



Robert Henry Collins

December 9, 1932 - April 30, 2014

Robert Henry Collins, 81, of Gainesville passed away Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at his residence.

He was born on December 9, 1932 in Carbondale, Pennsylvania the son of the late Joseph A. and Elsie (Moyle) Collins. He was a retired engineer for IBM. He had a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Scranton.

Survivors include his loving wife of 55 years, Eileen D. Collins; five children, Robert Collins and wife Elizabeth, Patricia Weedon and husband Jack, Maribeth Leonard and husband Brian, Kathleen Purtell and husband Jim, SueAnn Coen and husband Bob; eleven grandchildren, Stefanie Maxfield, Siobhan Collins, Gregory Leonard, Nick Weedon, Courtney Purtell, Alexis Weedon, Jamie Purtell, Meghan Coen, Nicole Purtell, Riley Coen, and Jackson Coen.

The family will receive friends 3:00-5:00pm Sunday, May 4, 2014 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00AM Monday, May 5, 2014 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Road, Gainesville, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Road, Gainesville, VA 20155

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
8213 Linton Hall Road
Gainesville, VA 20155
<http://holytrinityparish.net/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Henry Collins.*



May 03, 2014 at 03:46 PM



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May 03, 2014 at 09:06 AM



“ *To the Collins Family: I enjoyed working with Bob for many years at IBM. My deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family.*
Maury Gerson

Maury Gerson - May 03, 2014 at 04:17 AM

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“ *Many great memories growing up with Uncle Bob and his family. Uncle Bob always made me feel like another son to him. I will always remember the shaking hands with my Uncle. He would always try (and try) to get me to my knees with his strong grip. All the good times that Uncle Bob and my dad coordinated between the two families. Uncle Bob your back home now with my Dad , Uncle Chuck, your Dad and both sets of moms.*

You will never be forgotten

Love Gerard

Gerard Collins - May 02, 2014 at 12:44 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Robert Henry Collins.*



May 02, 2014 at 09:00 AM

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“ Uncle Bob was a big teaser. He liked to play a practical joke on people. It didn't mean very much to me knowing my father was his identical twin. Sure my dad looked a lot like Uncle Bob. To me my dad had his own look and it was just a strong family resemblance to Uncle Bob. When I was a kid it was great fun to see Uncle Bob come to visit and pretend to our neighbors that he was my father. I'm not sure the neighbors or my father liked it but I thought it was so funny. I couldn't believe he could fool them. It wasn't until my own dad passed away that I started to notice how very similar they were. With Uncle Bob gone, I admit there is a sadness that is more than just missing a wonderful uncle. I'll miss you Uncle Bob.xxxxxxxxxx

Ann Marie Boland - May 01, 2014 at 08:59 PM