



Mark Edward Collins

October 13, 1958 - February 14, 2014

Mark E. Collins Age 55 of Ferguson, MO. Mark Edward Collins was born on October 13, 1958, to the parents of Hiawatha and Betty Jane Collins in Columbus, Ohio. As a young boy, Mark found his happiness in playing the drums, Hot Wheels®Cars, and napping. Mark was a member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church (Columbus, Ohio). He graduated from Linden McKinley High School, (Columbus, Ohio - 1976) where he was a drum major. He attended the University of Cincinnati (1976 – 1980) and majored in Social Services. Mark met and dated Paula Newson during his studies. As a young adult, some of his hobbies included bowling, cooking, golf, collecting cars, and of course eating!

In 1984, Mark married Paula Newson and they began their lives in St. Louis, Missouri. Mark was a devoted employee of General Motors (St. Louis, Missouri) for 23 years and retired from the company in 2003. During retirement, Mark spent time playing Farkle with old buddies from General Motors, tinkering with the TV remote, watching sports, playing the lottery, and spending time with family and friends. Throughout life, Mark also had a fond love for botany, baseball caps, and music – some of his favorites included Frankie Beverly and Maze and Sade.

Mark leaves to cherish his memory to his loving and devoted wife Paula Collins, son Marcus Justice Jones, sister Jane Marie (Penny) Collins, sister-in-law Michelle Miles (Adonis), in-laws Willie James and Mary Newson,

nephews Quandell and Quandraus Collins and Erich Newson, Aunt Mary Parks, Godchildren Kevin Bedford and Maya Warren and a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends.

Cemetery Details

St. Peters Cemetery

2101 Lucas and Hunt Rd
St. Louis, MO 63121

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Archway Memorial Chapel
111 Taylor Road
Hazelwood, MO 63042
(314) 895-3900
info@archwaychapel.com

Funeral Services

FEB 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Paula,*
I know, you know God is good. He will see us through this difficult time. God's strength is made perfect in our weakness and seen by all. The services were wonderful and I believe Mark and the family were pleased too. Know that each day will become a little easier as we go through. I thank God I was able to be there for you and represent the family. I will continue to keep his family in my prayers. I, like you and his family have so many fond memories that will keep his presence and spirit living in our hearts and lives.
God Bless,
The Prinicipal (AKA Big sister)

Michelle N. Miles - March 04, 2014 at 07:10 AM

LI

“ *Paula, our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. Mark will be missed by all.*
May GOD bless and keep you in HIS care.

Your cousins,
Lois Ingram & Katie Salters



Lois Ingram - March 03, 2014 at 10:35 PM

LJ

“ Paula,

After all these years, I just realized Mark and I have the same middle name...EDWARD.

I will never forget the time I had surgery and came home from the hospital. Mark came over to the house to sit and "watch me" for a while. Only to find that when I woke up...Mark was asleep...lol and I ended up "watching him."

REST in peace my friend and just know that Paula will be fine,because she still has her friends around her...and we will ALL see each other again in the promised ETERNAL LIFE.



Lou Thimes, Jr. - March 02, 2014 at 11:04 AM

FK

“ Paula I am truly sorry about Mark , he was like a brother to me and I'm gonna really .miss him and our conversations he was always a joy to talk to; stay strong !

Fredia King - February 26, 2014 at 10:40 AM



Christine Walker

“Gone but *"NEVER"* forgotten. We didn't talk often, but wheeeeeeeeeeeeee we did it was always special, my cousin, my bother, my friend. I will miss you til we met again.

Chris (Collins) Walker

Christine Walker - February 25, 2014 at 01:16 AM



KR

“We will all miss you dearly my friend, many of us were blessed with your presence through Tony....my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

k.b.

Kristi - February 24, 2014 at 01:42 PM



OG

“We send our love and prayers to you and your family. Mark will be missed dearly. We cherish moments of laughter, fun and good eating. He was always a joy to be around. He became part of the family through Anthony (Tony) and was considered an uncle, brother and friend to all.

