



## Bertha T. Collins

May 23, 1929 - March 10, 2021

Bertha Terrazas Collins, 91, of Houston passed away at her home Wednesday, March 10, 2021. Mrs. Collins was born May 23, 1929 in Orange, Texas to Refugio and Elvira Menchaca Terrazas. She is preceded in death by her parents and her son Joseph Collins Jr. Bertha is survived by her husband of 72 years marriage, Joseph (Eddie) Collins; children, John A. Collins, Jeanne T. Wallace & husband Kevin Barker; grand- children, Kara Trista Wallace, Caleb S. Collins, Bryson C. Wallace, Samantha B. Collins; she is also survived by 6 great-grandchildren and her brother, Refugio Terrazas. Bertha was raised in the El Paso, where she graduated from high school. She met the love of her life, Joe (Eddie) Collins in June 1948 at Shaw Airforce Base in South Carolina when she was visiting her sister and brother-in-law. The couple were married in El Paso, TX in April 1949.

Bertha was a shining light to everyone's lives, gracing us with her witty humor and enduring smile. Her personality was infectious, even to those who did not know her. Bertha was always a giver, a reliable source of love and help for anyone in need. Bertha valued family and led by example. She loved having grandkids, nieces, and nephews over for a pool day or sleepover. She was a loyal gardener, as she adored the vibrant colors of various azaleas, hibiscus, and crepe myrtles all around her. She loved her dogs and always brought treats home when she went out to eat. Bertha was as a devoted Texans and Astros fan; she knew all the sports highlights and schedules like the back of her hand. Bertha was quick with her words and could make anyone laugh or

feel welcome.

Bertha loved to travel. She loved her Hawaiian trips and cruises. She was a wonderful cook and seamstress. She loved to make ceramics in her spare time. She was a very family-oriented person who loved spending time with her family above all else. She was a faithful member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

The Collins family will be present to receive friends Wednesday, March 17, 2021 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a Holy Rosary being recited at 7:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 10:30 AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079. Bertha will be laid to rest at VA Houston National Cemetery in a private family ceremony.

# Cemetery Details

## VA Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77038-1502  
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.as  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 17.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
[david@dettlingfuneral.com](mailto:david@dettlingfuneral.com)

## Vigil/Rosary

**MAR 17.** 7:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
[david@dettlingfuneral.com](mailto:david@dettlingfuneral.com)

## **Funeral Mass**

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**MAR 18. 10:30 AM (CT)**

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-1500

## **Private Graveside Service**

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**MAR 18 (CT)**

VA Houston National Cemetery  
10410 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77038-1502  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.asp>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bertha T. Collins*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Bertha T. Collins*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Bertha T. Collins*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Bertha T. Collins*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM

KK

“ Really going to miss those helpful talks, me and you had. 😞 Your encouraging words meant a lot to me, especially when it came from you. That laugh of yours was a joyous, rollicking, laugh that I will always remember. The fun, and 😂 I mean some funny memories of you when you'd be visiting us at the motel and your conversation with my mom and dad would have all of us howling. You were straight forward about things, just like mom, but it was funny in so many times, when you've talked. Im so glad that my kids got to meet you and have some memories of their own to remember. I'm glad, now I know you'll be with all that you love in heaven and especially my brother ☁️🌈 Johnny. Man, 😞 oh man, do I 😞 wish I could see that reunion. ❤️ We here will sorely miss you. Love you ❤️



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**Katy (Park) Kristopaitis** - March 18, 2021 at 12:00 PM

KH

“ I met Mrs. Collins when Jeanne and I were freshmen in college! She was always so kind and generous to me and treated me like a daughter! She used to tease me about my all the patches on my blue jeans! I will always treasure my beautiful memories of her. She truly made the world a better place. Sending love, hugs and prayers to all of her family and friends.

