

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
for
Sylvester Henry Clay Collins



Sunrise
December 26, 1947

Sunset
June 2, 2021

2:00PM

Thursday, June 10, 2021

New Meltonville Baptist Church

15482 White Store Road

Peachland, NC 28133

Rev. Charles Sturdivant-Pastor

Order of Service

Processional

Call of WorshipPastor Charles Sturdivant

Hymn of Consolation“On My Way Home”Choir

Invocation

SelectionChoir

Scriptures:

Old Testament (Psalm 1) Rev. Lewis Blakney

New Testament (John 14:1-6) Rev. Clay Parker

Prayer of ComfortAssistant Pastor Jessie Blakney

Solo “I Need You Lord Jesus”Dion Tyson

Remarks (2 minutes please)Class of 1966
Family
Friends

Poem “I’m Free”Jennifer Blakney

Obituary (Read Silently)

SelectionChoir

EulogyPastor Charles Sturdivant

Solo“Heaven is a Beautiful Place “Dion Tyson

AcknowledgementsBlakely Funeral Home

Committal / Benediction / Interment
Meltonville Baptist Church Cemetery
Peachland, North Carolina

Expressions of Gratitude

The thoughts of compassion, earnest prayers, comforting words of expressions, floral tributes and other acts of kindness are very deeply appreciated. Special thanks to
Hospice of Anson County - Atrium Health.

The Obituary

Sylvester Henry Clay Collins, Jr.

Sylvester H. C. Collins, Jr. “Sun” was called home to be with the Lord on Wednesday June 2, 2021. He was born on Friday December 26, 1947 in the White Store Township of Anson County, North Carolina. He was the eldest son of the late Sylvester Henry Clay Collins, Sr. and Lillie Mae Crowder Collins.

He accepted Christ at an early age and became an active member of the Meltonville Baptist Church. He also attended Flintridge Baptist Church where he was well known and loved. His favorite book of the bible was Psalm.

He attended and graduated from East Union High School, Class of 1966, in which he and his classmates had a close bond and fellowship until his final days.

Sylvester was a hard worker throughout his entire life. He worked for Cuddy Farms for over 25 years and was an active truck driver for over 20 years with JBS (Pilgrim’s Pride).

Sylvester was an outdoorsman. He loved gardening, fishing and hunting. He was a member of the Silver Fox Club, in which he won several competition awards.

Sylvester had a gentle, loving spirit and a warm smile that will brighten up your day. He treasured his family dearly. He was a father figure to Joshua and Elijah Jones, Ricky and Janese Collins. He was a GREAT husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, nephew, brother -in-law, friend, coworker and companion.

He was preceded in death by his wife: Arlena Rushing Collins of 37 years; his daughter: Wendy Rea Collins; his brothers: Frank Collins, Andrew Collins and Steven Collins.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories to Michael Collins (Barbara) of Monroe, NC, Henry Collins, Jeannette Collins and Sherneter Collins all of Peachland, NC, Patricia Blakeney (Willie) of Wingate, NC, Donald Rushing (Jackie) of Marshville, NC, Sylvester (Chucky) Rushing (Renee) of Wadesboro, NC, and Odell Rushing of Peachland, NC; God-Daughter: Deturia Medlin of Wingate, NC; Close family friends: Sarah Staton, Mark Reid and Walter Little; Two brothers: Woodrow Collins, Wadesboro, NC, Cecil Collins (Patricia) of Oxford, AL; Three sisters: Bernice Covington (Mott) of Waxhaw, NC, Brenda Lee (Aaron) of Charlotte, NC, and Ollie Polk, Peachland, NC; Eighteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; Five aunts, two uncles, one great-uncle, two sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law and a host of nieces, great nieces, nephews, great nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Flower Bearers
Granddaughters

Pall Bearers
Grandsons

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work and play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found that place at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void.
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss;
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savoured much;
Good friends, good time, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now,
He set me free*

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