



## Robert Allen Collins

May 25, 1946 - May 31, 2024

Robert A. Collins passed away on Friday, May 31st, 2024, at the Veterans Home of Montrose Nursing Home. He was 78 years old. He was the widower of Mary Lou Beatty Collins with whom he was married for 48 years. Robert was born May 25th, 1946, in Middletown, NY. He was the son of the late Elizabeth A Collins. He graduated from Enlarge City School District of Middletown, NY. Robert was also a Vietnam Veteran. Robert worked many jobs in his lifetime including Sears as a warehouse manager for 29 years, 'The Pit Stop' as a bartender also for 29 years, Orange County Speedway as a drive-in section gate attendant, The Middletown Water Department for a brief period, and lastly Head Custodian for Enlarge City of Middletown School District for several schools including Academy Ave, Maple Hill Elementary, and Middletown High School. He belonged to the VFW and Elks. He was a foodie who loved flowers, being a social butterfly, the history of Middletown New York, sharing cooking recipes, making others laugh and playing jokes on people. He is survived by his only child, his daughter Kimberly A. Collins, her partner James A. Young and their fur baby Daisy who he never got the chance to meet. He is also survived by Uncle Stanley Collins, his sister in-laws Nancy Crover Beatty, Danielle Beatty and many cousins, nephews, nieces, great nephews, great nieces as well as one great nephew on the way. He was predeceased by his brothers Ralph (Norman) Collins and Wayne Collins, brother in-laws Richard, Newman, Donald, Herbert, Fred Beatty and Claude Quackenbush, sister in-laws Joan Quackenbush, Kathleen Beatty and Patty

Collins. He was known by many as RC from his bartending days. Acknowledgement of good friends are the following: Alice Pallom, whose wedding he participated in as best man, Eddie Davis, Barney Davis, Andy Hughes, Keith Moran, the one he called his son, Patrick O'Neill, and so many more we regrettably cannot include here. The funeral service will be held at Martinez-Morse Funeral Home on Thursday, June 6th, from 4pm to 9pm. Meet at Funeral Home on Friday morning at 10am for our 10:30am departure to Bloomingburg Rural Cemetery for his last ride. As we go past, we will all wave at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation to the local Veterans Department.

# Cemetery Details

## Bloomington Rural Cemetery

845 Bloomington Rd  
Bloomington, NY 12721

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Martinez-Morse Funeral Home  
33 Railroad Ave  
Middletown, NY 10940  
(845) 343-6918  
martinezmorsefcs@gmail.com  
<https://www.MartinezFuneralHomes.com/>

## Visitation

JUN 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

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JUN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AP

“ Dear Kimmy,  
My deepest heartfelt sympathy goes out to you with the passing of your dad. No words can express how sorry I am and how much we will all miss him, but I hope you can find comfort knowing that he is at peace now. He was a very special guy and he loved you very much. The first time I met your parents was when I began dating Dave. You and your family were living in an apartment above Zoghby's meat market. You were just a toddler and we would go there to visit and hang out. Your dad was building a toy box for you, and Dave pitched in to help. It was quite a project and they enjoyed many beers over the weeks ahead working on it. However, they made it so elaborate that they couldn't fit it up the stairs when it was done. We had many laughs over this and enjoyed many great times together in the years that followed. I have such fond memories of the many dinner dances, chicken BBQ's, St. Patrick's Day celebrations, Super Bowl parties, visits to the hunting camp, our many BS sessions and so much more. Thank you for all the years you shared your dad with me. He will never be forgotten.  
Love, Alice & family

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**Alice Pallom** - June 07, 2024 at 12:59 AM

LS

“ Love, Alice, Jenifer, Deanna & Sean purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Robert Allen Collins.



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**Love, Alice, Jenifer, Deanna & Sean** - June 05, 2024 at 11:27 PM

AS

“ Dear Kim

*So sorry for your loss! Your dad was a great guy! My husband and I were visiting the Hudson Valley area for a wedding in October 2018 when we met your dad in a bar in Middletown. From the start, your dad was charming, friendly, and very engaging. He shared recipes, jokes, and many stories. His eyes lit up when he talked about you and your mom. He befriended both of us on FB and had continued to share recipes and words of wisdom. There was always beautiful nature scenes, especially flowers as a notification from your dad on FB. He was truly a beacon of light! Many blessings! 💕 Amy and Sean*



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amy stolarski - June 04, 2024 at 03:30 PM

KC

*Amy & Sean,  
My dad always talked about meeting you's at the Bullpen. He lost track of you's a few times because he was either having trouble with him phone or FB. What a great picture to include. As you can imagine he knows a lot of people because he was such a social butterfly it helps to put faces together with the many stories I have heard. Thank you again for all the kind words at this difficult time 🙏💕🌈*

*Sincerely,  
Kimberly*

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kcollins8 - June 05, 2024 at 07:04 AM

JH

“ Dear Kim, I knew your Mom & Dad for 45+yrs, working with him at the Pit Stop the other 5 nts a wk. They were "in the group" of the greatest friends of my husband Bill & I. How do you put that many yrs / memories in writing? I was in touch again with dad via phone(how he drove you crazy with that, he would say!) One funny thing he said to me was, I'm old Jen, not stupid! (He could still make me laugh)! Our last text/phone call was his birthday wish, he thanked me, called me, left a msg saying "caught you at a wrong time" Later..

My Bill passed 5yrs ago, & he said to me about going downhill: Don't go there, I've been there & it's not a nice place to be. A true friend to the end Kim, that I will miss greatly.! (Jonnie-Sue (Stan) is my sister...You were blessed with beautiful Parents who loved you greatly.! My sympathy, Jennie (Bill) Hallinan.

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**Jennie Hallinan** - June 02, 2024 at 03:11 PM

BA

*Kim so sorry for your loss I will always remember hunting with him in Bellvale he was great*

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**Barbaracrover@gmail.com** - June 03, 2024 at 12:01 PM

KR

“ *Sending my love and condolences. Your Dad was a great guy and will be greatly missed.*

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**Kara Rykowski** - June 02, 2024 at 03:02 PM

KR

“ *Sending my condolences and love. Your Dad was a great guy and will be missed dearly.* ”



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**Kara Rykowski** - June 02, 2024 at 03:01 PM

JH

“ *Jennie Hallinan sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Allen Collins* ”



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**Jennie Hallinan** - June 02, 2024 at 02:23 PM

TB

“ *A great friend and neighbor. Will be sadly missed. Sending condolences and prayers to his familu and friends. Tom and Marion Baker* ”

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**Tom snd Marion Baker** - June 02, 2024 at 10:34 AM