



Joseph Edward Collins

February 16, 1928 - November 17, 2021

Joseph (Joe) Edward Collins Sr., age 93 of Houston, Texas passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on November 17, 2021. Joseph was born on February 16, 1928 in Mount Savage, MD. He was the son of Angela Farrell and John Anthony Collins. He is preceded in death by his parents, his devoted wife Bertha of 72 years marriage; and his son Joseph Edward Collins, Jr. Joseph is survived by his son John A. Collins; daughter Jeanne T. Wallace & husband Kevin Barker; grandchildren. Kara Trista Wallace, Caleb S. Collins, Bryson C. Wallace and Samantha B. Collins; he is also survived by 6 great-grandchildren and his brothers James Collins, Johnny Collins and Michael Collins.

Joseph, also known as Eddie in his youth, grew up in Mount Savage and Cumberland, Md., where he graduated from La Salle High School and promptly enlisted in the Army Air Corp. that subsequently transitioned to become the United States Air Force. He met the love of his life, Bertha, in June 1948 at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumpter, South Carolina. The couple were married in El Paso, TX on April 24, 1949.

Joseph retired from the Air Force in 1968 after attaining the rank of Chief Master Sergeant with 20 years' service specializing in computer programming. He then worked as a computer programmer for RCA, then on to Sperry Univac which subsequently became Unisys Corporation. He was well known at Unisys as an adept and reliable programming trouble-shooter for major projects until he retired after 20 years.

Joseph was a good, decent, and modest man of exceptional humility. He reminded us always of the true meaning of family, and his most precious gift to each of us was his unconditional love and support. As a tireless supporter and generous benefactor to Bertha and his extended family, he helped countless family members in their time of need and always put other peoples needs before his own. Joseph's kind and considerate spirit will live on in the hearts of anyone who knew him and he will be greatly missed.

Joseph's life was centered around God and family, and the many pet dogs treasured over the years. He and Bertha were faithful members of St. John Vianney Catholic Church for the past 36 years. He was a lucky man in every way, always guiding others and devoted to supporting his family. He also provided wise counsel to many young people on life and career, and his impact is a testament to the power of kindness, love and respect for hard work. His generous and compassionate spirit was evidenced by the loving care he provided throughout the years for his immediate and extended family members.

Joseph will be sorely missed by his beloved family and many devoted friends made through the years in service to his community, his country and his God. The Collins family will be present to receive friends and family on Sunday, November 28, 2021 from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM with a Holy Rosary recited at 3:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, November 29, 2021 at 10:30 AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079. The Funeral Mass will be live streamed at this link: <https://youtu.be/-le6pETIByQ>. Joseph will be laid to rest alongside his wife Bertha at VA Houston National Cemetery in a private family ceremony.

“Eternal rest grant unto Joseph, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him, and all the souls of all the faithful departed, and may he Rest In Peace in God's Mercy. Amen”

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **28**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Vigil/Rosary

NOV **28**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

NOV **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Edward Collins*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Joseph Edward Collins*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Joseph Edward Collins*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Joseph Edward Collins*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Uncle Joe, thank you for letting me be a small part of your life. You were my Nino and I looked forward to my annual Xmas Card from you and Aunt Bertha. Rest in Peace Uncle Joe, I know you are in eternal life. Love you, Candy Barrera*

Candy Barrera - November 28, 2021 at 01:13 PM

JC

“ Eddie, When we were boys of a young age, we were members together of Boy Scout Troop 6 at SS. Peter & Paul Church. We made an oath: On my honor I will do my best to do my duty for God and my Country. You lived up to that oath for the rest of your life. We pledged to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courtesy, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverend. You exhibited all of these virtues throughout your life. Our Scout Moto was "Be Prepared". You followed this, and now you are with your Bertha and your God in Heaven. God Bless You. Your Brother, Jimmy

James A. Collins - November 27, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ Blessed Heart was purchased for the family of Joseph Edward Collins.



November 24, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Edward Collins.



November 24, 2021 at 11:13 AM

LM

“ Dearest Johnny and Jeannie, I will always remember your father as a quiet man with great intellect. He was always so kind toward me and I loved his smile. I'm so thankful I had the opportunity to speak with him on the phone these passed months. It was so nice to share a conversation with him just between the two of us. I learned even more what a loving, compassionate man he was and will be remembered. My love to you both. I'm so happy that Uncle Joe and Aunt Bertha are together once again by the grace of God. Love you both, Dada

Lydia (Dada) Molinar - November 24, 2021 at 07:31 AM