



Bill D. Collins

October 10, 1940 - March 4, 2019

Bill D. Collins, 78, of Sand Springs, OK passed away peacefully with his family at his side on March 4, 2019 in Tulsa. Final arrangements are under the direction of McClendon-Winters Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Samaritan's Purse or a charity of your choice.

Bill was born in Miami, OK to Vern and Marie Collins on October 10, 1940. He attended Miami schools and graduated with the class of 1958. He married Connie Clapp Collins on October 12, 1963 in Bartlesville, OK. Bill graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1963 with a B.S. degree and again in 1974 with an Ed.D. Bill's lifelong, challenging career was defined by learning and teaching. He taught or worked at several corporations and universities including Oklahoma State University, Northeastern State University, Phillips Petroleum Company, Oxy Chemicals, Chesapeake Energy, Access, and Devon Energy. Since 2015, he worked as a Senior Technical Specialist in the Safety and Operational Discipline for Williams in Tulsa. Bill loved vehicles, trading until just before his passing. From his first pickup truck in high school to owning local automotive businesses, he continued trading vehicles as a hobby and business throughout his life. He always said he would never retire and had continued working full-time up to the time of his recent illness.

Through the various locations of his employment, Bill had the opportunity to travel to almost every state with family joining him on numerous occasions.

Faith was a priority, and Bill was a member of various non-denominational churches through the years. He was also a Life Member of the OSU Alumni Association. Watching the OSU Cowboys was one of his favorite pastimes, no matter what season.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Vern and Marie Collins. In addition to a host of family and friends, he is also survived by his wife of 55 years, Connie Collins; his daughter, Jana Lyons and husband Steve Lyons of Dallas, TX; his son, Jeff and wife Teresa of Mannford, OK; his brother Bob Collins and wife Judie of Branson, MO; grandchildren Roderick, Shciqueus, and Jaylin Lyons of Dallas and Carson, Colton, and Kellyn Collins of Mannford.

In accordance with Bill's wishes outlined in a letter written to his family more than a year before his death, a funeral service is not planned. To honor his legacy, a Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, March 17th from 2-4 P.M. in the Traditions Hall of the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center located on the Stillwater campus. Guests are encouraged to come and go at their convenience.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Hall of the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center
201 Conoco Phillips Alumni Center
Stillwater, OK 74078

Tribute Wall



“ *Bill D. Collins*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *sad to learn of Bill's passing. I enjoyed working with Bill at Phillips and even bought a vehicle from him. Our memories and prayers are with his family.*

Linus Schmitz

Linus Schmitz - March 12, 2019 at 06:24 PM



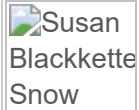
“ *Bill was the faculty sponsor for our Christian Fraternity (Chi Alpha) during my time at OSU. He and Connie welcomed our group into their home to watch replays of the football games on numerous weekends. After I graduated, Bill stood up with me as "Best Man" at my wedding. That was 44 years ago. I remember Bill would always give it to you straight but with kindness and good humor. I never knew him to delight in another's misfortune. Connie, you are in our prayers. David Sivadon*

David Sivadon - March 07, 2019 at 07:20 PM



“ *Connie and family I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was such a great guy and I enjoyed the projects I was involved with that Bill lead during his time in Phillips Pipeline. My thought and prayers are with you and your family.*

Kristy Kier - March 07, 2019 at 04:21 PM



“ I will miss his smiling face every day he came into work at Williams. He was such a sweet man and will be missed at work. Prayers to Connie and family!! Susan Blackketter

Susan Blackketter Snow - March 07, 2019 at 08:27 AM

MR

“ Bill was one of the best people I have ever know. A true man of God!!!

He will be missed here on earth. But in Heaven we will be together again.

