



George J. Collins, Jr. MD

November 19, 1939 - December 5, 2007

Dr. George J. Collins, Jr. Jim 68, born 11/19/1939 passed away quietly at his home on Wednesday, December 5, 2007. Jim was a devoted father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend to many. Jim grew up in La Grange, Texas, graduated from Texas A&M University and received an M.D. from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Dr. Collins had a distinguished career as a cardiovascular surgeon and was widely recognized in his field; he was an Adjunct Professor of Surgery and was Chief of Surgery at Walter Reed in Washington DC, Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas and Madigan Army Medical Hospital in Tacoma, Washington. He authored and co-authored countless professional articles and was innovative in his field including editing a book entitled *Vascular Occlusive Disorders: Medical and Surgical Management*. Following retirement from the US Army, he enjoyed a successful medical practice of Cardiac, Peripheral Vascular and Thoracic Surgery in San Antonio, Texas from 1986-1994. He was a devoted caregiver to his patients and his country throughout his life. In recent years he volunteered with the Los Quijotes Medical Missions in Oaxaca, Mexico to bring much needed preventive and curative health care to the rural poor.

Jim divided his time between his home in La Grange, Texas where he loved country life and a home in San Antonio to be near his children and grandchildren. "Grandpa Jim" spent the last 11 years of his life devoted to his five grandchildren. He was adored and will be remembered by them for his

gentle demeanor and indulgences, fishing trips and outdoor excursions and the welcomed spot on his lap. His faithful presence at sports activities will be missed. Dr. Collins is preceded in death by his father, George James Collins and survived by his mother, Joan, his sisters Jerry Crumpler Don, Diane Murray Don, his brothers Dennis Stephanie and David Ann; his daughters, Lisa and Jennifer Robert Cevallos; his grandchildren, Gabrielle, Eliana, and Quinton Uribe and Juan Carlos and Paloma Guerra in addition to many nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles, and aunts. Jim was a friend and companion to many and was always available for a cup of coffee and reassuring ear. He touched the lives of all who knew him well and will be missed. Dr. Collins will be buried with full military honors at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Jim Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund for La Grange High School or the St. Mark's Cardiac Rehab Center in La Grange, Texas. For further information, please contact: jimcollinsmemorial@gmail.com.

Tribute Wall

LP

“ *To the family of George Collins Jr.:*

It is with great admiration and respect that I want to offer my condolences on the death of Dr. Collins. I saw in the Express-News that he was a United States Army veteran. Please know that Dr. Collins is mourned

Leticia Van de Putte - January 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My prayers are with your family in your time of sorrow. Jim will be sorely missed by all.*

Sharon Zuniga - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *George J. Collins, Jr. MD*

ron fedele - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To all my family,
Thinking of you and sharing in your grief. Sorry I couldn't make the trip with Mom and Pam. May your wonderful memories be of some comfort as you face the days ahead.*

*Love you,
David, Joleyne and Seth*

Joleyne - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Our prayers are with the Collins family in their time of sorrow, He was a tremendous surgeon, great colleague & most of all loved his daughters & family dearly. He will be sorely missed by all.

Larry & Connie Manning - December 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ The best big brother that any sister could ever ask for !!

Diane & Don Murray - December 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ jim i loved you you left the earth a better place

ronald fedele - December 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Lisa and Jennifer, So sorry to read about the death of your father.
My deepest condolences
Susie

Susie Harmon - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ The boys and I are so sorry. We have always thought so much of your dad.
I wish that at least one of us could be at the funeral on Mon., but unfortunately that is not possible.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and each of the family.
Jim will cert

Tanya Hammon - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To: Dr. Jim, Our Friend,
We met Jim approximately ten years ago instantly connecting and becoming friends. Our professional and lunch visits were always enjoyable and stimulating as we exchanged memories, of how our challenges were met and overcome with*

Tom Uribe - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *December 9 2007*

To the Collins family:

I want to express my condolences to you. I met Dr. Collins a few years ago when he expressed his desire to help as a volunteer in our medical mission in Oaxaca, Mexico, which he did for several years. He was a

YOLANDA PEREZ - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM