



## Mr. John E. Colbert

November 27, 1928 - February 8, 2013

Mr. John E. Colbert, age 84 of Sanford, Florida passed away on Friday, February 8, 2013 in Orange City, Florida. Mr. Colbert was born on November 27, 1928.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 905 Laurel Avenue, Sanford, Florida 32771. (407) 322-5131.

# Tribute Wall

PL

“ John taught me bookkeeping and typing at Seminole High School in Sanford. He was a good teacher as well as a great coach for the school.

We both had horses and traded saddles over the years. I enjoyed the times spent with him and his wife out on the river.

May you rest in peace dear John all of your students remember you fondly.

Penny

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**Penny Grinnell LePage** - February 17, 2013 at 10:41 PM

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“ I enjoyed the times we spent together and the stories he told of his life in Sanford. He was tough as nails but had a caring and fair heart. And he always welcomed friends with a great big hug. May God bless and keep you, John.

Javie, Susan, Chelsea & Emma Torregrosa

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**Francisco Torregrosa** - February 14, 2013 at 09:03 AM

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“ MARGIE AND CHEN VICENTE purchased the Heart Expressions Musical Gift Set for the family of Mr. John E. Colbert.



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**MARGIE AND CHEN VICENTE** - February 13, 2013 at 09:54 PM

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“ We are saddened at the passing of a wonderful person. He's enlightened the lives of many young people who were fortunate to have John's guidance and wisdom during their formative years. John was always a dear friend, and a mentor who shaped my life, and that of many others in Sanford. A unique, quiet man, who never realized or understood the important role he played for the young people of Sanford. My wife and I have lost a dear friend, who we loved very much. He has looked forward to the day he could join his dear wife Val in heaven. Now he can smile again. If we're so lucky, we too can join them some day.

*Jim & Wendy Ray  
Spring, TX*

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**Wendy Ray** - February 13, 2013 at 05:36 PM

RM

*John was a teacher, coach (football, swimming), and a very good friend. He was someone that I kept in touch with after graduating from high school 50 years ago. He and his wife, Val, were people that you could always depend on. John loved to tell and hear jokes. I always tried to have a couple of new jokes to share with him when I would visit. I made sure that my wife and kids met John and Val as they had heard quite a bit about him from me. He was a real gentleman and he is missed.*

*Richard Mayer*

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**Richard Mayer** - February 19, 2013 at 02:07 PM

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*What a lot of people don't know is that John E. Colbert (a white man) was my (a black young man) supervisor at my first hourly paying job through the federally funded C.E.T.A. program in the seventies and eighties. Not only did he teach me the fundamentals of working for others, he taught me lessons in life. It's what he did next that really showed his true character. When he found out that there was no father figure in my household he unofficially adopted me. He treated me like his own with good sound advice and love and affection. This was not some fleeting moment either; it was for the rest of his life! When important events occurred in my life he was one of the first to know and was always willing to offer that good fatherly advice.*

*Rest In Peace DAD; you and Val both lived a good life. I've modeled some of my life's work and purpose after you!*

*Your Son,*

*Larry Eason*

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**Larry Eason** - December 09, 2014 at 09:42 AM