The Griffin Family

Onya Griffin - February 24, 2014 at 11:10 AM

KI

“ *Paula we send our deepest sympathy to you and your family during this sudden loss. Our family will truly miss Mark our neighbor and friend. You both have been wonderful to our teens and generous in your giving of yourselves to our family. We will miss Marks laughs and smiles. May God continue to bless and keep you in perfect peace in days to come. We are just a few steps away for whatever you may need. (literally)*
Lots of Love The Harvey's Bailey Bryce Kim and Royce

Kim - February 24, 2014 at 07:43 AM

KH

“ *Kim & Royce Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mark Edward Collins*



Kim & Royce Harvey - February 24, 2014 at 07:35 AM

BW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Bridgette Woods - February 24, 2014 at 12:27 AM

ML

“ *Mark Lofton lit a candle in memory of Mark Edward Collins*



Mark Lofton - February 24, 2014 at 12:22 AM

ML

“ *Paula,
The times I shared with you and Mark were always memorable. Full of laughter and happiness. I am deeply sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers. May Mark have eternal peace.*

*Blessings and Love,
Mark Lofton*

Mark Lofton - February 24, 2014 at 12:20 AM

BW

“ *Bridgette Woods lit a candle in memory of Mark Edward Collins*



Bridgette Woods - February 24, 2014 at 12:20 AM

Trell
Herron

“ *First and foremost the Herron family would like to hovehonor and glory to god who is the head of our lives. Our family met Mark and Paula over 14 years ago though our brother Edward. AFTERWARDS we automatically bonded. Over those years we shared countless dinners, parties, holidays, and several concerts. When you seen one you seen the other Mark & Paula. Uncle Mark as tver. It was his walk. I want to thank Mark for the wonderful years that we enjoyed with him as a family. We the Herron family YES ALL OF US would like to tell Paula to keep giving us the same smiles, huges & kisses, and stories as usual. We would never ever forget about you Mark or you Paula it just still seems so unreal. Mark we will miss you dearly and I promise you we'll definitely take care of Paula for sure. So until we meet again may you rest peacefully. THE HERRON FAMILY!!!*



Trell Herron - February 23, 2014 at 11:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Edward Collins.*



February 23, 2014 at 10:58 PM

DC

“ Dearest Paula,

I am so very sorry to hear about your loss, Mark was a great guy with a wonderful personality, full of life and a beautiful smile for everyone. I just want to express my deepest sympathy for your loss and to let you know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless!

Donna Campbell

Donna Campbell - February 23, 2014 at 10:15 PM

PJ

“ PAMELA V JACKSON purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mark Edward Collins.



PAMELA V JACKSON - February 23, 2014 at 07:16 PM

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PAMELA V JACKSON - February 23, 2014 at 07:14 PM

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PAMELA V JACKSON - February 23, 2014 at 07:12 PM

PJ

“ *TO THE WIFE AND FAMILY OF MR MARK COLLINS WE HERE AT THE TAX STOP LLC SEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATY FOR THE LOST OF YOUR LOVE ONE.WE WILL TRULY MISS OUR CLIENT AND DEAR FRIEND OF 15 YEARS.BUT KNOW THAT HE IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF OUR GRACIOUS AND LOVING FATHER LORD JESUS CHRIST WHICH THERE IS NO BETTER PLACE TO BE.MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS AND WATCH OVER EACH OF YOU. AGAIN MARK WILL BE TRULY MISSED. GOD BLESS. PAMELA V JACKSON OWNER AND MANGER.*

pamela jackson - February 23, 2014 at 06:51 PM



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February 23, 2014 at 05:54 PM

CK

“ *In honor of Mark Collins, a wonderful and funny man. You were truly a gift to those on earth. Paula and Maya I am really sorry for your loss. Please know that Mark will be forever remembered. Love you both!*

Cedrina Knight - February 23, 2014 at 03:25 PM



“ *Although I did not have an opportunity to meet Mark, I am grateful for the love and support the two of you offered my daughter Nikki. I pray your generosity of spirit and loving kindness will be returned to comfort you during this time and in the weeks and months ahead.*

May God bless you and Mark's family and friends

Dr. Virginia Flintall

Virginia Flintall - February 23, 2014 at 11:59 AM

CS

“ *It was 1985 World Series and Kansas City Royals vs St. Louis Cardinals. We were riding around the stadium and everybody was trying to get tickets. My wife, Markietta yells out the window "does anybody need tickets?" We laughed so hard when that guy jumped to the car looking for tickets and Markietta didn't know what to say.....Paula, Markietta, you and I laughed so hard that we cried! Yeah we had some good times.....I know you're having a good time right now getting reacquainted with familiar faces. God Bless You! Cleo*

Cleo Stevenson - February 23, 2014 at 10:03 AM



“ *Nikki Lofton lit a candle in memory of Mark Edward Collins*



Nikki Lofton - February 23, 2014 at 09:57 AM



“ *My Dear Paula, Have been in prayer since I found out about Mark's passing. You and Mark have shared a wonderfully loving life together, one that ended much too soon. I guess my bowling and backgammon games with Mark will have to wait for now. I will miss our chats and his lighthearted happy sprit.*

My heart aches for you and I so wish I could be there with you today. Please know your NYC family loves you and we are praying for you. I love you and I am here for you anytime you need me. Thank you and Mark for being who you have been to me.

