



Dr. Elmer C. Collins

July 19, 1928 - July 21, 2016

Elmer C. Collins M.D. 1928-2016

Elmer C. Collins M.D. passed away on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at Kobacker House in Columbus, Ohio. Elmer was born on July 19, 1928 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was the son of Elmer M. and Marie Matzelle Collins. He grew up in East Cleveland and graduated from Shaw High School in 1946. He graduated from John Carroll University in 1951. Elmer graduated from medical school at The Ohio State University in 1955. He completed his internship and ophthalmology residency at OSU in 1959 as chief resident as well as completing his M.S. in microbiology during this time.

During his residency he met the love of his life, Mary, and they married in 1955. He was drafted into the U.S. Navy and served two years at the Portsmouth N.H. Naval Hospital where he attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander USNR. By 1961 Elmer returned to Columbus to begin his ophthalmology practice. During his career he served as Chief of Ophthalmology at Riverside Methodist Hospital, and was a clinical assistant professor of Ophthalmology at OSU. He attended Grand Rounds every Thursday morning before retiring in 1991. After retiring he became active in the Dublin Senior Citizens Organization, serving as president for one year. He was also active in the 55 Plus Senior Club at St. Brigid's church in Dublin where he served as president for 2 years.

Elmer was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Mary A. Collins. He is survived by his five children Steve Collins (Paula) LaGrange GA, Judy Culkin

(Tom) Novi MI, John Collins (Jane) Saginaw MI, Chris Collins (Harriet) Cincinnati OH, and Sue Honious (Mike) Hendersonville TN—and his eleven grandchildren Elizabeth and Joseph Collins; Christopher and Catherine Culkin; Madeline, Jeffery, and Caroline Collins; Grant and Haley Collins; and Ryan and Mitchell Honious. Although he will be greatly missed, we celebrate a life well lived.

Visitation with family and friends will be from 9:30-10:00am MONDAY, JULY 25, 2016 at ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin, OH 43017 where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am with The Reverend Monsignor Joseph M. Hendricks, Celebrant. Private family burial will be observed at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center, OH.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions in Elmer's memory to the NFE Fund for families of St. Brigid of Kildare—c/o PNC Bank, 221 West Bridge Street, Dublin, OH 43017. To send an online condolence, please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

9571 North High Street
Lewis Center, OH 43035

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 25. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church
7179 Avery Road
Dublin, OH 43017
<http://www.stbrigidofkildare.org/>

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Elmer C. Collins*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *This is a VERY belated thank you to Dr. Collins. He performed surgery for double vision on my left eye August 1963, when I was 4 1/2. Many eye doctors since then have remarked how well aligned my eyes look. I wonder if he knew my father who was also studying Microbiology at OSU around the same time. However, my dad graduated from The Veterinary School of Medicine in 1955.*

Linda Corman - August 12, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ *I am very saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Collins, a good friend and business advisor. During my service as Director of the Columbus Medical Bureau I was very fortunate to have Dr. Collins as President of the board of trustees and as my very helpful business mentor. I will always remember his kindness.*

John F. Roberts

Former Executive Director, The Columbus Medical Bureau

Retired in Reidsville, North Carolina

John F. Roberts - July 28, 2016 at 12:24 PM

MH

“ In 1972 when I started my residency at OSU ophthalmology, Elmer was a great instructor to me. I also always enjoyed seeing him at the Grand Rounds and department meetings. It was a great joy to be with Steve when he was in our residency and I have always enjoyed being a Facebook "friend" of his. I will miss Elmer's great smile and good humor.

Marilyn Huheey - July 25, 2016 at 11:53 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Elmer C. Collins.



July 25, 2016 at 09:52 AM

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“ Rest in peace "Doc"
You and Mary were a large part of the Dublin Senior's organization!!
It was an honor to be your Vice President!!
We will miss you!!
God Bless You!! 🙏



Tom and Sue Sevitz - July 25, 2016 at 08:10 AM

SM

“ Thinking you and your family during this difficult time! With our sincere sympathy, Bryan, Shannan, Paige, and Ellie Miller

Shannan Miller - July 25, 2016 at 07:12 AM

HU

“ God Bless and Thank YOU, Dr. Collins for your service in The U.S.Navy..... RIP..... And Semper Fi.



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - July 24, 2016 at 09:51 PM

TS

“ Rest in peace " Doc"
Now you are with Mary!!
A life well lived!!

Tom and Sue Sevitz - July 24, 2016 at 05:56 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dr. Elmer C. Collins.



July 23, 2016 at 03:36 PM

CH

“ Steve and I lived next door to Doc and Mary for 16 years and have such fond memories of all the times we spent together. Doc had a great sense of humor and was always telling jokes!! They were both such a blessed part of Karrer Place and were loved by everyone. We moved to New Zealand in 2012 but always visited them when we returned to Ohio. He will be missed by all. Now with his beloved Mary, rest in peace Doc, Christine and Steve Horne

Christine Horne - July 22, 2016 at 11:10 PM

CS

“ Rest in peace, Uncle Elmer. Thanks for all the fun memories. Praying for peace and comfort to my dear cousins: Steve, Judy, John, Chris, and Sue.
Love,
Cathy

Cathy Settimio-Northcutt - July 22, 2016 at 09:17 PM

DL

“ I have wonderful memories of Dr. Collins' sense of humor, as well as being included on trips with Chris and the family to Hide-A-Way Hills. Oh, and he was a wonderful physician, having allowed me to trade in my classes for contact lenses as a teenager. Condolences to your entire family from all of the Loughead's. Peace be with you.

Sincerely,
Doug Loughead

Doug Loughead - July 22, 2016 at 07:18 PM