



Earl Joseph Collins

October 6, 1942 - May 7, 2026

Earl Joseph Collins, 83, passed away on May 7, 2026, peacefully, leaving behind a lifetime of memories cherished by his family, friends, and community. Born on October 6, 1942, Earl was a lifelong resident of the Moundsville area and a respected member of the community.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, Lester Earl and Catherine V. Collins. He was a proud graduate of Moundsville High School, Class of 1961, and later served his country honorably in the United States Army National Guard.

Throughout his life, Earl was known for his strong work ethic and dedication to his profession. He was the owner and operator of Collins Electric and also served as City Electrician. In addition, he worked for Consolidated Coal Mine and Grisell's Funeral Home.

Earl was deeply involved in his community and civic organizations. He was a longtime member of the Moundsville Elks Lodge 282 and proudly served as Exalted Ruler from 1989 to 1990. He was also a faithful member of Simpson United Methodist Church and served as a board member of Riverview Cemetery.

One of Earl's greatest joys was his family. He shared 50 loving years of marriage with his wife, Doris Jean Collins, celebrating their anniversary each January 1st.

In addition to his wife, Earl is survived by his daughters, Jolene Collins, Joyce Duty, and Teresa (Ron) Rush; his grandchildren, Preston Cutler, Cadie Collins,

Jessica Tawney, and Dustin (Miranda) Tawney; and his great-grandson,
Brayden Baker

Earl will be remembered for his kindness, dedication to his family, service to his community, and the friendships he built throughout his life. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Family will receive friends on Monday from 4-8pm at Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville; where funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11am with Rev. Don Rush officiating.

Private entombment will be held at Riverview Cemetery Mausoleum.

Memorial contributions may be made to www.heart.org. or [www.autismspeak
s.org](http://www.autismspeak
s.org).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville
400 Jefferson Ave
Moundsville, WV 26041
(304) 845-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TP

“ *the Prascik's planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earl Joseph Collins.*

the Prascik's - May 12 at 10:02 AM

KW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.I have fond memories of Earl we rode our 4 wheeler a long time ago together made many memories.Hugs and Prayers.Kay and Clyde Weekley*



Kay and Clyde Weekley - May 10 at 07:49 PM

RM

“ *My condolences to Earl's family!
I have many fond memories of Earl.
In the past I saw and spoke with Earl almost daily. I always admired his work ethic and enjoyed are conversation.
He was a fine person...he will be missed!
God's peace be with Earl.*

Rob McCabe



Rob McCabe - May 10 at 01:07 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Earl Joseph Collins, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom.
You will not be forgotten...
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Army National Guard Veteran, Earl Joseph Collins, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - May 10 at 09:47 AM

MY

“ *To all of Earls family he was a wonderful neighbor he sure will be miss my heart goes out to you allowing*



Marlene Yoho - May 09 at 06:09 PM

TR

Sympathy extended to all family and friends of Earl Collins. He served his country and did his time.

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JF

“ Jean, Joyce, Teresa and Jolene, please accept our condolences on Earl's passing. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely, Jim and Jodi (Turner) Franklin

Jodi Franklin - May 09 at 04:47 PM

DM

“ Debbie Rowland Menges. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Earl Joseph Collins.



Debbie Rowland Menges. - May 09 at 04:09 PM

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“ Debbie Rowland Menges. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earl Joseph Collins.

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