



Samuel Ernest Collins

March 22, 1928 - May 4, 2011

Mr. Samuel Ernest “Sam” Collins, Jr. , 83, of Salisbury passed away on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at Rowan Regional Medical Center surrounded by his family.

Born March 22, 1928 in McDowell County, he was the son of the late Samuel E. Collins, Sr. and Lacie Collins. He served in the U.S. Merchant Marines during WWII from 1944-1945.

Sam owned and operated S.E. Collins Sheet Metal in Marion until relocating with his family to Salisbury in 1973. He was employed with Gamewell Mechanical until his retirement in 1993. A member of First Baptist Church in Marion, he regularly attended Stallings Memorial Baptist Church in Salisbury.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a daughter, Cindy Collins Barlowe, a brother, Robert “Bob” Collins and three sisters, Edith Boyette, Pauline “Polly” Cheek, and Helen Morley.

He leaves behind a family who will miss him deeply, including his wife of 60 years, Nancy Blalock Collins, daughters, Teresa and husband Jim Anglin, Bunni and husband Warren Mills all of Nebo, NC, Anita and husband Gene Fouts of Cleveland, NC, Karen and husband Chris Huling of Charleston, SC, and Sharen and husband Bo Burrell of Salisbury, and a son Samuel E.

“Sammy” Collins, III (President S.E. Collins PA, Consulting Engineers) and wife Amie of Salisbury. Also left to cherish his memory are 16 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, one step-great-grandson and three sisters, Pat Felmet of Waynesville, NC, Lottie and husband Norris Jamison of Marion, NC, and Ethel Horne of Columbus, GA.

A visitation will be held from 5-7:00 PM Saturday (May 7) at Summersett Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be 1:00 PM Sunday (May 8) at Stallings Memorial Baptist Church. Burial and a Memorial Service will follow at 4:30 PM at McDowell Memorial Park in Marion, NC followed by fellowship at Faith Baptist Church in Marion, NC.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Collins family. Online condolences may be held at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Teresa, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I can still remember when we were little kids, playing in the front yard of your house on Maple Ave., and seeing your daddy come home from work in the evening. He was a good man, and I know all of you will miss him. May God give all of you comfort during this time of grief, and may your memories of Sam be nothing but good ones. Love to you all.##imported-begin##Kathie Thornton Crawley##imported-end##

May 11, 2011 at 12:49 PM



“ Sammy & Amie,
You will be in our thoughts and prayers. This is a most difficult time in you life, come and see us anytime we love you both and the kids.
Dewey & Linda Turman##imported-begin##Dewey & Linda Turman##imported-end##

May 07, 2011 at 11:08 AM



“ Dear Sam, Amie and Family,
So sorry to learn of the death of your father.
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Barbara King##imported-begin##Barbara L. King##imported-end##

May 07, 2011 at 06:37 AM



“ I knew Mr. Collins from Gamewell Mech, and he was a good man and a friend. He will b missed. May God b w/him and family.##imported-begin##edward buckner##imported-end##

May 06, 2011 at 08:06 PM



“ My heart, prayers and sympathies are extended to Mr. Collins' entire family. I so enjoyed meeting him at Lauren's graduation, 2010. He knew my dad and grandpa. He was easy to talk too and a fine man. God Bless...Harold##imported-begin##Harold D. Webb##imported-end##

May 06, 2011 at 06:55 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss Nancy. I don't know if you will remember me but my then husband Mike and I with our baby girl Sedeana, lived directly across from you and Sammy on Maple Avenue. I admired you both so much, you were wonderful neighbors to a then, 18 year old young Mother. I send my condolences to all your family.##imported-begin##Carolyn Andrews (Laughter)##imported-end##

May 06, 2011 at 05:47 PM



“ Dear Karen and Family, Please accept my deepest condolences on your loss. You are in my prayers.

Love,
Kathy##imported-begin##Kathy Whipkey##imported-end##

May 06, 2011 at 03:20 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy, our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##David, Tammy, Lauren, Addison Lewis##imported-end##

May 06, 2011 at 12:41 PM



“ *Bunni and Family..
Please know we are in prayer for God's Strength and Mercy at this difficult time.*

Shawn and Family##imported-begin##The McGuire's##imported-end##

May 06, 2011 at 11:53 AM



“ *Our deepest thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Mai & Chris Shepherd##imported-end##*

May 06, 2011 at 11:18 AM



“ *Uncle Sam And I became very close in his latter years. He taught me all that I know about researching our family history as we spent alot of time discussing it. I will always cherish the time I spent listening to his stories. My heart is with Aunt Nancy and the entire family.*

Uncle Sam, you will be missed.##imported-begin##John Harris##imported-end##

May 06, 2011 at 12:53 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, he will be missed##imported-begin##Terry Sampson##imported-end##*

May 06, 2011 at 12:14 AM



“ My condolences to the entire Collins family. Old Sam will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Jeff Sampson##imported-end##

May 05, 2011 at 10:52 PM



“ Nancy, I just want to let you know how sorry I am. Uncle Sam will be gratefully missed by everyone who knew him. He was a wonderful caring person. We love all of you and will be praying for you. We will see you Sunday if not in Salisbury we will see you in Marion.##imported-begin##Maria, Megan and Barry, Paula##imported-end##

May 05, 2011 at 10:15 PM



“ ##imported-begin##Tyler Brown and family##imported-end##

May 05, 2011 at 07:29 PM



“ *Bunni*
My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this trying time.
I'm sure you have many great memories that will endure forever##imported-begin##Frank Harris##imported-end##

May 05, 2011 at 06:21 PM



“ Wish I could be there with you but know that my heart is. Uncle Sam has been such a big part of our lives and we will never forget him. Much, much love to all of you, Sandra##imported-begin##Sandra Cheek Saeed##imported-end##

May 05, 2011 at 05:21 PM



“ *My prayers and love is with all of the Collins family! May our Lord strengthen and comfort each one of you and our prayer will be that you sense God's presence in the days ahead as you recall and cherish all the beautiful memories of your father.*

Love, Cheryl Miller##imported-begin##Cheryl Miller##imported-end##

May 05, 2011 at 01:56 PM



“ *Good bye to a dear friend and teacher.I know i am where i am today because of Sams knowledge and guidance in my younger years for all he did for me i thank him from the bottomof my heart and i know he will be missed.Thank GOD FOR THE BLESSED HOPE HE GIVES THE ONES THAT ACCEPT HIM AND I KNOW THAT SAM IS IN A BETTER PLACE NOW.##imported-begin##COTTON SISK##imported-end##*

May 05, 2011 at 01:18 PM



“ *"Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear"
We are sorry to hear about your recent loss of Samuel. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Moncure Plywood LLC##imported-end##*

May 05, 2011 at 01:16 PM