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**Karen Robertson Heuman** - March 18, 2021 at 08:44 AM

KK

“ We love you Aunt Bertha and we'll miss you and we'll always remember the good times we had together may you Rest In Peace



Kyler Kristopaitis - March 17, 2021 at 11:13 PM

MH

“ Rest In Peace, dear Auntie Bertha. I'm sure you and mom (Bea) are catching up on all the family chisme in heaven! Thanks for being such a loving and giving aunt to all your many nieces and nephews - we will miss you!!! - Margie 🌹

Margie Hernandez - March 17, 2021 at 10:01 PM

CB

“ Aunt Bertha, your obituary was very pleasant to read. Tia Bertha, Thank you for being the kindest Nina anyone could have hoped for. I still remember when you would come into town and bring me presents. I was proud to have you and Uncle Joe next to me during my Quincenera. Thank you for being the first to introduce me to culture. I saw my first Broadway show with you and I was hooked. Thank you for taking me all around D.C. Those are memories that I will never forget. I remember visiting the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and my daughter wouldn't be quiet and respectful and you whispered in my ear, \$#@%\$ her up. LOL. I Love You and will miss you very much.

CANDY BARRERA - March 17, 2021 at 09:24 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Bertha T. Collins.*



March 17, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ *Bertha, you've always been so kind to my family and I. I appreciate everything you've done for us throughout the years. I'm so glad you finally get to be with your other beautiful family in the afterlife. I hope you and grandma (Estella) are looking down on all of us and smiling. I love you. We all will miss you deeply. ♥ - Schyler Krist*



**Schyler Kristopaitis** - March 17, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bertha T. Collins.*



March 16, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Bertha T. Collins.*



March 16, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *Love, The Wallace and Pavelka families purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Bertha T. Collins.*



**Love, The Wallace and Pavelka families** - March 15, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Aunt Bertha and siblings and nieces/nephews*



**Jane T Murphy** - March 15, 2021 at 06:29 PM



*Great memories of Aunt Bertha and my time at Texas A&M the great holidays and good meals there with Uncle Joe and my sister and cousins Joe, John, and Jeanne. What an infectious laugh she had and always such a caring and loving aunt.*

**Jane T Murphy** - March 15, 2021 at 06:32 PM

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“ *Dan (Danny), Sharon and all of the Meade Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Bertha T. Collins.*



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**Dan (Danny), Sharon and all of the Meade Family** - March 15, 2021 at 02:50 PM

JW

“ *Joe; sorry to hear of your loss.  
Jim and Marilyn Wennermark*

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**Jim Wennermark** - March 14, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bertha T. Collins.*



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March 14, 2021 at 11:29 AM

HH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Helen Hernandez** - March 13, 2021 at 10:07 PM

HH

*Remembering your beautiful million dollar smile, fun loving ways and how you were always there for everyone. Love you and will miss you. Rest in peace dearest, Aunt Bertha.*

Helen Hernandez - March 13, 2021 at 10:11 PM

JB

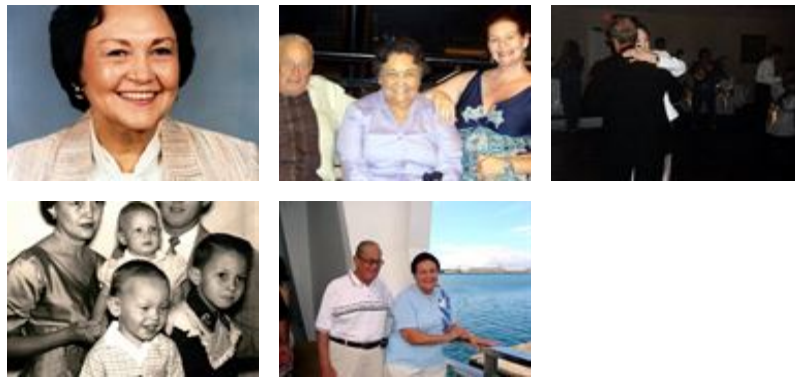
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Jaime Marie Balderrama - March 13, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ 94 files added to the album Life Tributes



Detting Funeral Home - March 13, 2021 at 01:55 PM