



## Robert Lynn Collins

September 29, 1940 - July 21, 2024

Robert “Bob” Collins 83, of Saline, Michigan passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, July 21, 2024. He was born September 29, 1940 to the late James Lynn Collins and the late Clela Alene (Adair) Collins in Milan, Michigan.

On December 9, 1983 he married the late Karen Doss Collins. He and Karen both brought two children to the marriage. Bob’s children are James “Jim” (Sheryl) Collins of Upland, CA and Tracy Bender of Portland, OR. Karen’s children are Eric Doss of Lansing and Theresa (Chris) Zahn, of Saline.

Bob joined the Navy when he finished high school, where he was a radio operator on the USS Edisto, an icebreaker that was stationed in Greenland. After four years, he left the navy and got a job as an assistant manager at the grocery store Vescio’s in Saline. Never one that enjoyed being indoors or sitting at a desk all day, he looked for a job that would be a better fit for him. He ended up driving a delivery truck for Holsum Bread before moving to O&W where he worked for over 20 years in sales and beer delivery. He retired in 2000 and then volunteered with Meals on Wheels and other organizations. He enjoyed having more time to spend with family, going on family trips every two years, canoeing trips up north, grandkid’s concerts and activities, trips to California and Oregon to see his kids and great grandkids.

Bob enjoyed playing most sports, but especially baseball. He played in softball

leagues up until his 60's and then played in two over 70's hardball tournaments. He was an avid sports fan and had season tickets to the Detroit Tigers and the University of Michigan Men's Basketball team. When not attending games he would follow all the local teams (GO BLUE!) and it seemed like there was always a game on for him to enjoy.

Bob had a deep love of music. He played the trombone in high school, loved discovering new music and going to concerts. Singing however was his lifelong passion. He sang in the church choir at the Saline Presbyterian Church for over 50 years. He also joined the Choral Connection, an Ann Arbor based song-and-dance troupe. He loved singing with this group and after a few years became a part of a smaller offshoot group of The Choral Connection, Etcetera. This group specialized in four-part vocals and stylized choreography. He really pushed himself out of his comfort zone performing with both those groups and it brought him so much joy over the 18 years they sang together.

Survivors include eleven grandkids, Jeffrey (Brittany) Collins, Gregory Collins, Sunshine Bender, Eryn Collins, Alexis "Ace" Compton, Christopher Zahn, Shelby Compton, Avery Bender, Thomas Zahn, Elliott Doss, Olivia Doss. Six great-grandkids, Lincoln Collins, Samson Collins, Cassidy Collins, Nora Collins, Wyatt Moench, and Lucy Moench, and many nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his brother Bruce Collins

His loss is felt deeply by his family and the in-home caregivers, who provided such compassionate and loving care for him over the past two years.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Tuesday, August 6th from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. Visitation will continue on Wednesday, August 7th at the First Presbyterian Church of Saline, from 10:00am until the time of the memorial service at

11:00am. Inurnment will take place in the Oakwood Cemetery Mausoleum following the service. A luncheon will also be held at the Church following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Saline or to the Parkinson's Foundation. To leave a memory you have of Bob, to sign his guestbook, or for directions, please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com  
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

## Visitation

AUG 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Saline  
143 E. Michigan Avenue  
Saline, MI 48176  
<http://salinepres.org/>

## Memorial Service

AUG 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Saline  
143 E. Michigan Avenue  
Saline, MI 48176  
<http://salinepres.org/>

## Inurnment in Columbarium

AUG 7. 12:20 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery  
227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

## Luncheon

AUG 7. 12:20 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JW

“ Jeff & Margie witt purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Lynn Collins.



Jeff & Margie witt - August 06, 2024 at 12:42 PM

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“ Jeff & Margie witt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Lynn Collins.

Jeff & Margie witt - August 06, 2024 at 12:42 PM

SI

“ To the entire family of Robert Collins , please accept my deepest condolences . 🌸 🌸 🌸  
Bob was a great and loving gentleman . May his gentle soul rest in peace and may the Lord grant his family and friends comfort and the fortitude to bear his loss 🙏 🙏 🙏

Stephanie Idanwekhai - August 05, 2024 at 12:15 PM

SP

Bob was a great man. My dad Jerry played softball and tennis with Bob in their senior years. My mom Ginny and I worked with Karen for many years. May they rest in peace together.

Sue Pennington - August 08, 2024 at 09:44 PM

SF

“ Stephanie Idanwekhai and family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Lynn Collins.



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**Stephanie Idanwekhai and family.** - August 05, 2024 at 12:01 PM

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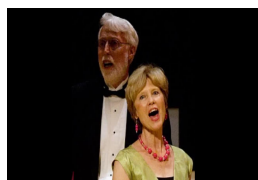
“ I knew Bob when he worked for O&W. I had a sales route that coincided with his. We ran into each other often throughout the day while we worked. He was always cheerful and funny as we crossed paths. I was so surprised to find him in Saline when he retired. We always exchanged those same friendly greetings here at home when running into each other.  
My sincere condolences to his family. I know he is missed.  
Nancy Fidler

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**Nancy Fidler** - July 27, 2024 at 06:10 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Bob Collins Performing



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**Steven H Mandell** - July 26, 2024 at 06:20 PM



*thanks for sharing this, very nice to see.*

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**Carter Bishop** - July 28, 2024 at 11:39 AM



“ Dear Family,

*I am very saddened to see that your father/grandfather has passed. I consider myself fortunate to have been in the church choir alongside Bob for many years. I relied on Bob's leadership and musical talents to help me with learning new music on a weekly basis. Bob's voice was amazing, his vocal range and vibrato were incredible. When you heard Bob's voice you knew for sure who was singing. I'll remember Bob for his quiet and soft spoken demeanor, he was a kind, caring and generous man. His passing brings much sorrow but knowing he is reunited with his lovely wife Karen is comforting. Hugs and prayers for the family and those that loved Bob the most.*

*Carter Bishop III*

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**Carter Bishop** - July 25, 2024 at 08:29 AM



“ Dear Collins family so sorry for your loss. Being a fellow Navy man Bob & I enjoyed talking about the good ole days. Really enjoyed his conversation on his many walks in the neighborhood. Heck even went to a couple road trips to away U of M football games. With him & his son Jlm.

*Bob went to Navy Radioman school in Bainbridge, Maryland which happen to be my first duty station just after Bob left there.*

*Anchors Aweigh Sailor*

*George Perrault  
Saline, Mi*

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**george perrault** - July 25, 2024 at 08:03 AM