



Max Carven Collins

December 21, 1920 - December 2, 2015

Died peacefully on December 2nd, 19 days shy of his 95th birthday, of causes incident to age. He was born December 21, 1920 in Macon, MI the son of Everett and Bessie (Carven) Collins. He had been a resident of Saline for most of his life. He graduated from Saline High School in 1939, continuing his education for a time at Eastern Michigan University. Max received his U.S. Navy officer's commission in March of 1945 and, after World War II, stayed active in the Naval Reserve, retiring as a commander in 1980. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan and had a long career in government contracts administration for the Ford Motor Co., and Ann Arbor area corporations Bendix, Conductron and KMS Industries retiring in 1986. Max married the love of his life, Jeannette Edith Clay on March 10, 1945 in a double ceremony with Jeannette's late sister Catherine and the late Milton Hartman at People's Church in East Lansing, MI. The two went on to raise a family of four children and to enjoy their eight grandchildren. President of the Saline Jaycees in the early 1950's and a member of the Saline City Council from 1952 to 1954, Max also served on the Saline Board of Education from 1967 to 1974 as treasurer and as president. An avid hunter and fisherman, Max enjoyed gardening, travel, photography and home improvement while remaining an enthusiastic follower of college and professional sports. For more than 35 years, his summers were spent at the beloved family cottage in Bay View, MI, where the peony garden, lovingly tended by Max and Jeannette, remains known throughout that community.

Both Max and Jeannette retained their membership in the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, MI for some 50 years. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Charles Everett Collins. Survivors include his wife of more than 70 years and children Julie Anne (the late Dale Wolke) of Northville, MI, Brian Clay (Roy Figurski) of Grosse Pointe, MI, Liza Lee (Richard Adams) of Libertyville, IL, and Kevin Jon (Colleen Coogan) of Rockport, MA. Grandchildren are: Ana and Mara Wolke, Emily (Stephen Siegel), Ethan and Eric (Jenny) Adams, Grace, Clara and Max Collins. Grand dog Edith May provided him much pleasure and comfort. Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 10:00 A.M. until the time of the Service at 11:00 A.M. at Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home 301 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI with Chaplain Cathy Rafferty, officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Saline followed by Military Honors under the auspices of the Veterans Honor Guard of Washtenaw County. In lieu of Flowers, memorial donations are suggested to Bay View Association, P.O. Box #583, Petoskey, MI 49770 (www.bayviewassociation.org) and envelopes will also be available at the Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
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Service

DEC 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

DEC 12. 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery
227 West Michigan Ave
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Honor Guard Presentation

DEC 12. 12:45 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Max Carven Collins*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Chip & Shelly Skinner and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Max Carven Collins.*



Chip & Shelly Skinner and Family - December 10, 2015 at 05:39 PM



“ *His life was one of faith, love, service and inspiration to all. Uncle Max touched many lives that are far, far better because of him. Kim and I will miss him deeply.*

Randy and Kim Francisco

Randy - December 08, 2015 at 08:42 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers for the entire Collins family. Such a wonderful family man and what a great sense of humor he had. I met Liza when we were young girls and we had a special friendship. I am so sorry for Liza, Richard, and family. I'm sure this is very tough for Jeanette.*

Sarah and Fred Finnen

Sarah Finnen - December 07, 2015 at 10:24 PM

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“ *The Nebel, Hansen, Palmer families were next door neighbors to Max and Jeanette in Bay View, Michigan for many years. Max was an observant servant of Christ. He was a good neighbor and he was active in the Bay View community. He could always be counted on to lend a helping hand or an item from his array of tools. The cottage always bustled during summers with comings and goings of family. We pray the family will know the peace and solace which will come from many happy memories.*

Nancy and Phil Palmer - December 06, 2015 at 05:28 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



George Moser - December 05, 2015 at 06:07 PM

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“ *There is no time that I don't remember knowing about Uncle Max. Even though we did not see him often he was part of our family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Terrie Eroh - December 03, 2015 at 09:08 PM