



Fred Collins

September 16, 1952 - November 22, 2020

Fred Collins, 68, of Middletown, passed away November 22, 2020, at home after a valiant battle with cancer. He was born September 16, 1952, in Anderson, Indiana, to the late James "Bud" and Helen Collins.

Fred graduated from Anderson High School in 1970, and from Ball State University with a bachelor's degree in US History. He retired from Delphi in 2006 after 35 years of service, and was the owner/operator of Middletown Self Storage.

He loved to travel, having been on a dozen cruises from Alaska to Hawaii and the Caribbean.

His true love was the summer cottage on Carp Lake in Michigan that his parents owned for 60 plus years. He loved spending time there with his family and growing up at "The Lake".

Fred was a very unique, kind, polite, compassionate and generous gentleman in every sense of the word. He lived and died a gentleman. He was an old soul who led a very simple life. He was sentimental and rarely threw anything away. He relished his photographs, old and new, and created many photo albums.

He loved old gospel music and antiques, mowing his homestead of two acres, and that's where you could usually find Fred, on his lawnmower.

He loved his church family at the New Horizons United Methodist Church where he helped with various dinners, fish fries, and helped count the offering on Sundays. Fred was even known to bake cakes for the above events, especially pineapple upside down cakes.

Fred is survived by his loving brothers, William (Susan) Collins and Ron (Becky) Collins; special cousins, Joyce E. (Dick) Caldwell and Robert Collins; and special nieces and nephews, Cammie (Aaron) Junkersfeld, Betsy Lehnem, Mark Collins, Kim Bigam, Amy

(David) Hitchcock, and Hope Lariviere.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James F. and Helen Collins; aunt, Hazel Porter; and sister-in-law, Susan Collins.

The family wishes to thank Melissa Breckenridge, his caregiver, who took wonderful care of him, as well as Premier Hospice.

Visitation will be held Monday at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, 200 W. 53rd St. Anderson, IN.

Services will be Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Charles Barrington officiating.

Burial will take place in the Elwood City Cemetery, Elwood.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Horizons United Methodist Church in Anderson.

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Cemetery Details

Elwood City Cemetery

Elwood, IN

Tribute Wall



“ Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Fred Collins



Loose Funeral Home - November 28, 2020 at 09:36 AM

BC

Remembering Fred since kindergarten. I saw our class Halloween picture and I still have some of his school pictures school photos . Always fun to be around and laughing. Wish I had known he was so close by so I could have contacted him. My condolences to all of you. Brenda Long Caldwell

Brenda Caldwell - November 29, 2020 at 02:46 PM

KH

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Fred was a wonderful guy. He'll be missed.*

Kyra Barkdull Hepburn - November 30, 2020 at 06:38 PM

FM

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Fred's passing. We were in band together in high school. We both played clarinet. Fred was always a kind person, and he could always make me laugh. My sincere sympathy to all of his family.*

Fran Moore

Fran Moore - November 30, 2020 at 01:33 AM

KB

“ *Dad and Uncle Ron my deepest sympathy to you both during this sad time. Uncle Fred had a heart of gold and he'll be sadly missed by so many .*



Kim Bigam - November 29, 2020 at 10:39 PM



“ 58 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Loose Funeral Home - November 28, 2020 at 09:35 AM

BD

“ *Bill and Ron, from my family to yours, we send our deepest sympathy during this sad time. Years ago, after your mother passed away, Fred wrote me a letter stating Helen cared for me and always considered me her daughter in law. I never knew how true this was but it warmed my heart that he took the time to write me. Fred definitely was in a class all of his own when it came to matters of the heart.*

Barb Doss

Barbara Doss - November 27, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Fred Collins.*



November 27, 2020 at 07:50 AM

NF

“ *NANCY A FRAZEE lit a candle in memory of Fred Collins*



NANCY A FRAZEE - November 25, 2020 at 02:01 AM

NF

“ *Bill and Ron*

Fred, You were a good friend and a wonderful man who knew everybody and never seen a stranger. Going to miss seeing you on the back of your truck tailgate sitting watching cars and people go bye. Say Hi to your mom and dad. Now your are out of all your pain and suffering.

NANCY A FRAZEE - November 25, 2020 at 01:57 AM