



# Clyde Otto Collins

NOV 24, 1933 - JUL 8, 2019



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**C**lyde O. Collins, 85, of Spotsylvania County, was reunited in heaven with his beloved wife, Florence, on Monday, July 8, 2019.

Clyde was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina on November 24, 1933 to William and Ora Collins. He met his wife, Florence in 1953 and after a brief courtship, they were married on December 24, 1953. They were happily married for 44 years until her passing in 1997. Clyde was a hard worker. He had a long career as a heavy equipment operator for several construction companies and Virginia American Water of Alexandria. Clyde retired after many years with Virginia American Water and moved to Spotsylvania to be closer to his family. He loved to be outside, whether it was working in his garden or tinkering with anything mechanical.

Clyde was a family man who was dedicated to the well-being and happiness of those around him. He was quick to help anyone in need, especially his family and loved ones. Clyde was always calm under pressure, and during tough times, his family looked to him for that calming presence, which he was always there to give.

He is survived by his two sons, Dale Collins, and his wife, Kathie, of Nokesville, and Jason Collins, and his wife, Cheryl, of Spotsylvania; a sister, Mary Ellen Strickland, and her husband, Mike, of Kings Mountain, NC; his granddogs, Gideon, Sarah, Olivia, and Jax; numerous nieces and nephews; and other loving extended family.

Clyde was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Florence; and five siblings, Junior Collins, S.A. Collins, Gene Collins, Bob Collins, and Ruth Biddix.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at Found and Sons Funeral Chapels, 10719 Courthouse Road, Fredericksburg. A funeral service will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 12, 2019 in the funeral home chapel. A committal service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 12, 2019 in Columbia Gardens in Arlington.



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In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his name to the Fredericksburg SPCA, 10819 Courthouse Road, Fredericksburg VA 22407 or the American Kidney Fund, at [kidneyfund.org](http://kidneyfund.org).




# Events

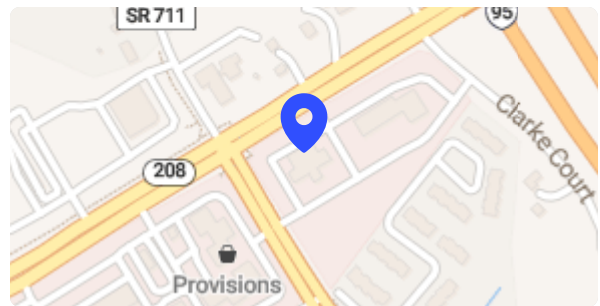
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## Visitation

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 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET


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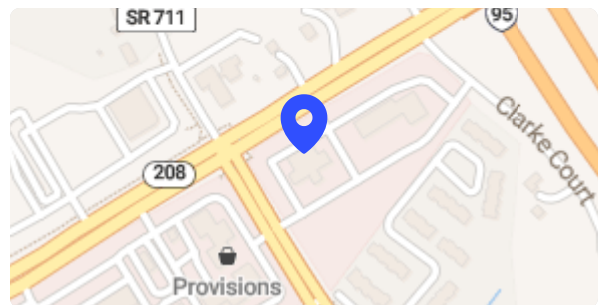


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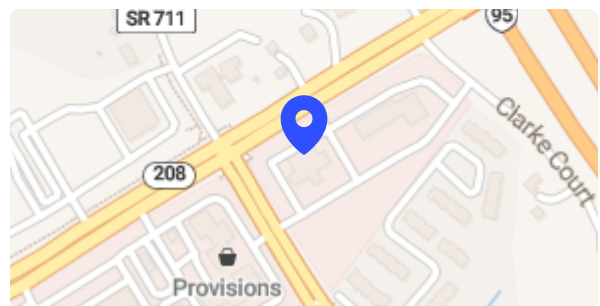


## Funeral Service

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 10:00 AM ET

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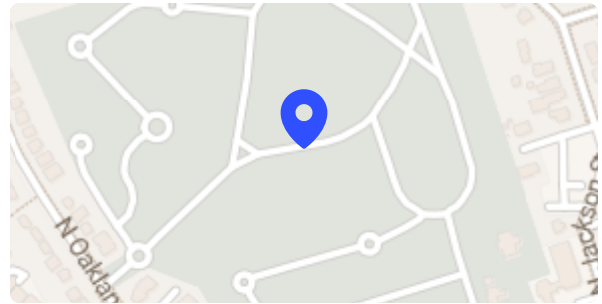
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## Committal Service

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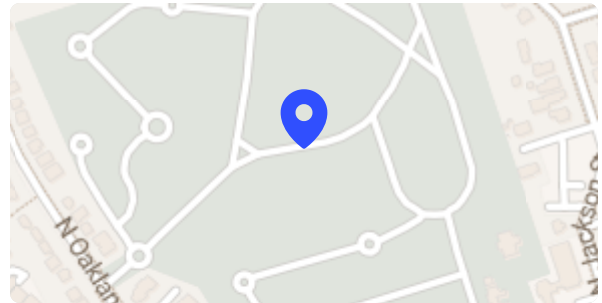
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 **Columbia Gardens**  
3411 Arlington Blvd, Arlington VA 22201



## Cemetery Details

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# Tribute Wall

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**Donna Collins-Irving** lit a candle in honor of Clyde.

Uncle Clyde, you have taught me so many life lessons. You and Dad taught me so much about cars. Never let your car get below half a tank of fuel, always have a flashlight with you at all times. You were always there for us when we needed you. Know you will be missed and always loved until we meet again. I love you!! ❤️❤️❤️  
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July 12 at 5:04 AM



**Jason Collins** posted:

Throughout my life, my dad showed me how to work, & not to waste anything. How to lend a helping hand to anyone, anytime, anyway possible. These values have helped me & will carry with me the rest of my life.

July 11 at 9:33 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Collins family.



July 10 at 5:50 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Collins family.



July 10 at 7:18 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Collins family.



July 10 at 6:18 AM



**Kimberly & The General Accounting Dept** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Collins family.



July 10 at 4:56 AM



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KC

**Kathie Collins** lit a candle in honor of Clyde.

What always stood out most for me with Clyde is how welcoming he and Florence were when Dale and I were dating, and even more when we were engaged to be married and beyond. I always considered him my second Dad.



July 8 at 2:31 PM

CG

**Carolie Guinn** July 11 at 9:49 AM

Jason and Dale and families, I will miss Clyde also. I met Clyde and Florence before you boys were born. I will never forget how happy they were looking forward to your births. Take care of yourselves. Blessings to all. Carolie Guinn

CC

**Cheryl Collins** July 10 at 3:38 PM

Clyde was a caring, kind and warm man. He was so easy going. He was the best father-in-law anyone could have and also my shopping buddy. I will miss him dearly. I will never forget the impact he made in my life.

TJ

**Tad Jones** July 10 at 4:55 AM

I had the pleasure of working with Clyde while at Virginia American Water Company. I will always remember his kindness and strength of character. My sincerest condolences to Dale and the entire Collins family.

CS

**Christi Sperry** July 10 at 4:22 AM

My prayers and condolences, Dale.

SE

**Steven Edgemon** July 10 at 1:59 AM

I was privileged to work with both Clyde and Dale in my career. Both outstanding men of character. Our prayers go out to Dale and his family. Steven Edgemon

DL

**Dave Lambert** July 9 at 12:09 PM

I met Clyde when he was working for SJ Bell and I was a young Engineering Inspector for Fairfax County Water Authority. Clyde was scrupulously honest and I loved working with him. Dale, our prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Clyde by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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