



Darl Dean Collins

March 4, 1935 - January 9, 2024

Darl Dean Collins, 88, of Huntington, passed away at 2:15 am Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN.

Darl was born on March 4, 1935, in Huntington, IN, the son of Leroy Collins and Mary (Lutz) Collins. He proudly enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Korean War. Darl then served in the Army Reserves from 1955-1962. He married the love of his life, Barbara R Beeks, on February 8, 1956, in Montpelier, IN. Darl worked for Norfolk & Southern Railroad for 31 years before retiring in 1999. He was a faithful member of the Abundant Fellowship Church of Huntington, IN.

Anyone that knew Darl fell in love with his playful ornery side. His pranks and quick wittedness always made others laugh, smile, or feel a little uncomfortable. Darl looked for any opportunity to play cards and was quite a card shark. He was a Purdue basketball fan and cheered on the Indianapolis Colts. Darl enjoyed driving in his car, fishing, shooting pool, and collecting model trains. He carried many titles throughout his life but the ones that meant the most to him were husband, dad, and grandpa. Darl was a devoted family man that felt blessed to have such a large family and was passionate about making memories with each of them.

Survivors include his loving Wife of 67 years, Barbara R Collins of Huntington,

IN; Two Daughters, Robin J. Parker of Huntington, IN, Delena M. Collins of Huntington, IN; Son, Kyle E. Collins of Huntington, IN; Brother, William "Bill" (Carolyn) Collins of CA; Sister, Shirley Arceneauz of IN; Seventeen Grandchildren; and Twenty-Eight Great Grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his Father, Leroy Collins, Mother, Mary Collins, Brother, Eugene Collins, Daughter, Kimmy K. Collins, and Sons, George Robert Collins, Tom Collins, and Rocky Wayne Collins.

Visitation hours will be from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Saturday, January 13, 2024, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will follow at 1:00 pm Saturday, January 13, 2024, at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Scott Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Andrews Riverside Cemetery in Andrews, IN. Military Honors will be rendered by the VFW Post 2689 Honor Guard.

Preferred memorials to Barbara Collins, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Darl Dean Collins.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Service

JAN 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JAN 13 (ET)

Riverside Cemetery (Andrews)
7351-7399 W. River Rd.
Andrews, IN 46702

Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Sorry for your loss my prayers for the family He was a great man*

Linda Clark - January 13, 2024 at 08:54 AM

BL

“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Darl Collins.*



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - January 12, 2024 at 08:42 AM

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I love this so much my grandpa was the life of the party miss you so much grandpa keep dad, Uncle Tom all of the others straight

Tasha Johnson (Collins) - July 16, 2024 at 08:45 AM

BP

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Darl and my dad when they saw each other at Church they joked around a lot. He was a joyful guy and he will be missed
By all who knew him.*

Brendo Paynter - January 11, 2024 at 11:16 PM

GB

“ *he was a great guy going to miss him*

Gary W Beeks - January 11, 2024 at 10:37 AM

PA

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. My love and prayers for the family. I loved Uncle Darl. He always made me laugh.
Pat Auxier

Pat Auxier - January 11, 2024 at 10:11 AM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss. Love and prayers for you all !❤️🙏



Julie Mckinzie - January 11, 2024 at 09:28 AM

ST

“ Darl was such a a cool uncle. Of course his always trying to convince me that Darl was short for Darling. I love you and prayers for the family

Susan Thiefs - January 10, 2024 at 10:31 PM

JL

“ Kyle so sorry for the loss of your dad prayers for you and your family ...

John long - January 10, 2024 at 10:30 PM

RO

“ So sorry Barb for you and your families loss.



Roxie - January 10, 2024 at 09:52 PM