



J.B. Collins

July 26, 1925 - December 28, 2013

James Byrd “J.B.” Collins James Byrd “J.B.” Collins of Huntsville, Texas, passed away on December 24, 2013, in Huntsville, Texas. J.B. was born in Segno, Texas, to Virgil and Rillia Collins on July 26, 1925. He graduated from Livingston High School and later graduated from Sam Houston State Teachers College in 1950. Prior to attending college, J.B. enlisted in the U.S. Military in 1944 as a paratrooper in the 101st Airborne, the “Screaming Eagles”, 506th “I” Company. His first combat action was parachuting in the invasion of Holland. He was a decorated soldier who returned home in 1945. After the war J.B. moved to Huntsville to attend Sam Houston State Teachers College. During his college days he led the Bearcats to many victories as the Captain of the basketball team. J.B. was a member of the T Club and was selected as an All-American player from the Lonestar Conference. It was also at Sam Houston State that he met and married the love of his life, Gwendolyn Marie Link. Upon graduation, he and Gwen moved to Midland, Texas, where he began a long-standing career in the oil and gas industry. His career as a Petroleum Landman spanned 40 years, 30 with Mobil Oil (Exxon Mobil Corp) and 10 years as an independent Landman. In 1984, J.B. and Gwen moved to Huntsville where he continued his work as a Landman. Upon his retirement, he spent his days playing golf, watching his grandchildren grow and building and flying radio-controlled airplanes. J.B. is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Gwen, his sons James “Andy” Collins, David (Joan) Collins, his grandchildren Cathy (Christopher) Davis, Kari (K.C.) Cook, Jamie Collins,

Josh Schwieger, Jarrod Schwieger and his great grandchildren Riley and Emma Davis, and Gwendolyn and Madilyn Cook. He will always be remembered as a caring, loving, and devoted son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 28, 2013, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home with Pastor David Valentine officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in his honor to the Sam Houston State University Athletic Department. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *J.B. Collins*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *02/16/2014 -- Dear Gwen -- I just learned about JB this past week, quite by accident. So saddened by this. Tried to call you, but can't get your ph #. Please email me your number and I'll get in touch. I shared JB's obit with Mike and we had quite a chat about our fond memories of JB and what a great mentor he was to Mike. Hugs, kisses and prayers coming your way.*

Mollie Henderson

Mollie Henderson - February 16, 2014 at 06:33 PM



“ *Lifting your entire family in our thoughts and prayers and hoping that the wonderful memories you share together will comfort you and remind you of the great love you have been blessed with.*

Love, The Herklotz Family

Melissa Herklotz - January 01, 2014 at 07:17 PM



“ *While I did not know Mr. Collins, I know his brother, Cotton, very well. May God give you peace!*

Keith Bellamy

Dr. Keith Bellamy - January 01, 2014 at 08:38 AM

NC

“ Kari and family, we are so sorry to hear of your grandfathers passing. Your family is in our prayers.

Niki Chesson - December 28, 2013 at 05:49 PM

MW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have prayed for your family.

Mellicent Sikes Wiley - December 28, 2013 at 02:17 PM

JP

“ Andy, and Family, Billie and I are saddened at the loss of your Dad. He was a Great Man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Mrs Collins and family.

Jerry and Billie Peterson - December 28, 2013 at 10:58 AM

RS

“ Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Richard & Deborah Sledge - December 28, 2013 at 08:05 AM

DS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during your loss. We pray that God will comfort each of you in the days ahead of healing.

Dale & Donna Story - December 27, 2013 at 08:32 PM

LF

“ We are saddened to hear of your loss ... our thoughts and prayers are with you, Gwen, and the whole family. With love ..

Linda & Joe Fernald - December 24, 2013 at 02:25 PM