



William "Bill" Collins Sr.

February 19, 1936 - December 18, 2016

William R. "Bill" Collins, Sr., 80, of St. Anne and formerly of Kankakee, passed away on December 18, 2016 at Citadel Healthcare Center, Kankakee. He was born on February 19, 1936 in Harrisburg, IL to Arthur and Velma (Stricklin) Collins. Bill married Peggy Inman on September 24, 1955 and she passed away in 2008. Bill worked for Mortell Company, Joliet Army Ammunition Plant, and Stepan Chemical retiring after twenty-seven years of service. He also owned a gas station and a fastener delivery business.

Bill is survived by two sons and one daughter in law; William (Debra) Collins, Jr. of Flower Mound, TX and Keith Collins of Kankakee, his significant other; Janet Theesfield of St. Anne, IL, four grandchildren; Brandon (Michelle) Collins and Kristen (Andrew) Lloyd of Texas and Jacob Collins of Kankakee and Sara (Terry) Castongia of Bourbonnais, and five great grandchildren. Also surviving are several sisters in law and brothers in law, nephew; Mike Fouch of Florida & several great nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife; Peggy, and one sister; Beverly.

There will be a memorial visitation at a later date. Schreffler Funeral Home, Bourbonnais Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Please sign his guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 20. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Bourbonnais Chapel
1100 N. Convent St.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-2421

Tribute Wall

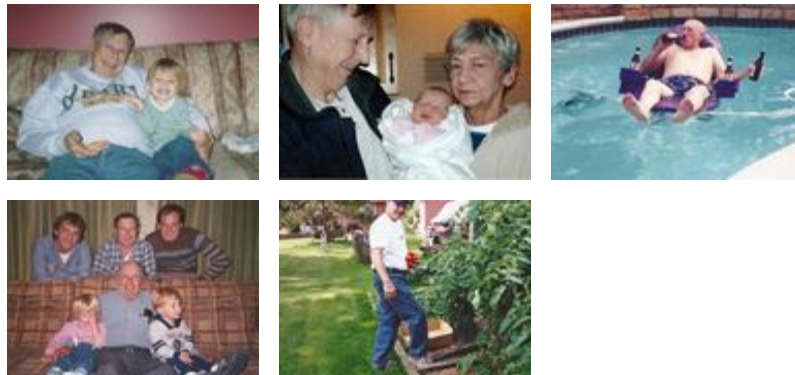


“ *William "Bill" Collins Sr.*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *107 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Schreffler Funeral Home - May 11, 2017 at 04:05 PM



“ *Always enjoyed being with Bill and Janet. We had a lot of fun in AZ and on our trip to Yellowstone Park. He will be missed greatly. Ray & Erlene Grimes*

Erlene Grimes - January 26, 2017 at 02:47 PM



“ *Yes...there was only one "Mr. C."...such a special guy. Loved his laugh! Yes...his Peg is waiting for him. He will be missed by many. Loved being his neighbor!*

Lori Morrival Hoekstra - December 30, 2016 at 01:21 PM

SM

“ Very sad to here the loss of Mr. C. Going way back to South Elm Street. He was a hard working man for his family and in his prized garden. He and Peg always welcomed everyone into their home. He made you feel like part of the family. Moving to Lexington 20 years ago, I would travel back home to see family and friends. I would happily make a point to stop in to see them. I will especially miss the traditional Christmas Eve visits for a Kailua and Crème drink. When I think about Mr. C. I see a smile, and it makes me smile. May the happy memories bring at least some moments of comfort. RIP.
Steve Morrical and Family.

Steve Morrical - December 20, 2016 at 10:04 AM

IR

My brother-inlaw,always.We will all be together one day.

