
A strong man with laughter lighting every room,
His jokes chased away the heaviest gloom.
He loved his family, friends gathered near,
Holding each moment forever dear.
Though time slipped away faster than planned,
His warmth and joy still gently stand.
In every smile and story retold,
Lives the love he freely bestowed—
A happy spirit, brave and true,
Forever remembered in all we do.

Pallbearers

Marlon Stewart
Rayshawn Jackson
LeRoy Knight

Carl Collins
Jimmy Knight
Marquell Baggett

Jayshawn Baggett

Flower Bearers

Aaliyah Collins
Ja-Leah Baggett

Ja-Niyah Baggett
Jazmine Baggett

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!
- The family of Gregory Collins



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Gregory Collins

Sunrise: August 7, 1959 - Sunset: April 6, 2026

April 25, 2026
Visitation: 10:00am
Funeral Service: 11:00am
New Mission Missionary Baptist Church
4809 Ravenna Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45227
Pastor Tracy E. Ventus, Officiating

Obituary

Gregory “Chop” Collins, a beloved son, family member, friend and veteran, departed this life at 7:16 a.m. at St. Margret Nursing Home. He was born on August 7, 1959, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to the late Jimmie “Red” Collins and Johnanna Stephens.

Gregory was baptized at a young age, laying the foundation for his lifelong faith. In his later years, he rededicated his life back to Christ, finding renewed peace and spiritual fulfillment.

He attended Taft High School in Cincinnati, where he graduated with the Class of 1977. During his high school years, Gregory was an active student-athlete who enjoyed playing both basketball and baseball, showcasing his love for sports.

Following graduation, Gregory served his country in the United States Army for three years. After completing his military service, he dedicated many years of hard work to his community through his employment with the Board of Education and W.M Powell Valves.

Known as “Chop” Gregory was a natural jokester who brought laughter and joy to those around him.

He cherished spending time with family and friends, especially while playing dominos.

At his retirement village, Gregory cherished the sense of community. He eagerly looked forward to game nights and Saturday gatherings, often cooking for his neighbors. He also enjoyed working at the village store, where he formed many meaningful connections.

He preceded in death by: his brothers, Leroy “Doc” Collins, Jimmie Collins III, and Carl Darnell Collins; and his sister, Sharon Blunt. Left to cherish his memory: his sisters, Mary Ann Baggett, Cynthia (Dart) Lumpkin, and Chenel (Todd) Black; and his brothers, Ronnie Thomas (Angie) and Johnny “Speed” Collins (Jill). In addition to his siblings, he leaves behind his special friend, Valerie (Baby cakes), and a host of nieces and nephews, family & friends.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Parting View Immediate Family

Prayer Pastor Tracy E. Ventus

Scripture

Selection Teresa Anderson

Acknowledgements Valerie Phillips

Remarks Family & Friends
(Please Limit Remarks to Two Minutes)

Obituary Read Silently
*A time to reflect and thank God for the life of
Gregory Collins*

Selection Teresa Anderson

Eulogy Rev. George Banes, Jr.

Benediction Pastor Tracy E. Ventus

Recessional Clergy, Pallbearer, & Family

