



Ray A. Collings

June 14, 1931 - July 30, 2019

Ray A. Collings, age 88 of Mattoon, IL passed away Tuesday, July 30, 2019 surrounded by his family.

A Funeral Mass in his honor will be held at 10:00 AM, August 5, 2019 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 320 N. 21st Street, Mattoon, IL 61938. Burial in Calvary Cemetery will be held at a later date. A visitation will be held Sunday evening, August 4, 2019 from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM at the church. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home is in charge of services.

Ray was born on June 14, 1931, the son of Clarence and Jennie (Ochs) Collings. On November 22, 1956, Ray married Marilyn K. Gallagher at St. Patrick's Church in Decatur, IL. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Collings of Mattoon, IL; four children, Kevin Collings and wife Brenda of Springfield, IL, Michael Collings and wife Lori of Mattoon, IL, Kelli Miller and husband Chris of Mattoon, IL and Vicki Collings of Houston, TX; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one brother, John Collings of Robinson, IL. He was preceded in death by one son, Patrick Collings; three brothers, Delbert, Ed and Orville Collings; and four sisters, Juanita Anderson, Dorothy Briggs, Beatrice Coon and Sr. Paulette Collings.

Ray honorably served our country in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. After the war, he attended Millikin University in Decatur, IL. He was employed by IKC Trucklines and remained in the trucking industry for forty-five years. Ray retired briefly but returned back to work at Enterprise Car Rental for nineteen years.

He was a member of The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mattoon, IL and Knights of Columbus of Teutopolis, IL. He was a St. Louis Cardinal fan, enjoyed playing golf and watching football. Ray liked to cook and bake; his favorites were peanut brittle and chocolate chip cookies.

Ray always had a "P.M.A" (Positive Mental Attitude) and was great motivator to his family and friends. He loved his family and was blessed with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials in Ray's honor may be made to Mattoon Ladies Guild of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Cornea Research Foundation of America, 9002 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46260 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary

Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Mattoon, IL 61938

Service

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Mattoon, IL 61938

Tribute Wall



“ *Ray A. Collings*

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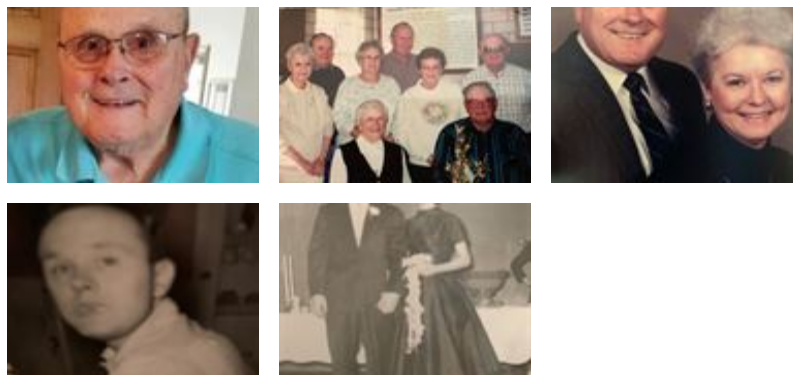


“ *Sending Vicki and the entire Collings family my deepest condolences and prayers during this difficult time.*
Vicki Gonzalez

Vicki Gonzalez - August 05, 2019 at 09:37 AM



“ *51 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - August 04, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy cannot reach the depth of your sorrow for you and your family. Wishing you and your family well.*
Remembering the great neighbor's you were in Danville and keeping in touch with us throughout the years.
Jean and Ed Connon

EDWARD CONNON - August 02, 2019 at 12:23 PM

MS

“ Sending sympathy, prayers, and special thoughts to Vicki and the entire Collings family. Beautiful obituary written for a beautiful, kind and generous man.

Love to all,

Mary Beth Schaedel

Mary Beth Schaedel - August 02, 2019 at 11:54 AM

BR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Ray's whistling, smile and laughter always seemed to have a way of brightening each day. He will certainly be missed.
Bridgett Randolph

Bridgett Randolph - August 02, 2019 at 02:06 AM

PH

“ My thoughts are with you, Vicki and your family during this sad time. I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My deepest condolences. Paul Harris - CWT Australia

Paul Harris - August 01, 2019 at 08:33 PM

MI

“ Vicki,

I'm so terribly sorry for your loss. Praying for peace for you, your entire family, and all those who knew your father.

Mike Donohue.

Mike - August 01, 2019 at 05:26 PM

NH

“ Vicki & Family:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please know we are both thinking of you and send our love.

Scott & Nancy Holmes

Nancy Holmes - August 01, 2019 at 11:57 AM

DE

“ Dear Vicki and family,
My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Praying for comfort for you and your family during this difficult time.

Donna Eden

Donna Eden - August 01, 2019 at 10:26 AM

SF

“ Dear Vicki and family,
please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of your family member.
The CWT team is thinking of you and your entire family.
Stefan

Stefan Fallert - August 01, 2019 at 10:11 AM

NS

“ *I worked at citgo gas station 17 years ago and that's when I met ray!!!! He was the nicest person you could meet! He was always happy and loved to talk about his family! He will sue be missed!!!!*

Nicole Stoneburner - August 01, 2019 at 12:29 AM

MJ

“ So sorry for your loss Mike and Lori

Marty Jordan - July 31, 2019 at 05:41 PM