



Mr. Donald George Collins

August 23, 1937 - November 26, 2021

Donald George Collins of Chester, Maryland died Friday, November 26, 2021, at his home. He was 84.

Born August 23, 1937, in Oswego, New York, he was the son of the late Gardner Nelson and Agnes Mrozenski Collins.

Donald grew up in upstate New York before moving to New York City where he met his wife Barbara whom he married in 1962. He studied engineering in college, completing his studies after a term in the United States Army, serving in El Paso, Texas. He and his wife and young daughter Deborah returned to New York where he soon began working for Grumman Aerospace, beginning a career he would enjoy for over 35 years as a structural engineer. During his time at Grumman, he worked on numerous projects including the Apollo Lunar Module, the F-14 Tomcat and the A-6 Intruder. After briefly living in Hicksville on Long Island, he and his family settled in Port Jefferson Station, New York where they would live for almost 30 years. Along with his daughter Deborah he had two sons, Gregory and Glenn.

Donald grew up with a love of camping and the outdoors which he passed onto his family by way of numerous, memorable road trips all around the country. He loved to work with his hands, creating shelves, cabinetry and tables for the house as well as a number of outdoor projects. An avid reader of science fiction, he loved Asimov, Clarke and Heinlein and always had a book on his bedside table.

After he retired from Grumman in the 1990's he and his wife moved to Arizona for a few years before settling in Chester, Maryland for the remainder of his life.

Donald is survived by his loving wife Barbara Collins of Chester, MD; daughter, Deborah Krueger (Dennis) of Stevensville, MD; sons, Greg Collins (Elaine) of FL and Glenn Collins (Jennifer) of CA; ten grandchildren, Christopher, Caroline, Erik, Jonathan, Kayla, Matthew, Michael, Joshua, Oliver, and Sebastian.

There will be no services at this time. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to
Compass Regional Hospice, Inc. 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Comments



“ The BPD (Baltimore Police Dept) would like to send warm wishes to the family of Mr. Collins. Mr. Collins' grandson (Christopher) works close with the BPD and we send our warmest regards during this time of remembrance.

PO Cossentino - November 30, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ Thank you so much for your kind words.

Deborah Krueger - November 30, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ Mary Quinn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald George Collins



Mary Quinn - November 29, 2021 at 09:42 PM



“ Thank you Mary

Deborah Krueger - November 30, 2021 at 09:13 PM



“ Sending condolences to the family. Best wishes for peace and loving memories.



Norah Quinn McCormick - November 29, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ Thank you so much.

Deborah Krueger - November 30, 2021 at 09:14 PM



“ Love you always grandpa



Caroline Krueger - November 29, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ Christopher Krueger lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald George Collins



Christopher Krueger - November 29, 2021 at 11:42 AM