



## Christopher David Collins

June 2, 1962 - March 7, 2015

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He was born on June 2, 1962 at Hot Springs, Arkansas, to Betty Marie Collins Smith and Jerry Mack Collins. He passed away to be with our lord, Jesus Christ, on March 7, 2015 while asleep in his bed at the age of 52. He is survived by an older brother, James Gray Collins, in San Antonio, Texas. He has traveled with his family; his father was in the Air Force, in the early years of his life to: Germany, Great Britain, California, Oklahoma, and Texas. He graduated high school from Southwest High School in San Antonio, Texas in 1980. He had received an associate's degree from Texas A&M in Electronics Engineering. He also earned 2 associate's degrees from Hallmark Institute: Aerospace Technology and Electronics. He had also held several computer certifications from Microsoft Corporation in software/server installations and hardware repairs.

He served two terms in the military: one in the Air Force and another in the Army. While in the Air Force, he served in Little Rock, Arkansas at the Air Base maintaining rust and corrosion control on C-130 aircraft. He took his basic training at Lackland AFB in 1980 and had taken the NCO orientation course at Little Rock AFB. He made it to the rank of Senior Airman Sargent by the time he was discharged from the Air Force. While he was discharged from the Air Force, he held several jobs: he had worked at Lockheed aircraft corp. in Georgia; he worked at Fort Sam Houston as a computer technician; he also worked as a computer technician at Lockheed in San Antonio.

While serving in the Army, he was station at Balad Air Base in Iraq. While serving in the Army, he received several decorations including: Army Training Ribbon, Expert Medal Firearms, Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star, Campaign Medal Iraq, and Graphics & Information Courtesy Medal. His military education in the Army included: Electronics Engineering from the Air Force College and Dynamics of International Terrorism from the USAF Special Operations School. He left the Army with the rank of TSGT in 2006. After his discharge from the Army, he held several job positions such as: Printer Field Technician at Printer Solutions; Computer Technician at Diversified Technical Services, Inc.; Printer Technician at Tech Dogs of Plano, TX; and A CDL truck driver at Premier Truck Driving School in Dallas, TX, On OTR; and Field Technician as a contractor for Field Nation.

He enjoyed collecting coins, antiques, comics, Egyptian art, and vinyl records. He enjoyed working on computers and playing computer games of the first person shooter variety. He became an expert automotive mechanic under the tutorship of his grandfather, who owned his own garage for over 60 years, during his early teen years. He had just recently got saved in Christ our lord. He was a member of the Free Masons. While in high school, he was a member of the Army junior ROTC and had placed number 10 in the top 10 rifle shooters in the nation. He had also loved a large range of music from metal to contemporary to alternate rock: groups such as, Sarah Brightman, Enigma, Alan Parsons Project, John Lennon, Metallica and Bob Marley, and Metallica. His football team that he enjoyed watching was the Philadelphia Eagles.

#### Services

Visitation will be Tuesday, March 24, 2015 from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Graveside Service will Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 2:30 P.M. at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. Everyone is to meet at the cemetery at 2:30 P.M.