



## William Graham Collins, Sr.

October 8, 1921 - March 10, 2016

William Graham Collins, Sr., 94, of Longwood, FL, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, March 10, 2016. Born in East Boston, MA on October 8, 1921, he proudly served in the U.S. Navy on an LCI (L) in the Pacific in WWII. In December, 1960, he married the love of his life, Roberta (Bobbie) Liebert Collins. He was Captain of the William R. Farrell, tug, in Boston for many years, before becoming a Civilian Pilot for the U.S. Navy at the Boston Naval Shipyard. He and his family moved to Longwood, FL in 1977 where he became a business owner and ultimately worked in the automotive field before retirement.

Graham was a proud Master Mason for 73 years. He was a member of Star of Bethlehem Lodge, A.F.&A.M., Wakefield, MA, a member of South Seminole Lodge, #364, F & A.M.; Scottish Rite, Orlando; York Rite and Commandery, MA; Bahia Shriners and Legion of Honor.

Graham and Bobbie were avid square and round dancers for 25 plus years.

Graham will be greatly missed by his his wife, Bobbie, of 55 years, and his three children; his loving daughter, Caroline Collins Lautenburg of Oviedo, FL and Son-in-Law, Michael Gregory Lautenburg; and his two wonderful sons, William Graham Collins, Jr., of Raleigh, NC and David Graham Collins, of

Deltona, FL., along with three awesome grandchildren; Linda Lautenburg, Robert Lautenburg and Sidney Graham Collins. He was recently blessed with a beautiful great grandchild, Mason Ryan Jakubcin.

Friends and family are invited to join us for a Celebration of Life on Saturday, March 19th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at The Country Club at Deer Run, 300 Daneswood Way, Casselberry, FL. Military Honors will take place at 6:00 p.m.

A private burial service will be held at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of William G. Collins to the Shriners Hospital for Children, c/o Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL 32810, 407-660-8811.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

MAR 19. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Deer Run Country Club  
300 Daneswood Way  
Casselberry, FL 32707

## Military Honors

MAR 19. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Deer Run Country Club  
300 Daneswood Way  
Casselberry, FL 32707

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *John & Linda Saunders lit a candle in memory of William Graham Collins, Sr.*



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**John & Linda Saunders** - March 18, 2016 at 01:41 PM

JS

*Fond memories of all the square dances Graham attended at the Altamonte Civic Center U-WANNA SQUARES. And all the after parties. Great times we shared. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*

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**John & Linda Saunders** - March 18, 2016 at 01:49 PM

BE

“ *The ambassador of Hickory Tree Road will be missed. A wonderful neighbor and kind soul who will be remembered in our hearts. Benna and John*

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**Benna** - March 16, 2016 at 07:07 AM



“ *Red, White & Blue Mixed Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of William Graham Collins, Sr..*



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March 16, 2016 at 01:26 AM

BK

“ *Our family was sadden to hear about Graham's passing. He was a wonderful American, husband, father and neighbor. We will miss him.*

**Beda Kantarjian** - March 15, 2016 at 01:32 PM

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“ *Edith Mcgee purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of William Graham Collins, Sr..*



**Edith Mcgee** - March 15, 2016 at 08:59 AM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of William Graham Collins, Sr..*



March 14, 2016 at 10:57 AM

BM

“ *Graham has always been the patriarch of our neighborhood. Whenever we have questions about anything here, we always ask Graham, who was never to busy to take the time with us. We shall always remember him and we shall forever miss this very kind gentleman. It was a privilege to know him.*  
*Bud and Arlene McKechnie*

**Bud McKechnie** - March 14, 2016 at 09:57 AM