Nikki Tillman Lofton Bronx, New York

Nikki Lofton - February 23, 2014 at 09:56 AM

SS

“ *Dear Paula,
I was so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. Please accept my condolences on your loss, and may God give you strength in the days ahead.
Sara Stewart*

Sara Stewart - February 23, 2014 at 09:39 AM

CS

“ *Mark....we're going to miss that jovial personality that you shared with everybody. You never met stranger and always lived life to the fullest. I'll remember all the good times we had and one day we'll tee it up together again. We'll see again my friend, until then keep it in the short grass. Love you my brotha! Cleo Stevenson, Cleveland, Oh.*

Cleo Stevenson - February 22, 2014 at 09:37 PM

ET

“ *Paula,
May your lifetime of wonderful Mark memories give you strength each and everyday. Whenever I eat a schnecken I will always think of him! :)
Love, Ethel*



Ethel - February 22, 2014 at 06:50 PM

LG

“ *Hello Paula! I am saddened by your loss and I wish you God's Blessings at this time. Know that God is with you and keep the memories of your loving Mark in your heart. The Angels are rejoicing! Love, LaVerne Gillespie (from your Renita's Shop Family).*

L. Gillespie - February 22, 2014 at 06:25 PM

BM

“ *Imitating Sable on the phone with my kids, talking about our favorite TV shows, the lottery and bowling. Taking time out to visit me in the hospital...no one was ever a stranger to you. I will cherish my memories like I cherish our friendship. You will be missed.*

God looked around His garden and saw an empty space. He looked upon this earth and saw your face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful He only takes the best.

Paula, we are here for you. Your relationship with Mark is one to be admired. Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

*With deepest sympathy,
Shawn and Bridget Bender*

Bridget Marzette-Bender - February 22, 2014 at 05:04 PM

MF

*Paula, I was sooo very surprised as well as saddened upon hearing such unexpected news. You are such a source of encouragement for others and at a time like this there just are not enough words to share how deeply our feelings are for you and family at a time like this. Although I did not personally know Mark, I could tell that the spirit of the man and his love for his wife was truly reflected in her personality and care for others. A love like yours seemed so very special and may the fond memories of your life together and your faith in GOD sustain you and give you much strength during a time like this.
Signed, your beauty shop pal.....Marci*

marci freeman - February 23, 2014 at 05:06 PM

TT

“ Tonya and Yvonne Taylor purchased the With De epest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Mark Edward Collins.



Tonya and Yvonne Taylor - February 22, 2014 at 12:24 AM

JO

“ 1 file added to the album Mark Edward & Joy



Joy - February 22, 2014 at 12:21 AM

JS

We are going to truly miss the pinnacle of our generation. Mark Edward was the oldest of Frank and Catherine Hoke's 12 grandchildren and the most cherished cousin to all. He has left US way to soon but was right on time for our creator. I love you Mark and know our reunion will come one day. Until then, kiss my sister for me and tell Aunt Betty I take her with me daily. Welcome to your morning.....

Joy McNeal Scrutchings - February 22, 2014 at 12:43 AM

TT

“ Paula, I'm so saddened to hear about Mark's passing. He was a good man, and my heartfelt prayers go out to you and your family!



Tonya Taylor - February 21, 2014 at 11:59 PM

MM

“ 3 files added to the album *We love you Mark*



MMW - February 21, 2014 at 09:58 PM

MM

“ 3 files added to the album *We love you Mark*



MMW - February 21, 2014 at 09:52 PM

JM

“ *In honor of Mark Collins ... a good man.
Sending prayers of peace and healing to the
Collins and Newson families.*

J McCray



J McCray - February 21, 2014 at 09:43 PM

MM

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



MMW - February 21, 2014 at 09:30 PM

GR

“ Paula I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. please know that I have been praying for you. I am going to call and check on you soon.

