learned a lot in the last 5 years. What a wonderful, kind, gentle friend, I will miss him. Ben Ritter###imported-begin##Benjamin Ritter###imported-end##

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“ Ed, Sorry to hear of your father's passing.

You and your family will be in my prayers.

Sincerely,

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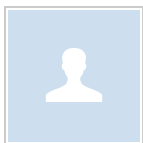
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“ *June-
I'm so sorry for your loss. I know that you have been so strong
during your dad's illness. Take comfort in knowing that you are a
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