



Michael Collins

May 24, 1953 - May 4, 2019

Michael Collins, 65 of Trenton has been accepted into God's loving embrace on Saturday, May 4, 2019 surrounded by his wonderful family and close friends. "Harpo", as he was affectionately referred to by some of his closest friends was a lifelong New Jersey resident who retired after dedicating 25 years to the City of Trenton as a building inspector. Michael was a Deacon of St. Joseph's Parish where he spent numerous hours teaching religious education and ministering the youth. He was very involved with his community coaching soccer, and volunteering as a member of the Fathers and men UNITED for a better Trenton and Sweat Equity Affordable Housing Programs.

Through his words and actions, he was an inspiration and model of Christian faith to many people, young and old alike. Those who followed him on social media looked forward to his uplifting morning postings that started off with, "Good morning good people!". Even during his most difficult times he would always have a welcoming smile. Michael understood that each day was a gift from God to unwrap and share with love.

Michael is predeceased by his mother Theresa (O'Neill) Collins.

Left to cherish his wonderful memory is his loving wife of over 36 years, Marlene Lao Collins, caring sons, Eric Collins and Abraham Collins, siblings and their spouses; Christine Costantino (Anthony), Diane Collins (Glenn Blue), David Collins (Madeline), Theresa Collins, and Francis Collins (Annie), mother in law Margarita Lao, brother in law Kelvin Lao (Josefina), nieces and nephews; Angela, Lil Anthony, Janine, Amanda, Alison, Nicholas, Sean, Christopher, Matthew, Timothy, Emily, Kaitlyn, Rowynn, Liam, Anamaria, Mariana, Kelvin Jr., and Jose as well as many great nieces and nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends will miss him deeply.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday; May 11, 2019, 10:00am at St. Joseph's Parish, 540 North Olden Avenue, Trenton NJ 08638. Visiting hours for family and friends will be held Friday, May 10, 2019 from 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday morning from 9:00am-9:45am at the church. Internment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, 1200 Cedar

Lane, Hamilton Township. In lieu of flowers the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to be made in his honor to St. Joseph Parish or The Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton at <https://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/donate>. Arrangements under the auspices of funeral directors David C. Chiacchio, CFSP and Rhonda L. Rivera and the dedicated staff of the Chiacchio Southview Funeral Home.

Cemetery

St. Mary's Cemetery
1200 Cedar Lane
Hamilton, NJ, 08610

Events

MAY 10 Visitation 06:00PM - 09:00PM
St. Joseph Parish
540 N. Olden Avenue, Trenton, NJ, US, 08638

MAY 11 Visitation 09:00AM - 09:45AM
St. Joseph Parish
540 N. Olden Avenue, Trenton, NJ, US, 08638

MAY 11 Funeral Mass 10:00AM
St. Joseph Parish
540 N. Olden Avenue, Trenton, NJ, US, 08638

Comments



“ MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY AT THIS TIME. MAY GOD BLESS. E.LEWIS.

Elizabeth Lewis - May 11, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories



Jennifer Leip - May 10, 2019 at 03:30 PM



“ Sending love, hugs, and prayers to Marlene, Eric, & Abe. You've always been like family to me and my family, and that'll never change. Coach Mike had the biggest heart, and the best laugh and he will be forever missed. We lost a great man on earth, but we gained an angel :)



Maria Rodriguez - May 10, 2019 at 03:13 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Collins.



May 10, 2019 at 01:27 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Michael Collins.



May 10, 2019 at 10:30 AM



“ Pat & Lucille Rosace & sons purchased the Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden for the family of Michael Collins.



Pat & Lucille Rosace & sons - May 09, 2019 at 12:12 PM



“ White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Collins.



May 09, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Collins.



May 08, 2019 at 04:25 PM



“ God took home one of his special children.

Lydia Vigh - May 08, 2019 at 01:09 PM



“ John Westervelt, CEO and all of the staff at CCAN purchased the Blue & White Standing Wreath for the family of Michael Collins.



John Westervelt, CEO and all of the staff at CCAN - May 08, 2019 at 12:35 PM