



Jack Collins

August 31, 1924 - July 17, 2019

Jack Collins, age 94, passed away Tuesday, July 17, 2019 at his home on Lake Sinclair. Services will be held at Pierce Memorial United Methodist Church on July 27, 2019 at 3 pm. Visitation will be at 2 pm in the Church Annex and there will a reception following the service.

Jack Collins was a devoted spouse, wonderful father and grandfather, great friend and neighbor, and inspiration to us all. He will be missed, and we are all worse off having lost him. Words cannot explain the void created by his departure of this world. We love you Jack and will always be thinking of you!

Jack was born in Arlington, Georgia but moved to Sarasota, Florida as a young child, where he remained until he joined the Marines in 1942. He was assigned to the Fourth Marine Division and was stationed in several locations during World War II. Jack traveled all over the world during his military service but returned to Florida once his service ended.

Jack played baseball as young man, even while in the military, but after returning to Florida he joined the Florida State League. Jack moved to Sparta, Georgia in 1948 when the Sparta Saints bought his baseball contract from Tampa Bay. He played in the Georgia State Minor Baseball League in Sparta and Dublin for several years, along with numerous friends who also came to town through the League.

Jack met Joann while he was playing baseball in Sparta and they were wed August 10, 1950. They moved to Florida after their marriage, but quickly returned to Sparta where they spent the next 36 years building a family and contributing to the community. Jack worked at a service station owned by Joann's father, Iverson "Boots" Johnson, after leaving baseball. Jack eventually became the owner of his own service station, Collins Chevron, where he employed numerous young men from the community and even employed his wife, Joann, as the accountant for the business.

While Jack was still running Collins Chevron, he briefly held an additional title, that of Mayor of Sparta. He quickly discovered that even though he wanted the best for his town, he was not a politician at heart. Eventually Jack left the service station business, and started working for the City of Sparta, where he managed the Street Department. In 1986, Jack and Joann sold their home in Sparta and started a new chapter of their lives by moving to Lake Sinclair with Joann's mother, Juanita Johnson. Jack continued working for the City of Sparta until he retired in 2000.

He was preceded in death by his parents Olin and Bessie Collins of Sarasota, and siblings Elizabeth, Leola, Claudia, Nannie, Alonzo and Fred.

Survivors include his wife of almost 69 years, Joann Johnson Collins of Eatonton, daughters Lisa Collins of Eatonton and Cindy Collins England of Madison GA, and his beloved granddaughter, Faith Collins Hyman of Atlanta.

Friends who wish to send condolences in the form of a gift may contribute a donation to John Hancock Academy or Pierce Memorial United Methodist Church in Jack's name.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Memorial Methodist Church
21 Boland Street
Sparta, GA 31087

Funeral Services

JUL 27. 3:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Memorial Methodist Church
21 Boland Street
Sparta, GA 31087

Tribute Wall

GE

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Collins family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Bob and Gloria Edge

Gloria Edge - July 26, 2019 at 09:18 PM



Thank you Bob and Gloria

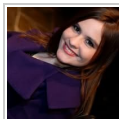
Faith Doyal - July 29, 2019 at 08:29 AM

MM

“ *Mickey & Karen May lit a candle in memory of Jack Collins*



Mickey & Karen May - July 26, 2019 at 09:38 AM



Thank you Mickey and Karen

Faith Doyal - July 26, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ 105 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - July 25, 2019 at 10:08 AM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you
*Luther & Berta and Friends at Johnnie
McDade Grocery*



Luther Minor - July 23, 2019 at 07:04 AM



Thank you Luther, Berta, and Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery

Faith Doyal - July 23, 2019 at 09:20 AM

CB

“ *Connie Bellew lit a candle in memory of Jack
Collins*



Connie Bellew - July 21, 2019 at 08:43 AM



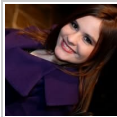
Thank you Connie

Faith Doyal - July 22, 2019 at 09:40 AM



“ *To the entire family of Mr. Jack...sending sympathy and prayers for comfort in your time of loss. The corner where his station was in Sparta has never been as lively as when he had his business there... always running around and so busy providing the then thriving Sparta with great customer service!*

Carol Lewis - July 20, 2019 at 09:51 AM



Thank you Carol

Faith Doyal - July 20, 2019 at 12:46 PM

TR

“ *Faith, praying for you and your family during this difficult time!*



tracy - July 19, 2019 at 10:37 PM



Thank you Tracy

Faith Doyal - July 19, 2019 at 10:54 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Jack Collins



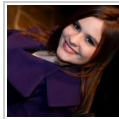
Faith Doyal - July 19, 2019 at 08:13 PM

KH

“ Joanne, Cindy, Faith, and Lisa
We send our condolences and prayers to
each of you. Tommy was very fond of Jack.
May your many good memories comfort you
during this sad time.
Kathy and Tommy Hyman



Kathy Hyman - July 19, 2019 at 07:20 PM



Thank you Kathy and Tommy

Faith Doyal - July 19, 2019 at 09:06 PM

DH

“ Dianne Huffman lit a candle in memory of
Jack Collins



Dianne Huffman - July 19, 2019 at 05:45 PM



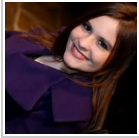
Thank you Dianne.

Faith Doyal - July 19, 2019 at 06:14 PM

GM

We love you Jack, from the Florida Collins family: Ginger Collins Moore, Kathy Collins Creasy, Keith Collins, and Al Robinson

Ginger Collins Moore - July 21, 2019 at 08:17 PM



“ 9 files added to the album Jack Collins



Faith Doyal - July 19, 2019 at 04:45 PM

LD

“ *Latreshia Dargan lit a candle in memory of Jack Collins*



Latreshia Dargan - July 19, 2019 at 04:04 PM

LD

I worked with Mr. & Mrs. Collins at City Hall water & gas department in Sparta. I was trained by Mrs. Collins before she retired. My sincere condolences to the family.

Latreshia Dargan - July 19, 2019 at 04:08 PM



Thank you Latreshia.

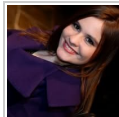
Faith Doyal - July 19, 2019 at 06:13 PM



“ *Ellene Graves lit a candle in memory of Jack Collins*



Ellene Graves - July 19, 2019 at 03:46 PM



Thank you Ellene.

Faith Doyal - July 19, 2019 at 06:14 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Jack passing away. He was a fine man. Praying for his family. Elaine Campbell Carpenter*

Elaine Carpenter - July 19, 2019 at 03:06 PM



Thank you Elaine.

Faith Doyal - July 19, 2019 at 06:14 PM



“ *When Jack had the filling station, he serviced our vehicles for years and a job well done. He was an addition to the Sparta community although not a native. He has had a long life and now he will suffer no more.*

Katherine C Kennedy-Bray - July 19, 2019 at 02:55 PM



Thank you Katherine.

Faith Doyal - July 19, 2019 at 06:15 PM

BA

“ Lisa, I am so sorry. You have devoted your life to your parents. A job well done. Barbara Altman Amerson

Barbara Amerson - July 19, 2019 at 02:27 PM