



## A.O. Collins

March 30, 1927 - May 10, 2009

A. O. Collins, age 82, was born March 30, 1927 in New Waverly, TX and passed away May 10, 2009 in Conroe, TX. Arrangements entrusted to Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis. A.O. is survived by his wife Margaret Collins of Willis; daughter Deborah Lynn Collins; daughter Donna Viniarski and husband Kenneth; grandchildren Ken and Valarie Viniarski, Matthew and wife Julie, Amanda and fianc  Shane; and several nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. You are invited to leave a written condolence to the family on our website at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ A.O. Collins

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ WE WERE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT A.O. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU. WE KNOW IN YEARS PASSED HE AND YOUR MOTHER WAS CLOSE TO DADDY AND UNCLE CHIP. IT IS SO HARD TO LOSE THEM BUT IN MEMORIES HE WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU.

**DIANE POOL ECKLES & DARLENE POOL MANN** - May 26, 2009 at 09:59 AM



“ *Deb and Donna, our thoughts and prayers are with you. We should have known Dad would go to make sure things were right for Mom. Glad I'm not on that project. Remember GOD will not give you more than you can handle and when you think HE has give it back to HIM. We Love You!*  
*Butch and Becky Bilnoski*

**Butch Bilnoski** - May 19, 2009 at 10:59 PM



“ *Dear Debra & family: We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your father...please know that you are in our prayers. We know first hand how hard it is...we are praying for God's amazing grace to comfort your family through this tuff time in your lives. If you need anything we are here. xoxoxoxo Frank & Tanya*

**Frank & Tanya Galvan** - May 19, 2009 at 01:23 PM

BN

“ Deborah and family - My prayers are with you all that at this time of heartache, you can also find comfort in the knowing, that his last moment here on Earth was his first moment, in the presence of a Grace and Glory that we cannot even begin to imagine. Through this difficult time, I pray comfort for your hearts and peace for your souls.

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**Brian Neal** - May 15, 2009 at 03:51 PM

KO

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time, cherish all the memories you have of him. Sincerely, Kathy

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**Kathy Opatrny** - May 14, 2009 at 07:38 PM

KO

“ Deborah, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. May your Dad rest in peace. Sincerely, Kelly O'Brien

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**Kelly O'Brien** - May 14, 2009 at 06:48 PM

PM

“ Deborah, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless. Love, Peggy

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**Peggy Driskell Miller** - May 14, 2009 at 01:23 PM

VV

“ Deborah,  
*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. I know you two were really close. I am asking God to wrap His big, strong loving arms around you and your family and carry you through this incredibly difficult time. If there is anything I can do, I'm a phone call away. God keep you and your family in the palm of His hands. Love you, Vanessa*

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**Vanessa Vordenbaum** - May 14, 2009 at 12:31 PM

TW

“ *Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*  
*Sincerely, Tiffany Woodward*

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**Tiffany Woodward** - May 14, 2009 at 10:12 AM

SM

“ Uncle Grumpy (my name for him) didn't survive the sudden heart attack but he went like the fighter that he was. He was one of my mentors, and he taught me fearlessness at an early age (turning somersaults in his little two-seater plane while he let me steer...and I heard this week that he landed his plane on Hwy 75 in an emergency once). He loved motorcycles, too, and he rode from New Waverly, Texas, as far north as the Dakotas, usually with Aunt Margaret in a sidecar (even after he had triple bypass heart surgery and was well into his 70's). He played the guitar and sang, could fix anything mechanical (and if the tiniest valve was faulty, he'd just make a new one because it had to be perfect). Five years ago he gave up his adventures to take care of his beloved wife who suffered from alzheimers. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last month. Uncle Grumpy died on Mother's Day at the very young age of 82, and he left very clear orders: no funeral, no service of any kind. He didn't want to "cause any trouble." It's okay, for we shared lots of stories this week with family and friends, and we think he was listening.

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sherry matthews - May 13, 2009 at 11:06 PM

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AT

“ Deborah, you and your family are in my prayers, and you and I no, that he is in a much better place, Just know that he is in God's hands now. If you or your family need anything please let me know. I will be there.Love ya Alisha.

