



Jim P Collins

June 26, 1921 - March 5, 2009

Jim Parmele Collins, 87, born June 26, 1921 in Austin, TX, son of the late professional baseball pitcher and Texas Ranger, H.W. "Rip" Collins and Letitia "Letty" Ethel Parmele of Austin, TX, went to be with the Lord March 5, 2009. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, after a long battle with cancer. He never gave up, never complained and fought a tough fight. Even at the end he was able to give his well-known, firm hand shake. He graduated from Austin High School and went on to graduate from the University of Texas at Austin, lettering as a baseball pitcher. He received his Masters degree from Texas A&I and served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He spent 38 years as an educator, retiring from Northside Independent School District, and then turned his hobby of construction into a full time business. Jim was an avid hunter and fisherman, and loved his vegetable garden. He had such a green thumb! He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Gladys Lichnovsky Collins; 3 daughters, Anne Walton Martin of San Antonio, Barbara Letitia Lampkin and husband Mike Lampkin of San Antonio, and Elizabeth "Betty" Sue Stewart and husband Pete Stewart of Houston; 8 grandchildren, Dana Loper and husband Greg, Julia Conner and husband Scott, Audrey Parks and husband Charlie, Ashley, Alyssa, and Austin Lampkin, Kelly and Emily Stewart; 9 great grandchildren, Zachary and Andrew Loper, Victoria, Caleb, Nicholas, Rebecca and Olivia Conner, Abygail Panther, Ayden Parmele Parks, along with numerous cousins and his loving Aunt Sarah who is 105 years young. We would like to thank our family and friends for their continuous prayers and

support, and a special thank you to all the doctors, nurses, and hospital staff for their tireless efforts and kindness that was given to us and our father during his fight.

SERVICES

Visitation will be Sunday, March 8, 2009 from 4 to 6pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North located at 3401 Cherry Ridge. The funeral and burial will be Monday, March 9, 2009 at 1pm in the Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel at Mission Burial Park North 20900 IH10 West. Please use the Fiesta Texas exit.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in honor of Jim to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or online at www.cancer.org.

Tribute Wall

MP

“ we are very saddened to hear of mr. collins' passing. jim became our contractor some years ago, and we kept finding new remodeling projects for him--probably just to keep his company. he was a treasure, full of vigor and fun, and always that vise-like h

mark & sue peavy - July 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Dear Collins Family:*

It is with deepest sadness that I extend my condolences to you on the loss of your beloved.

As Chair of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, I am sincerely thankful for his valiant service and de

Senator Leticia Van de Putte - March 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RU

“ *Anne, I was very sadden to see your dad's name in the paper. He was such a good man. I would see him every once in a while, usually at Lowe's or Home Depot. We would talk and it always turn to the time we did that slab and then of course to hunting. I wis*

Richard Urbanek - March 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ *Mr. Collins was my 5th grade teacher at Locke Hill in 80-81. I still remember the pool party he had for us at his house. He had a great spirit and he will be truly missed.*

Lori Stanley Iannelli - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Mr. Collins will always have a special place in my heart! He was my teacher at Shenandoah Elementary. He truly was the best teacher I've ever had! He was so kind and so interesting. He built a playscape in the Kindergarten playground. He took us on field*

Linda McCoy-Schriever - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Mr. Collins was the coolest, most supportive teacher in my young life. I remember him describing the digestive system and I raised my hand to ask why babies weren't digested in the process. He blushed and told me to discuss that one with my mother. He wa*

Robin Cavanaugh - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

IL

“ *Jim taught my children at Shenandoah and I taught with him at Locke Hill. He was a special person that touched many lives. We offer our condolences to his family. He certainly left his genuine love of family and learning on so many. We were blessed to ha*

Irene San Martin Lancaster - March 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *I was very sorry to hear of the death of Jim. He was so good to me after my husband died in doing remodeling and repairs at my home. What a caring and thoughtful person he was! I will always remember him for his goodness and honesty. My sympathy to y*

Daravene Thomas - March 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I was very sorry to hear of the death of Jim. He was so good to me after my husband died in doing remodeling and repairs at my home. What a caring and special man he was! He touched so many lives and I know you will miss him deeply. Daravene Thomas

Daravene Thomas - March 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. May your memories give you strength, may you take comfort in knowing an angel is now watching over you.

Katherine & Christian Diana - March 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Coach Collins was my teacher, coach, mentor and idol. It was my fortune to have at Donna High School when he coached and taught there during the 50's. He was a major influence in my life. I coached and taught at the high school level because of Coach Coll

Kenneth Wilhite - March 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Anne, I was saddened to see your father's obituary in this morning's paper. I remember him as being a very friendly and energetic individual. I am glad you had so many good years with him, and I know he must have enjoyed all his grandchildren and great-gr

Richard Burris - March 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ To my sixth grade teacher at Locke Hill Elementary...even having a six grade reunion at Fort Clark Springs...words can not describe the tremendous impact you made on me and my classmates lives at a young age. Our field trips across the fence behind the s

Jo Beth Babcock Oestreich - March 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ At Donna Coach Jim Collins was one of the most important men in my life. He was my 6th, 7th, and 8th grade football coach & 8th grade math teacher He was moved up to High School coach and was my football coach my 9th and 10th grades. also Drivers Ed. teac

Roy Hayes - March 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ All of your students will miss you, Mr. Collins!

Jason Bell - March 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I was a teacher's aide for Mr Collins when my daughter was in the 4th and 5th grades 30 years ago. I always remembered him as a quiet, simple man who was loved by all his students.

Marti Gistaro - March 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Mr. Collins was my 4th and 5th grade teacher back in '76-78. He was absolutely my most favorite teacher in my entire life. We have actually been talking a lot recently about the impact he made on so many of our lives. He made learning so fun! We really lo

Jean Gistaro Matthews - March 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Mr. Collins was my fourth grade teacher at Shenandoah Elementary in the 1970s. I loved him dearly. He was my favorite teacher EVER! I have spoken to many friends who remember him the same way. He was the kindest, sweetest man. I am sure his family wi*

Laura Hill Clayton - March 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AU

“ *Grandpa,*

I love you and miss you so much already and look forward to seeing you again with Jesus!

Audrey - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM