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George Lawrence Collins, Jr., 76, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, and a resident of Mandeville for the past 38 years, passed away on Friday, January 15, 2021 in Mandeville. He is survived by his wife, Judy Collins, the love of his life, who he informed on their second date that she would marry him someday. They celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary this past fall. Also survived by his children, who he adored, Dr. Bridgette M. Collins-Burow (Matthew), Brett M. Collins (Patricia) and the four joys of his life, his grandsons Brandon Edward Burow, Nathan Lawrence Burow, Logan Anthony Collins and Joshua George Collins. He was never happier than when he was able to spend time and vacations with them. Hugs, kisses and the words “I Love You” were always a part of the moments that they shared. He is the brother of Patricia Roth Schmidt and was preceded in death by his parents George L. Collins, Sr. and Isabelle V. Collins. George considered his greatest achievement in life was not fame, fortune, status or any other material accomplishment. It was that he was able to lovingly raise and guide his two children to be the loving, kind, hard working, successful individuals that they are. For all that knew him, they would agree, that the love of family and friends defined the way George lived. He was the greatest role model – an amazing, devoted dad, coach, colleague, grandfather, husband and friend. As a husband, George was Judy’s love and best friend. As a dad, he believed in his children’s dreams and aspirations and instilled the joy of love and family. As a grandfather, he was the gatekeeper of our family, sharing stories, fun, and love with his grandsons, ensuring that his love and spirit will live on through all of us. He will be missed by all who knew him. He is a 1962 graduate of St. Aloysius (a Crusader always), secured his Bachelor’s degree at Southeastern Louisiana University and was a dedicated employee and retired after 41 years of employment with Traveler’s Insurance Company. He was responsible for setting up the first football and baseball teams in Driftwood Park Subdivision to participate in the Kenner Recreation



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Department's sports program. He volunteered as a coach for five years and took his last football team to become city champs. The subdivision honored him for his dedication to the kids by asking him to be the first King of the Driftwood Park Carnival Parade, an honor he was unable to fill due to a mandatory business commitment in Hartford, Connecticut. He did serve as the parade's second king. He also coached his kid's recreational soccer, baseball and softball teams as they grew up and never missed a game when they played soccer for Mandeville High. George had many critical illnesses in his lifetime, but took each one of them on with determination to survive and not place a burden on his family during these difficult times. He was the recipient of a kidney transplant in 2005, and each day since, he has said a prayer for the donor and their family, who generously gave their loved one's kidney to him. He treated that kidney with care and it gave him the opportunity to live a full life for 15 and a half years allowing him to see his 4 grandsons born, be a part of their life and watch them grow into the fine young men they are becoming. He wanted his donor's family to know that his kidney was still doing well at the time of his passing. You have his and his family's eternal gratitude for that gift. In consideration and concern for friends and family, George and his family did not want to have them possibly exposed to the COVID-19 virus, so they have elected to have a private service. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Kidney Foundation of LA. The family invites you to express your fond thoughts, memories and condolences online at www.ejfieldingfh.com.



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TS

Tom Sheldon posted:

Judy & Brett, I hope this little note gets to you as I just today, February 4 found out about George's passing. I hope you remember me from the high school and soccer days. I want to tell you how very sorry I am to hear of this and give you my family's deepest sympathy and condolences. George was a special person with a wonderful soul. I will always remember his great smile and positive attitude. I always enjoyed my visits with him either in the stands at the high school or the soccer fields or when I would run into him in the community. Always full of life. I always enjoyed smiling, laughing and just his company and visiting with him. Remember his great big beautiful smile and joy of life and he will always be with you. I know he loved you both very much as he told me so many times when we talked of family and life. God Bless you and his loss is a loss for humanity. he was a true Gentleman and I will always remember him. again, my deepest sympathy for you loss. Tom Sheldon

February 4 at 6:01 AM

SH

Sue Hutchinson posted:

I worked with George for many years at Travelers. I will always remember his kindness and friendly nature. He liked to talk about his family and his dogs. My condolences go out to his wife and family. Sue Hutchinson - former coworker at Travelers.

January 26 at 8:47 AM

JT

Jean Turner posted:

Remembering George - a true gentleman who always had a laugh and a smile for you. Jean Drufner (Traveler's co-worker)

January 26 at 2:44 AM

KS

Kenny Spellman posted:

On behalf of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Alumni Association and Brother Martin High School, I offer our prayers and condolences. We will say a Mass in his memory. Father of all, we pray to you for George, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Kenny Spellman '84 Brother Martin High School

January 25 at 4:55 AM



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MR

Mark Roark posted:

George was my mentor 45 years ago when I started at Travelers. Great man.

January 24 at 2:30 PM

LT

Leon Toups posted:

Judy, our prayers go out to you and members of your family. George was my friend and we used to travel to our Aloysius dinners together as we both live on the northshore. I did call about 2 weeks ago and just wanted to chat and catch up on the happenings in our lives. Never did I think that when you called to tell me of his passing, he would already be in heaven drinking an Old Fashion. I will never forget him as good true friends are hard to find. He was that and more. Leon and Lynda Toups

January 22 at 12:08 PM

RO

Randy Oddo posted:

George was a great classmate and St, Aloysius Crusader. He was a role model for caring and giving. I'll miss him and keep him in my prayers. God is with us. Randy Oddo

January 22 at 11:11 AM



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GS

George Stricklin posted:

My prayers and sympathy to the Collins family...George Stricklin, former co-worker at Travelers.

January 22 at 8:20 AM

JC

Jeffrey Clement January 25 at 5:02 AM

Judy, Karen and I were heartbroken to learn of George's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. George was a great support when I began working at Travelers, He will be missed.Jeff Clement

TL

Terry Langley January 23 at 4:07 AM

So sorry to hear about your family's loss. I know you will miss him greatly. I will always remember George as a dedicated and loyal employee who loved teaching younger people and enjoyed everyone he worked with.Terry Langley

WH

Will Hunn January 22 at 11:09 AM

My heartfelt condolences go out to Judy and the entire Collins family who have all lost a wonderful, very sweet man.I will always cherish memories of the many laughs and good times George and I shared as roommates during our freshman college year at SLC in Hammond. Here's one of them: It may have been our first night in the Holloway Smith dorm, and we were both being studious (or at least trying hard to be so) when, suddenly, I sneezed. "Aw, shut-up!" George yelled. I completely broke up, convulsed with laughter. But that was George.With much love,Will Hunn



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring George by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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