Mark Ralls - March 07, 2019 at 12:51 AM

MR

“ Bill will be missed at Williams! I remember my first day at Williams in WRC2. I was fortunate to be located next to Bill until our move to 43 in the BOK tower. I always enjoyed our discussions about pretty much any topic current or past. Rest in Peace Bill. Condolences to the family and friends during this time. Mark Ray

Mark Ray - March 06, 2019 at 10:07 PM

SH

“ Suzanne Harlan lit a candle in memory of Bill D. Collins



Suzanne Harlan - March 06, 2019 at 03:03 PM

SM

“ I'm so sad that "Billy" is gone. He was such a special man. We reconnected a few years ago when he was living here in California. It was nice to visit with a cousin since I don't have any near me any longer. He reached out and it meant the world to me. Sometimes I'd be thinking about him and the phone would ring and it would be him, just checking in to see how my husband and I were doing. I will miss those phone calls, but will treasure the memories of them. So sorry for your lose Connie and kids, but we all know where he is and I know Aunt Marie and Uncle Vernie are smiling at the sight of his beautiful face. As is Jesus.

Love and Peace to you all,

Sheila Mumme

Sheila Mumme - March 06, 2019 at 01:13 PM

PH

“ Bill encouraged me and shared his love for his grandchildren when last we spoke. Such a kind man. I will miss talking to him at work. I'm so sorry for your loss. Phyllis Hall / Williams Co.

Phyllis Hall - March 06, 2019 at 12:31 PM

EM

“ Connie and family. Bill was such a help as a deacon.of the churc and also as Secretary of the Board while I was pastor at Stillwater Calvary. I love your whole family. God bless you and comfort you. Ruth and Edgar McElhannon

Edgar McElhannon - March 05, 2019 at 11:35 PM

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Edgar McElhannon - March 05, 2019 at 11:35 PM

DS

“*So much time spent together !!! So many memories !!! One of the jewels in Bill's crown is b/c he replaced my frozen busted water pipes in my trailer the year my husband was in boot camp !!! And, Bill & Connie had 2 of the cutest, sweetest & blondest children !!! Jeffrey was three & Jana was in the first grade classroom where I did my student teaching !!! A neighbor in Stillwater said Bill & Connie drew people like honey draws flies !!! What they did was serve lots of homemade ice cream to homesick college students & then give us sweaters b/c it made us cold !!! Don & I moved to Miami the next year to teach and Bill's parents treated us like family too !!! Forty seven years passed, but not before many visits & catch up phone calls happened !!! About two months ago, Bill & Connie met me for our Last Supper at Cracker Barrel !!! My old friend's easy commoriety made for another pleasant visit !!! One day in Heaven we will pick back up where it ended !!!*

Dian Storie - March 05, 2019 at 09:45 PM

JK

“*Bill was such a great encourager. When Pam and I started in the ministry you both were so encouraging to us. Thank you for your friendship. Our love and prayers are with you Connie, Jana, & Jeff.*

Jim and Pam King - March 05, 2019 at 09:25 PM

BC

“ Bill was such an encouragement to Brent and I during the time that he lived in Bakersfield. What a blessing it was to have someone from “home” here with us! He was an incredible servant and we loved having him nearby. His faith in God was evident as he served in various capacities. We are so incredibly sorry that he is not here anymore, but I can just imagine him sitting at the feet of Jesus worshiping and glorifying God. Connie, we love you and are praying for peace and comfort.

Becky Colaw - March 05, 2019 at 08:59 PM

WC

“ Connie it was such a shock to see of Bill's passing. We have a lot of fond memies of our getting together. He has a good peaceful life now. Eileen will contact you by phone soon.
Wayne & Eileen

Wayne Cox - March 05, 2019 at 08:40 PM

RK

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Bill's passing. Even though I haven't seen Bill for several years I remember him as a loving father and husband and devout Christian. Connie and family you have my thoughts and prayers.

Ron King - March 05, 2019 at 08:26 PM

SC

“ I was honored to be part of Bill's travels when I lived in the Denver area. We bonded over many a special dinner when he was in the area on business. Rest in peace, Uncle Bill.

Sherrie Clapp - March 05, 2019 at 07:17 PM



*My thoughts and prayers are with you Conney and the family.
May you REST
In Peace
Bill Collins*

Amy Simmons - March 05, 2019 at 08:25 PM