



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**  
*The family of Tom Collins would like to express our sincere appreciation for the prayers, flowers, kind words, calls, visits, and every act of love shown during this difficult time. Your support has brought us comfort and strength, and we are forever grateful. May God richly bless each of you for standing with us in our time of sorrow.*  
 ~ The Family ~

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**  
 Christopher McGee  
 Arthur Milsap  
 Tom Collins Jr  
 Donald Laushaul  
 Christopher McGee Jr  
 Clyde Roby III

**ACTIVE PALLBEARERS**  
 Michael Bradshaw  
 Godfrey Bradshaw  
 Lorenzo Thomas  
 George Lockett  
 Jacob Lockett  
 Benjamin Lockett

**FLOWER BEARERS**  
 Family & Friends

**INTERMENT**  
 Glenwood Cemetery  
 395 Mike Espy Drive  
 Yazoo City, MS 39194

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
 ENTRUSTED TO**



*Shaffer-Collins Funeral Home, Inc.*  
 "Our Family Serving Your Community"  
 247 West Sixth Street - Yazoo City, MS 39194  
 662-746-3985

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF**



*Tom Collins*

SUNRISE  
 November 23, 1954

SUNSET  
 January 26, 2026

Saturday, February 7, 2026 | 2:00 p.m.  
 NEW ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
 630 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Yazoo City, MS 39194  
 Rev. Willie E. Smith, Officiating Pastor

## A LIFE REMEMBERED

### *Tom Collins*

*"To every thing there is a season...A time to be born,  
and a time to die." | Ecclesiastes 3:1-2*

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Tom Collins Sr. was born on November 23, 1954, in Holly Bluff, MS to the late Willie and Beulah Collins. He is also proceeded in death by two sisters: Rosie Mae Westbrooks and Lee Etta Curry; and four brothers: Willie Collins Jr., Willie Lee Coleman, O.B. Coleman, and George Earl Collins.

Tom was introduced to Christ at a young age and baptized at New Foundation Baptist Church. Tom graduated from Holly Bluff Line Consolidated School where he discovered his love for auto mechanics. He enjoyed being outdoors hunting and fishing, and hosting cookouts for his family and friends.

Tom was an exceptional mechanic. He worked as a mechanic for the City of Yazoo, Yazoo Motors, and Watson Quality Ford. He also owned his own shop for many years before falling ill.

Tom leaves behind to cherish his memory seven sons: George Hunter, Christopher McGee, Arthur (Chiquita) Milsap, Walter Milsap, Rodney Collins, Donald LauShaul, and Tom Collins Jr.; six daughters: Coronica (Vincent) Horrice, Demetra (Percy) Collins-Taylor, Lakeisha Collins, Quiana (Alfred) McGee-Jackson, Tomika (Clyde) Roby, and Anita Collins; four brothers: Roy Lee Coleman, Robert (Tracy) Collins, Isaac Collins, and Lonnie (Gail) Collins; three sisters: Beulah Brandshaw, Ethel Thomas, and Delorris (A.C.) Smith; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Tom also had a special friend, Sarah Francis, who stood by his side for many years.

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## WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me,  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say.  
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,  
and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional .....Clergy and Family  
Scripture Reading ..... (Old & New Testament) .....  
Prayer of Comfort .....  
Musical Selection.....  
Expressions ..... Three Minutes ..... Family & Friends  
Musical Selection.....  
Acknowledgements .....  
Obituary..... Read Silently ..... Soft Music  
Solo.....  
Eulogy.....

### SHAFFER-COLLINS FUNERAL DIRECTORS IN CHARGE

Recessional ..... Clergy, Family & Friends

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FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A *season,*  
AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN:  
A TIME TO BE BORN,  
AND A TIME TO DIE;  
A TIME TO PLANT,  
AND A TIME TO PLUCK UP THAT WHICH IS PLANTED;  
A TIME TO KILL,  
AND A TIME TO HEAL; A TIME TO BREAK DOWN,  
AND A TIME TO BUILD UP,  
*a time to Weep*  
AND A TIME TO LAUGH;  
A TIME TO MOURN, AND A TIME TO DANCE;  
A TIME TO CAST AWAY STONES,  
AND A TIME TO GATHER STONES TOGETHER;

A TIME TO  
*Embrace*  
AND A TIME TO REFRAIN FROM EMBRACING;  
A TIME TO SEEK, AND A TIME TO LOSE;  
A TIME TO KEEP, AND A TIME TO CAST AWAY;  
A TIME TO REND, AND A TIME TO SEW;  
A TIME TO KEEP SILENCE, AND A TIME TO SPEAK;  
A TIME TO LOVE, AND A TIME TO HATE;  
A TIME FOR WAR, AND A TIME FOR *Peace*  
- ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8

## TRIBUTES

### *A Rose with Thorns*

**By Tomika Roby**

*A father, a brother, an uncle, a friend,  
An anchor in the storm, but sometimes the wind.  
You weren't always easy, you weren't always kind,  
But you were always there for us, our bodies and our minds.  
You were a shoulder we would cry on, and the laughter in our souls.  
You always had a listening ear, or wild story to be told,  
We will forever miss you, your gentleness and horns.  
We will not forget you, our rose with prickly thorns.*

**Love Your Children**

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### *I Miss You Brother*

*I thought of you with love today,  
but that is nothing new.  
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too,  
I think of you in silence I often speak your name,  
all I have are memories and your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part,  
God has you in his keeping I have you in my heart.*

**Love Your Siblings**

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### *To Our Grandad*

*Forever remembered, forever loved,  
A grandfather whose heart now rest above.  
In our memories your spirit thrives,  
A beacon of love that never dies.*

**Love Your Grandchildren**

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**GOD WILL  
WIPE AWAY  
ALL TEARS  
FROM  
THEIR EYES**