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**Alisha Tovar** - May 13, 2009 at 07:55 PM

OL

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time. Just know that he is in a much better place now. Love, Olivia

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**Olivia** - May 13, 2009 at 07:49 PM

DH

“ *My prayers are with you and your family. Deborah you no if you need me I will be their for you and you family. Love*

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**Donald Hill** - May 13, 2009 at 07:46 PM

MD

“ *Deborah, my prayers are with you and your family, may your father rest in peace. If you need anything please call me.*

*Michael Dunlap*

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**Michael Dunlap** - May 13, 2009 at 07:43 PM

MT

“ *To the Whole Family,  
I want to express how truly sorry I am for your loss. His passing was unexpected and difficult for all of you. The impressions he made on the lives he touched will never be forgotten. He was truly a happy man, and would never let life get him down. I can't recall a single time seeing him when he wasn't smiling. This is how I will remember him. As for Margaret, I envy her. Her illness is a blessing in disguise... She will never truly grasp the loss of the love of her life. Please know that I will think of him often, and I hope your pain is eased by knowing he is in a better place. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.*

*Love Always,  
Michelle*

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**Michelle Thaler** - May 13, 2009 at 03:58 PM

VM

“ Debra and family, I will keep you in my prayers that in this difficult time you may have clarity and the peace of knowing that God will bring you through and lead you forward.

Vernisha Merchant - May 13, 2009 at 01:17 PM

MK

“ I am so sorry for your loss! He was a great man, and I know he will be sorely missed. The family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Monica King - May 13, 2009 at 10:56 AM

DM

“ Dear Donna, I am so very sad to hear of your loss. I have been thinking and praying for you. May God grant you the strength to endure the tasks at hand. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to help lessen the load. God Bless you and your family, Denise Munoz

Denise Munoz - May 13, 2009 at 10:14 AM

MM

“ Deborah my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, may you all find peace and comfort during this difficult time. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. God Bless.

Michael Marta - May 13, 2009 at 08:54 AM

JO

“ Sorry for your loss! He is definitely in a much better place and I am sure he will be watching over you and your family (you have gained an angel by your side.) May God bless you and your family and remember that we are all here for you!

Jessica & David Ochoa - May 13, 2009 at 08:39 AM

SS

“ Deborah, Rhonda & I are truley sorry to here of your loss, I know this is a very difficult time for you and your family. If there is any thing we can do or if you just need a shoulder to lean on, we are here for you. Try to find some confort in knowing that you & your family have gaurdian angel looking over you forever, and that time & time again you will feel his presence when he is most needed! Love ya, Scott & Rhonda Sundberg

Scott W. Sundberg - May 13, 2009 at 08:15 AM

BH

“ Deborah, sorry for your loss. Blaise and I prayers will be with you during this time with you and your family. May God Bless and keep you during this time. Love, Bobbie & Blaise.

Bobbie Hupy - May 13, 2009 at 08:10 AM

VM

“ DEB, YOU KNOW IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, CALL ME. LET ME KNOW HOW YOUR MOM & DONNA ARE DOING. I AM THINKING OF YOU AND YOUR WHOLE FAMILY. LET MATT & AMANDA KNOW THAT I AM HERE FOR THEM ALSO. LOVE YOU!

VICKI MOON - May 13, 2009 at 08:03 AM

SC

“ Valarie and Family, Our prayers are with you and may you have strength to remember all the great times and the love that was shared. May your hearts be filled with love. If you need anything please let me know. Love you Valarie and Collins, and Viniarski Family.

Love Susan Cagle

Susan Cagle - May 12, 2009 at 11:23 PM

MB

“ *Valarie & Family:*

*I know this is a very difficult time for all of you. Please hold on tight to all the good times you had with him. He is in arms of our loving Heavenly Father. Bless you all and if I can help in anyway please let me know. I'm always there for you.*

*Love,  
Mary Brown*

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**Mary Brown** - May 12, 2009 at 11:29 AM

CS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We will miss A.O. He was always such a sweet and caring man. My memory of him is how he loved kids and how he took such care of Margaret. Everytime he saw Rene' he gave her money, no matter where they were. God Bless.*

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**Clara Novark & Tim & Debbie Szymczak** - May 12, 2009 at 08:47 AM

JN

“ *OUR SINCERE HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE WHOLE COLLINS FAMILY ! GONNA MISS YOU BUDDY, MAY YOU REST IN PEACE IN GODS HANDS. JAMES & YVONNE NOVARK*

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**JAMES & YVONNE NOVARK** - May 12, 2009 at 12:02 AM

CM

“ *Dear Donna, Valarie & family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time. We are thinking of your precious mother and how hard this is for all of your family. May your dad rest in the arms of Jesus. Our Love, Carolyn McClure family & Annie Mae Snoe*

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**Carolyn McClure** - May 11, 2009 at 04:57 PM