Ivy roberts - May 12, 2017 at 07:13 PM

RK

“ We are deeply saddened at the loss of Bill. He was one of the nicest men we have ever had the pleasure to know. He always joked around and had a smile on his face. His face literally lit up when around his grandchildren & great grandchildren. He loved them so much. Family time was important to him and we shared many family moments with him at birthday parties for his great granddaughters and on other occasions. You could see the love in their eyes when grandpa came. You could feel the love. Bill you fought a gallant battle. You are at peace now. You will be missed and never forgotten. REST IN PEACE my good man. GOD SPEED BILL.



Randy & RoseAnna Knickerbocker - December 19, 2016 at 09:55 PM

LI

“ *Condolences to all for your loss-
No loss like that of a father...
Blessed are those who mourn - they shall be comforted.
Love you Keith*

lisa - December 19, 2016 at 07:16 PM

MF

“ *He was my favourite uncle, when he went to my brothers wedding he didn't know anyone there. By the time he left he knew everyone's name what they did for a living, how many kids they had and all of their names. He made 30 friends that day. That's how he rolled! :-) I loved him and will miss him.*

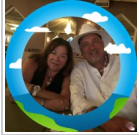
Mike Fouch - December 19, 2016 at 03:56 PM

TC

“ *Tom & Kathy Caise lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Collins Sr.*



Tom & Kathy Caise - December 19, 2016 at 03:15 PM



“ Thinking of "Mr. Bill" brings back a floodwater of memories from childhood and teens. His laugh and smile, some of his sayings, he was always willing to discuss things with us, laugh with us and give advise. Bill said I could talk Mr Bill into anything, I don't think that was the case. He just enjoyed the conversation, the rhetoric of teenagers, he had his mind made up long before I approached him. I will always look back at this man, his family and home as a wonderful part of my life.

Mr. Bill showed up at my restaurant about a year ago, I was surprised and very happy to see him. It had been years since I had seen him of course I recognized him right away, that smile, I hugged him and we talked quite a while. I was just a friend of his son, but it was apparent he was proud of me, he still cared how I was doing, that was Mr.Bill.

Godspeed Mr Bill, You will always have my love, your wife is waiting.

Dave Johansen - December 19, 2016 at 02:48 PM

BJ

He loved some Davey Jo

Bill Jr - December 19, 2016 at 06:27 PM

BJ

“ My dad was a great man. He was my hero & idol. I can only hope that people will love me as much as they (and I) loved him. He was simply the kindest and friendliest person I ever knew. He never met a stranger and always knew someone everywhere we went (even if he forgot their name). At least twice while visiting us in Texas he saw someone he knew. He led by example & always had at least two (sometimes 3) jobs when Keith & I were young. This never stopped him from being willing to play catch or roughhouse with us when he was home. After we moved to Texas, he was always willing to pick us up at the airport at a moments notice even if he had worked all night. Family time meant everything to him. His energy was unbelievable right up to the end. He was so PROUD of all of his grandchildren (and great grandchildren) and bragged about all of them constantly. He was also proud of his small-town childhood and loved his childhood friends and hometown folks in Galatia immeasurably

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family would request donations in dads name to hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Bill Collins Jr - December 19, 2016 at 12:09 PM



Memories,ah so many.my sister peg,bill and the boys.will never forget our get togethers.He loved us girls and we new it.He was a loving and kind man.I never heard a mean thing come out of his mouth.know he is with peg and the suffering is over.In Gods time we will all be together again.

Ivy Roberts - December 19, 2016 at 05:34 PM

BJ

You are so right Ivy; he loved all of mom's brothers & sisters so very much. He was kind (sometimes too kind) but was a great father.

Bill Jr - December 19, 2016 at 06:29 PM

G.

“ I am very sorry for your loss, and hope the words in Psalm 34:18, bring you comfort. My sincerest regards.

G. - December 19, 2016 at 09:08 AM

BG

A truly cool guy. Him and Peg were great friends of my folks. Bet the 4 of them are playing cards upstairs.

Brian Gibson - December 19, 2016 at 04:08 PM