



Evelyn Graves Collins

August 9, 1931 - July 26, 2024

Evelyn Graves Collins died July 26, 2024, at 92 years young. She was born in Memphis, Tennessee on August 9, 1931. She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Bill Collins; sons, Billy Collins and Steve Collins; parents, John and Ruth Graves, sister, Ruth Webb and brothers, John Graves, Donald Graves and Lawrence Graves.

She is survived by her daughter, Christi (Johnny) Mitcham, and son, Danny Collins; 6 grandchildren, Geoff (Jennifer) Collins, Ashley (Dustin) Thompson, Ansley (Danny) Enger, Dylan Collins, Anna Danielle Collins and Rhett Collins; 5 great-grandchildren, Peyton Thompson, Presley Thompson, Parker Thompson, Astrid Collins and Emily Anne Enger, daughter-in-law, Barbra Vlass and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend their deep gratitude to Rosemary Van Le and Sandy Turbyfield whom they all loved for the love, kindness, caregiving and companionship they provided to her in recent years.

She graduated from O'Keefe High School in 1948. She and Bill married in 1950 and had 4 children. They enjoyed raising their family, traveling and even working together for years after their children were grown.

She loved and was proud of her family, friends and her faith. She enjoyed

traveling, shopping, jigsaw puzzles, board games, crossword puzzles, reading and cooking. Her family gathered together for a Sunday meal each and every Sunday. When she turned the cooking over to Christi, they continued to enjoy meals with her at her home, up to and including last Sunday. She loved Conyers First Methodist Church, especially the 47 years she spent almost every Sunday teaching the 4-year-old Sunday School class. She enjoyed all sports, especially college basketball and college football. She was extremely proud of her grandson Geoff for his achievements as a college football coach both on and off the field. Especially for the positive impact he had on countless young men over the years. She was an avid walker. For years, until the age of 86, she walked 4 miles per day, 5 days a week with a group of friends at Stonecrest Mall before it opened for business. In recent years, she became more limited physically, but her sense of humor, faith, spirit, feistiness and love remained strong.

We will celebrate Evelyn's life on Monday, July 29 at Conyers First Methodist Church (921 N. Main Street, Conyers, 30012) with a 1:00 pm visitation followed by a 2:00 pm service. There will be no graveside service. Please don't feel limited to wearing dark colors; Evelyn loved bright colors, and the family will be wearing them in her honor.

Condolences may be submitted online at www.ScotWard.com. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Conyers First Methodist Church or the Nancy Guinn Library.

Cemetery Details

East View Cemetery

1127 East View Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

Conyers First United Methodist
921 North Main St NW
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

JUL 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KA

“ *Danny, our prayers are with you and your family. Your mom was always so sweet to me when we were growing up.* ”

Kathy Barbaree Allen - July 29, 2024 at 06:08 PM

SC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Sweet Lady. Praying for the family.* ”

Serita Capes - July 29, 2024 at 03:06 PM



“ *61 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Scot Ward Funeral Services - July 28, 2024 at 09:22 AM

DG

“ *Donnie & Donna Graves planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evelyn Graves Collins.* ”

Donnie & Donna Graves - July 27, 2024 at 11:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn Graves Collins.*



July 27, 2024 at 11:32 PM



“ *Alan and Nancy Treadwell purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Evelyn Graves Collins.*



Alan and Nancy Treadwell - July 27, 2024 at 09:25 PM



“ *Stan & Pam Hess purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Evelyn Graves Collins.*



Stan & Pam Hess - July 27, 2024 at 09:11 PM



“ *Evelyn was truly one of a kind, she had an incredible sense of humor, was wicked smart and a kindhearted/giving woman. I loved my Aunt growing up and it was always wonderful seeing and spending time with her and her family. She has joined her brother's John & Lawrence and (my father) Don (aka "Duck") her sister Ruth and her mom & dad. Rest Easy and Know You Were Loved.*

Donnie Graves - July 27, 2024 at 07:15 PM

BH

“ As the parents of Jennifer Collins, wife of Geoff, we had the honor and privilege of knowing Evelyn for the last 29 years. She welcomed us into her home and family, loved our daughter and granddaughter for which we are thankful and have many fond memories of sharing meals, birthdays and football games together as one big family! I am assured that Evelyn is now reaping her reward of her heavenly home and experienced joy beyond measure at her reunion with her loved ones and her heavenly Father! As the daughter of a Gideon member, my Dad, we will send an honorary gift to the organization for the purchase of Bibles in Evelyn’s name. Knowing how she loved sharing the love of Jesus as a Sunday School teacher for many years I think she would like that her ministry continues on to those that receive a copy of the Word of God in her memory. We send our love and condolences to all the Collins family at this time. John and Becky Haynes 🙏❤️

Becky Haynes - July 27, 2024 at 06:51 PM

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“ The Olde Town Runners purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Evelyn Graves Collins.



The Olde Town Runners - July 27, 2024 at 04:39 PM