Glynnetta Ruffin - February 21, 2014 at 03:32 PM

Mikki Kelley

“ Mikki Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mark Edward Collins



Mikki Kelley - February 21, 2014 at 02:46 PM

Mikki Kelley

“ Paula and Penny, I'm so sorry. I found out today and I'm devastated. My prayers and my love go out to all of you. Lots of memories. We were kids together. Our families were connected for many years. Contact me at mikkikelley@yahoo.com if I can do anything. Love, Mikki Kelley (Jefferson)

Mikki Kelley - February 21, 2014 at 02:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Edward Collins.



February 21, 2014 at 12:34 PM

VI

“ Paula, My heartfelt prayers to you and the family, Mark was so nice and fun to be around. He always teased me about BeBe (my Mom). He will be greatly missed. May God give you the strength and comfort during this time. I will be in touch soon.
Love You, Hugs
Vicki, George and Ashton



Vicki - February 20, 2014 at 02:18 PM

KM

“ To the family of Mark Collins, He was a true gentleman, & friend. He will be sadly missed, however he has been called from labor to reward. Absent from the body is present with the our God. May God continue blessing you all. From the L.M.H.S class of 1976 alumni association. R.I.H. my brother

Kevin L. Martin - February 20, 2014 at 11:32 AM

JP

“ Jackie Porter lit a candle in memory of Mark Edward Collins



Jackie Porter - February 20, 2014 at 09:05 AM

MW

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



maya warren - February 19, 2014 at 06:50 PM



Penny, You look just like your mom and Mark looks like your Dad. Love Mikki

Mikki Kelley - February 21, 2014 at 02:48 PM

KG

“ *DEAR PAULA,
I CANNOT FIND THE WORDS TO SAY HOW
SADDENED WE ARE TO HEAR THE LOSS
OF MARK. HEALING MOVES AT ITS OWN
PACE. BE KIND TO YOURSELF AND TAKE
IT ONE DAY AT A TIME. WE KNOW YOUR HEART IS ACHING
,AND WE ARE TRULY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.LET YOUR
SORROW BE A BRIDGE AND NOT A BARRIER TO PEOPLE
WHO LOVES AND ADORE YOU.WE KNOW YOU ARE IN
AMAZING HANDS WITH YOUR FAMILY.YOUR HUSBAND WAS
AN AMAZING PERSON AND WILL BE MISSED....*



FROM: ROBERT,KIMBERLY,AND ASHLEIGH

KIMBERLY GRAHAM - February 19, 2014 at 06:11 PM

JW

“ *Jonda Wright lit a candle in memory of Mark Edward Collins*



Jonda Wright - February 19, 2014 at 05:22 PM

SS

“ *Sue Schreckenberg lit a candle in memory of Mark Edward Collins*



Sue Schreckenberg - February 19, 2014 at 03:49 PM

SW

“ *Shirlene Wright-Smith lit a candle in memory of Mark Edward Collins*



Shirlene Wright-Smith - February 19, 2014 at 02:43 PM

KC

“ *So very sorry to hear about this. The Hairston//Collins Family would like to send their sympathy to all the family members, Mark grew up with our family in the Argyle area in Columbus Oh. a wonderful person, he will be truly missed. God Bless this family, and I pray the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will keep your hearts and your minds through Chris Jesus. Penny I am praying for you. Karen Hairston-Collins.*

Karen Collins - February 19, 2014 at 11:16 AM

DW

“ To The Collins family our sincere and deepest sympathy in the loss of our brother and friend we will miss him and all the joy he brought into our lives while we lived on Argyle Drive in Columbus Ohio, Llinden McKinley Panther Forever

Douglas & Shena Woods - February 18, 2014 at 10:43 PM

BA

“ My golf buddy, my ride and die buddy, my mentor, my family, my friend. Of all the good times we shared, its just a small portion of who we were. May God continue to look over you and keep your memory bright in our hearts. I love you and of course miss you greatly.

baqi - February 18, 2014 at 07:58 PM



“ Kenneth McGhee lit a candle in memory of Mark Edward Collins



Kenneth McGhee - February 18, 2014 at 06:17 PM

TS

Paula, we love you. All the good times we will never forget. I loved talking with and being with Mark. I know your heart is heavy. Mine is too. We are with you!, The Seymours

Thomas & Kellie Seymour - February 23, 2014 at 11:47 PM