



## Clyde Otto Collins

November 24, 1933 - July 8, 2019

Clyde 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.

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).

# Cemetery

# Events

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

**JUL 11 Visitation 02:00PM - 04:00PM**

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Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Fredericksburg  
10719 Courthouse Road, Fredericksburg, VA, US, 22407

**JUL 11 Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM**

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**JUL 12 Funeral Service 10:00AM**

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**JUL 12 Committal Service 02:00PM**

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

# Comments

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“ 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!!



**Donna Collins-Irving** - July 12 at 09:04 AM

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“ 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.

**Jason Collins** - July 11 at 01:33 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clyde Otto Collins.



July 10 at 09:50 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Clyde Otto Collins.



July 10 at 11:18 AM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Clyde Otto Collins.



July 10 at 10:18 AM

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“ Kimberly & The General Accounting Dept purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Clyde Otto Collins.



**Kimberly & The General Accounting Dept** - July 10 at 08:56 AM

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“ 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.



**Kathie Collins** - July 08 at 06:31 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.

**Dave Lambert** - July 09 at 04:09 PM



“ 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

**Steven Edgemon** - July 10 at 05:59 AM



“ My prayers and condolences, Dale.

**Christi Sperry** - July 10 at 08:22 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.

**Tad Jones** - July 10 at 08:55 AM



“ 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.

**Cheryl Collins** - July 10 at 07:38 PM



“ 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

**Carolie Guinn** - July 11 at 01:49 PM