



## Verne William Collison

October 11, 1929 - January 28, 2017

At the age of 86, passed away on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at home surrounded by family. Verne was born on October 11, 1929 in Saginaw, Michigan the son of Vern and Carine (Thompson) Collison. Verne served in the Navy Reserves in Saginaw Bay before joining the Army and serving during the Korean War. On October 24, 1953 he married Florence Symons who survives him. They were married in Saginaw, Michigan where they lived for several years before settling in Saline, Michigan. Verne is survived by his wife of 63 years, Florence, and 4 of their children Richard (MaryAnn) Collison, Robert (Cindy) Collison, Kenneth (Janie) Collison and Diane (Arnold) Neitzke and along with his grandchildren Brandi (Aaron) Brendtke, Kelli (Wayne) Collison, Benjamin (Becky) Collison, Adam Neitzke, Kevin Collison, Shane Neitzke and Jessica Neitzke and several great grandchildren. Verne was preceded in death by two children Mary Jo Collison and Mark Collison along with his parents Vern and Carine Collison and two brothers Donald and Bruce Collison. Verne was a member of St. Andrew the Apostle Church for over 50 years where he served in many different capacities including usher for many years. He loved to drive to visit with friends and family. He enjoyed Tiger games, John Wayne movies and bird watching. He attended nearly all his grandchildren's sports events rather it be soccer, jump rope, tennis or hockey he was there cheering them on. A Mass of the Christian Burial will take place on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 11:00 AM at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. Francis Mossholder as Celebrant. Following the

service burial will take place in Oakwood Cemetery in Saline. Military Honors will take place under the auspices of the Washtenaw County Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers a memorial contribution may be made to the Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)) or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation ([www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org)) Envelopes will be available at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home, 301 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI 48176 where family will receive friends on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, with a prayer service at 6:00 PM. The family will continue to receive friends at the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 10:00 A.M. until the time of the Mass at 11:00 A.M. To sign Verne's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 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

FEB 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Drive  
Saline, MI 48176  
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

## Mass of the Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Verne William Collison*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Jeannie Giggey lit a candle in memory of Verne William Collison*



**Jeannie Giggey** - February 08, 2017 at 04:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Verne William Collison.*



February 01, 2017 at 09:46 AM



“ *Chris and Amanda Cummings purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Verne William Collison.*



**Chris and Amanda Cummings** - February 01, 2017 at 08:03 AM

MC

“ *Dad Collison was a great father-in-law. He was kind hearted & would do anything for you. He loved his family very much. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, & great grandfather. He also liked his Detroit Tigers & John Wayne. He enjoyed being outside on the farm, & when the snow blew, he would head to the warm sunshine state. He was the only guy I knew that would get a suntan that lasted for months. I'm sure he is enjoying the sun up there. I will miss you Dad C. Love you, RIP :-)*

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**Mary Collison** - January 31, 2017 at 10:09 PM

RA

“ *Dear Collison Family,*

*I'm truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.*

*Rachel Capper Chapman ( Ken and Janie's Friend)*

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**Rachel** - January 31, 2017 at 08:54 PM

AM

“ *Grandpa Collison was such a kind hearted, loving man. I'll never forget his laugh and how he put family before anything. He will be sorely missed always.*



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**Amber** - January 31, 2017 at 01:04 PM

JB

“ So very sorry to hear of the loss of a St. Andrew leader and champion! He will be missed. I will keep him and all the family in my prayers.

*Joe Bernbeck*

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**Joe Bernbeck** - January 31, 2017 at 10:39 AM

DF

“ Diane, May God comfort you and your family at this time. Debby Feger (St. M M ,religious formation)



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**Deb Feger** - January 31, 2017 at 02:41 AM

KJ

“ I remember Verne well from back in my Boy Scout days in Saline. He always called me by my Boy Scout nickname "Tiny" well in to my adult years when we would run into each other around Saline. Prayers to the Collison Family, cherish the memories.

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**Kenneth H. Rogers, Jr.** - January 30, 2017 at 12:14 PM