



## James Howard Collins

December 3, 1925 - October 12, 2014

### Obituary of James Collins

J. Howard Collins, 88, of Leesburg, FL and formerly, a longtime resident of Coconut Creek, FL was born December 3, 1925 and passed away October 12, 2014. He was a WWII veteran who proudly served his country in the US Air Force. He was very active in the Civil Air Patrol where he served as Florida Director of Aerospace Education and recently received his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. Professionally, Mr. Collins worked for and retired from the Broward County School System. He moved to Leesburg from Coconut Creek in 2009 and was a member of the Southpointe Baptist Fellowship in Leesburg

Survivors include: wife of 44 years Bonnie of Leesburg; daughter Charlotte (David) Dougherty of Ames, IA; son Edward Buchanan of Torrington WY; daughter Tammy (Albert) Vanderbilt of Cincinnati, OH; special niece, Cynthia Brewster; grandchildren: Holland, Mariah, Erin, Liam, Emily, Lily, Campbell, Aiden and Ava.

Funeral Services for Mr. Collins will be held on Friday October 17, 2014 at 11 AM in the Chapel of Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral service and a Committal Service including

Military Honors will be held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. Flowers will be received at Beyers Funeral Home and donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at [jdrf.org](http://jdrf.org).

# Tribute Wall

PG

“ Bonnie and Family, It is with great sadness that I hear the news of Howard's passing. Although I was never a student of his, I must say that as a automotive instructor and director of vocational education he had quite an influence in the career path I chose. For this I will be forever grateful. My mom, Sarah, and I have fond memories of the days we were all neighbors in Coconut Creek. He will be missed Please accept our sincerest condolences. Paul, Sarah, Agar, Maria and Michael Gianmoena

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**Paul Gianmoena** - October 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ So sorry for your loss.

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**Laura Werts** - October 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Bonnie, My condolence to you and the family on the loss of Howard. He now celebrates with Our Lord. I enjoyed his fellowship at church each Sunday. My Prayers are with you. Jack and Sharaon

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**Jack H Wineinger** - October 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Dear Bonnie & Family, I am so sorry to read today of the passing of Howard. Bonnie, you & I were working companions for several years at Deerfield Beach High School . Both of us were blessed to have loving families. Treasure your memories - they will help sustain you during this very sad time. My deepest condolences to all of you. Sincerely, Virginia

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**virginia French** - October 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ I wish to extend my deepest condolences to the family of Howard Collins. I had the honor of interviewing Howard for Lakefront TV, during the interview, I was touched by his compassion for the young people of the Civil Air Patrol. Howard was not only a good family man, educator and friend. He was a great American and hero. Howard will never be forgotten because he made this world a better place. I Salute you my Friend! Bob Peters.

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**Robert Peters** - October 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ James Howard Collins

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October 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM