



## Amelia Collins

September 7, 1948 - April 29, 2010

Amelia (Amy) Collins, 61, died at her residence on Thursday April 29, 2010 after a courageous battle with cancer. Amy was born on September 7, 1948 in Burlington, NC. She was the daughter of the late Jimmie Collins and her devoted mother, Mrs. Cleo M. Collins, who survives her. Her loving husband, Richard (Dick) Dale Palmore; sister, Karen C. McGovern (Jim); stepsons and daughters-in-law, Nicholas (Stephanie) and Alex (Jessica) Palmore; and cherished grandson, Aiden Palmore, survive. Survivors also include her sister-in-law Beverly P. Ryan; niece, Hannah Ryan; nephews, Justin Peterson and Chase Ryan; great nephew, Payton Peterson; and very special friend and caretaker, Rossielee Bramer.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Kyriakos and Kyriaki Moskos (Moskovakis) and her paternal grandparents, Angelo and Amelia Collins (Kallinikos).

Amy's loving mother, Cleo, and Amy's special friend, Rossi, were her extraordinary and loving caregivers. These two angels were with Amy twenty-four hours a day, providing support and care with exceptional strength. Her sister, Karen, was her cherished friend and companion. The kind and compassionate care of Hospice nurses furnished skilled care and comfort for Amy and her family. Many devoted family members and friends visited and encouraged her at the hospital and at home.

Amy graduated from Walter Williams High School in 1966 and from Catawba College in 1970. A degree in sociology served her well in her professional life of 38 years as a champion and advocate for families.

In 1986 Judge Frank Montgomery appointed Amy as the District 19C Administrator for the newly formed Rowan County Guardian ad Litem (GAL) program. During her tenure she developed and nurtured the programs in both Rowan and Cabarrus Counties, training and inspiring a small army of dedicated volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children. Together they touched and changed the lives of an estimated 2000 families. She served tirelessly in this capacity until her retirement on 1 March 2010. In recognition of her devoted service she was awarded the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine by North Carolina Governor Bev Perdue. Amy's legacy is championing children's rights. She will be missed.

Service: A funeral service will be held at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, May 4 at Second Presbyterian Church on Lincolnton Road. The Father Demetri Kangelaris, of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, will conduct the service and will be assisted by the Rev. Dr. Roger Mackey. Volunteers and associates with the Guardian ad Litem program will be seated as a group.

Visitation: The family will receive friends at Summersett Funeral Home Monday, May 3 from 6:00 to 8:00. At other times the family will be at the home.

Burial will be in the National Cemetery.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Amy Collins Palmore Scholarship Fund, Catawba College, Development Office, 2300 West Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.



# Tribute Wall



“ I'm sorry for your loss. I see the pain my mother feels over the loss of her husband (my father) so I can understand your pain. But Jesus gave us a hope based on the Bible at John 11:25: "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." So, we will be able to see our loved ones again by means of the resurrection. Then we will never have to lose them again. Why can we say that? Because God has promised us this in the Bible at such scriptures as Isaiah 25:8, Isaiah 26:19, and Revelation 21;3-5. Isn't this good news? Please read these scriptures in your own Bible. Sincerely, Rosemarie###imported-begin###Rosemarie###imported-end###

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June 20, 2010 at 08:35 PM



“ I'm sorry for your loss. I lost my father so I can understand your pain. Death is never easy to accept which is why it's called an enemy in the Bible at First Corinthians 15:26. But Jesus gave us a hope based on the Bible at John 11:25: "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." So, we will be able to see our loved ones again by means of the resurrection. Then we will never have to lose them again. Why can we say that? Because God has promised us this in the Bible at such scriptures as Isaiah 25:8, Isaiah 26;19, and Revelation 21;3-5. Isn't this good news? Please read these scriptures in your own Bible. Sincerely, Rosemarie###imported-begin###Rosemarie###imported-end###

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June 16, 2010 at 06:51 PM



“ Dick, I just want you to know how sorry I am to hear of Amy's passing. Amy was certainly one of the nicest people I have ever known. Neither one of you ever knew how much it meant to me when ya'll visited me when my mother passed away. I hope you can find that same comfort from friends at this sad time in your life. Please know that I have you in my thoughts and prayers. God bless.##imported-begin##Gene Paige##imported-end##

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May 04, 2010 at 12:05 AM



“ MAY THE LOVE OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS COMFORT YOU AT THIS GREAT HOUR OF SORROW. GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU ALWAYS IN HIS LOVING CARE...##imported-begin##GRACE GRANFORD-SMTIH##imported-end##

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May 03, 2010 at 04:22 PM



“ Dick,  
Dan and I are very sad to hear about Amy. She was one of a kind and how proud you must have been to have a wife like her. There will be a big void in your life~ but so comforting to know that she is in Heaven.  
Deepest Sympathy,  
Dan and Carolyn Fohl (Dee's daughter)##imported-begin##Dan and Carolyn Fohl##imported-end##

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May 02, 2010 at 10:06 PM



“ amy left me with many great memories and i am sure she left u with many also. my love and prayers go out to her loved ones and many friends now and in the days to come. celebrate her zest for life and keep her close in your hearts.##imported-begin##ann stayer##imported-end##

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May 01, 2010 at 09:47 PM



“ There are no adequate descriptions for this especially kind, devoted, patient and faithful advocate to so many. We love you Amy and know that only you uniquely understood the individual circumstances of the numerous lives that you touched. Through our grief, we pray for comfort in knowing that you continue a careful watch on each of us from heaven.##imported-begin##April & Susie##imported-end##

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May 01, 2010 at 04:13 PM



“ Amy has now become our "Guardian ad litem angel". We began working as GALs in 2003 and have never ceased to be amazed at Amy's determination and dedication to the families of this area. Her legacy is one we will all cherish.##imported-begin##Erna & James Brown##imported-end##

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May 01, 2010 at 04:13 PM



“ Amy will truly be missed by everyone. She was a great lady in many ways. I was so blessed to have such a wonderful person in my life and very proud to be her daughter-in-law! We love you so much Amy!##imported-begin##Stephanie Palmore##imported-end##

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May 01, 2010 at 07:24 AM



“ *May God Bless the Family of Amy Collins....such a great champion of children. I only met Amy a couple of times..but know her to be an extraordinary lady. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.##imported-begin##Carolyn Hess##imported-end##*

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April 30, 2010 at 09:41 PM