



Rev. Larry Blaine Collins

August 1, 1933 - September 27, 2024

On August 1, 1933, a mother celebrated her birthday by giving birth to a beautiful boy. Giving him the name, Larry Blaine Collins by his parents, Wallace, and Almeta Collins.

He attended Crispus Attucks High School where a chance bus ride helped him to meet his future wife, Jacqueline Camille Woodson on her way home from school, as well. On September 5th 1953, the two were united in marriage.

Larry joined the military as a way to provide for his new family and serve his country. He enlisted with the United States Marine Corps in February 09, 1953 and was assigned to drive heavy trucks, serving during the Korean war. He gained the appointment of sergeant in April 01, 1955. He transferred and served in the MSMC-Reserves until February 08, 1961. Afterwards enlisting in the United States Air Force receiving an honorable discharge, November 04, 1967. He was decorated with the National Defense Service medal, the Korean Service medal, United Nations Service medal, and the Good Conduct medal.

He returned to secular life working many jobs until he found the right fit. Eli Lilly being one then the United States Postal Service retiring in a supervisor position. Not one to sit idle, he also held positions, as both a city and school bus driver. As an associate at value city.

But Larry spent most of his retirement, pursuing a new passion as a spiritual leader. He served as the Sunday school superintendent, as well as vacation Bible school director. He would come to offer counsel and a helping hand, putting the needs of others before his own, often giving refuge in his own home.

A man of many interests, he shared that with his children. For instance, the love of music, the love of photography, the love of nature. He wanted his children to experience the world and not just a corner of it. Being a Cub scout leader for several years, He loved camping.

He was proficient in bowling. He had a family in the Hindle and All Star Bowling alley leagues.

He won several awards as a bowler, bowling 300's with no problem. Because of this skill, the young bucks frequently wanted to challenge him. He traveled to places such as Vegas, Ohio, as well as other locations.

Larry was the brightest smile and the biggest voice in the room. Close your eyes and remember his baritone. That laugh. This loving husband and father, brave and honorable soldier will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers: Wallace and Donald Collins. His sisters: Justine, Shirley Clemons and Barbara Blakemore, and a child that died in infancy.

He is survived by his wife: Jacqueline; sons: Marcus Sr (Carol) and Larry Jr. (Susan) Collins. Daughters: Deborah Collins-Kline, Tina Collins-Howard and Patricia Collins-McClelland.

He also leaves to cherish his memory

11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and church members that became family.

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Memory Gardens

6851 S. Whitestown
Indianapolis, IN 46075

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Friendship MBC
1301 N. Goodlet
Indianapolis, IN 46222

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *LaSalle & Traci Thompson*
When we 1st joined NuC Rev Collins was very welcoming and always greeted us with a smile. Rev Collins and Mother Collins became role models for us on how to serve the Lord. We saw this numerous times when volunteering with them serving the community at our College campus. They gave from their hearts and shared God's goodness with everyone. We will miss Rev Collins and will continue to keep Mother Collins and family in prayer. 🙏❤️

LaSalle & Traci Thompson - October 07, 2024 at 11:58 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rev. Larry Blaine Collins.*



October 07, 2024 at 08:45 AM



“ *Rev Collins “Big Iron” will truly be missed. He was a true man of God and a great example for all of us younger brothers at church. Bettye & I always enjoyed seeing Rev and Mother Collins together. May God hold and keep Mother Collins and her family. 🙏❤️*

Joe Patrick - October 06, 2024 at 08:12 PM

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“ Rick and I are so grateful that Reverend Collins performed our marriage ceremony 16 years ago. He led the service with such warmth and love. We extend our deepest condolences to the entire Collins family. We know that he is now with God, but such a sweet, kind-hearted man will most definitely be deeply missed.

Mary Lang - October 06, 2024 at 03:30 PM

MR

“ Rev was my mentor and friend. I was one of the young bucks that challenged him on the bowling alley but never beat him. We played golf together and had good times. This man of God had a kind spirit and warm heart. He loved Corinthian and served for many years until he become ill. He and Mother Collins were the role model for a loving marriage. I will miss him but know heaven is celebrating his arrival and Rev hearing well done good and faithful servant. Until we meet again. Love you and to the family keep Hope Alive he is in a wonderful place. Sis Ruth sends her condolences. God bless! 🙏☐
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Deacon Michael Ruth

Michael Ruth - October 05, 2024 at 08:41 AM

BW

“ Barbara Howard White planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Larry Blaine Collins.

Barbara Howard White - October 04, 2024 at 06:45 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rev. Larry Blaine Collins.*



October 04, 2024 at 06:45 PM



“ *Tara Hastings Hanna Mordoh purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Rev. Larry Blaine Collins.*



Tara Hastings Hanna Mordoh - October 04, 2024 at 02:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Larry Blaine Collins.*



October 04, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ *The Nursing Team at Indiana Mentor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Larry Blaine Collins.*

The Nursing Team at Indiana Mentor - October 04, 2024 at 11:40 AM

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“ *Mr. Collins was ALWAYS a bright point at the family gatherings and parties I attended. Just a beautiful spirit to be around with wisdom and words that would leave you beautifully impacted. This world suffers a tremendous loss, but we know he is peacefully in Heaven with his Father.*

stephanie Hicks - October 03, 2024 at 03:25 PM

KF

“ *Kathy Crumpton to Larry Jr and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Larry Blaine Collins.*



Kathy Crumpton to Larry Jr and Family - October 03, 2024 at 03:12 PM