



Lee Edward “Connie” Collins

Sunrise

MAY 2, 1946

Sunset

AUGUST 20, 2025

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:7

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Visitation: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Elgin Funeral Home

712 North Avenue C

Elgin, TX 78621

Graveside Service: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Colorado Chapel Cemetery

145 Utley Rd

Elgin, TX 78621

Officiating: Reverend Charles Hunter

OBITUARY

Lee Edward “Connie” Collins, 79, of Bastrop, TX, peacefully transitioned to his heavenly home on August 20, 2025. He was born on May 2, 1946, in Bastrop, to Reverend Matt Lee Collins and Willie Mae Earls Collins. Lee grew up in Uteley where he professed his faith in Christ at an early age and became a member of Union Hill Baptist Church. He attended Bastrop public schools. Afterwards, according to him, one of the most rewarding experiences of his life was working for the University of Texas for several years.

“The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong.” After surviving a tragic car accident, Lee’s life journey was forever changed. His strength was not measured by speed or ease, but by endurance. Despite medical challenges, he continued his race at Bastrop Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where the devoted staff provided compassionate care that enabled him to persevere through the years.

Throughout it all, Lee’s spirit remained joyful. He looked forward to mealtimes, daily visits from his brother who always brought sweet treats, and the celebrations of holidays. Even as his vision faded, his love for sweets and his sharp hearing never wavered. Whenever he heard his brother’s voice, Lee would call out cheerfully, “Pop!” He recognized and remembered the voices of family, friends, and caregivers, always asking about each loved one with warmth and affection. Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Reverend Matt Lee Collins and Willie Mae Earls Collins; his nephew, Terry Collins; as well as several uncles, aunts, and cousins.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted brother, Clarence “Popcorn” Collins, and wife Idella, of Uteley; his nephew, Bernard Collins, and wife Benita of Bastrop; four nieces: Angela Bryant and husband Edward of Pflugerville, Tiffany Brown and husband Reginald of Albany, GA, Renata Williams of Cuero, and Valencia Bland of Goliad. He is also survived by great-nieces and nephews - Reginald “JR”, Trenton, Kennedy, Alfred, Mackenzie, Terri Lynn, Tiarra, Uyless, Logan, Jakson, Chastity, Keve, Alexis, Trinity – along with a host of great-great nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will miss him dearly.

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“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.” Psalm 23:1-5

PALLBEARERS

Edward Bryant

Bernard Collins

Uyless Bland

Deacon Ricky Wilson

Kevelain Williams

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Windsor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Bastrop

Trenton Brown

Alfred Collins

Reginald "JR" Brown

Reginald Brown, Sr.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown during our time of bereavement. A special thank you to the staff at the Bastrop Nursing and Rehabilitation Center who have cared so diligently for our loved one. May God bless you and keep you!

-The Family