



David N. Collins

November 28, 2002

David N. Collins of Powder Hill Farm in Hazardville, Connecticut, and Ft. Pierce, Florida died on Thursday, November 28, 2002, at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center in Ft. Pierce, Florida. He was born in Hazardville on January 17, 1923, the son of the late Marshall and Jennie Haigh Collins. He graduated from Enfield High School and enlisted in the US Army during World War II. He served in North Africa and Italy.

Following the War, Dave attended the University of Connecticut at Storrs and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree. He again served his country by enlisting in the US Air Force during the Korean War and served in the Philippines. He was married for 46 years to the former Jeanne Marie Collins on June 26, 1948. Mrs. Collins died on July 6, 1994.

He founded the David N. Collins Agency and worked as a real estate appraiser for nearly 40 years before retiring. He was a member of the American Legion, Veteran's of Foreign Wars, Rotary, active in numerous community activities and was an avid photographer.

He is survived by a son, Marshall R. Collins and his wife Maureen of Salem, and a daughter, Robin A. Gold and her husband John of Greenwich, three grandchildren, Meghan L. Collins of Salem, M. Randall Collins, Jr., of West Hartford, and Alexander Whiting Gold of Greenwich, one great-grandson, Hunter Collins Whitcomb of Salem and many nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by his sister, Frances Whitehead of Washington Depot, and two brothers, Walter Collins of Simsbury and Warren Collins of Shapleigh,

Maine. He is predeceased by two sisters, Marie Graham, Muriel Collins and a brother Edwin Collins.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2002, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Hazardville United Methodist Church. Arrangements are being made by Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Contributions may be made in his memory to Hospice of Southeast Connecticut, 179 Galivan Lane, PO Box 902, Uncasville, Connecticut 06382-0902 or to American Legion Post 40, 810 South US 1, Ft. Pierce, Florida 34950. Please share a memory of David with his family on our online guest book by clicking "sign memorial guestbook" at the top of the page.

Tribute Wall

PJ

“ *My deepest heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.*

Dave was a joy to know. As the Assessor of Suffield, I frequently sought Dave's opinions on real estate values. No one knew Suffield like Dave Collins. But the best part was how he would light up the office just by stepping into it. I always enjoyed seeing his face on the other side of my counter and always stopped what I might be doing to hear what Dave had to say. He always seemed so jolly; he was one of my favorite business acquaintances.

Pat Juda - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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FP

“*Memories of David--I have many since I spent more than half of his career at "David N. Collins Agency" working for him. Mostly I remember how everyone came there--clients, old friends, new friends, family, children, pets--and he had time for each and every one. David listened and knew what to say to everyone--even marriage counseling! It was a gift. My exposure to this "homey" little office was a joy, not a job. And, Dave treated my daughter with great respect and she benefited from his ideals through her growing up years. We learned much from Dave--watching falcons across the street, taking care of his pet crow, watching Abbe, helping photographing my cat. Dave said I needed a cat after I lost my dog--and he was right. I'm sure I could go on, memories of David will continue on throughout my life and very much appreciated.*

Sincerely, Fran Permatteo

Frances Permatteo - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ We knew Dave for just over twenty years, having met when he and Jeanne moved to Glastonbury. From the outset it was clear that he was a special guy, someone you would be proud to call friend.

In many ways he was an ideal friend. Serious and caring when that was what you needed, humorous and bawdy very irreverent when the mood wasn't somber. The 'bawdy' side of his humor was frequently shown in the email jokes he was so fond of forwarding.

Over the years we spent many pleasant hours together, a few times to the casino, a few times on photographic journeys. But mostly just talking and visiting.

In 1995 we moved to Maryland. At just about the same time he started to winter in Florida I remember something like, 'it's too damn cold for this old guy in Connecticut any more'. Fortunately we were more-or-less on the route from Connecticut to Florida, so each fall we'd see him for a day or so as he traveled south and each spring as he returned home. Every visit was a treat!

From many conversations I know that Dave did not fear death. He attributed that to his experience in W.W.II, having seen so many die young. Sixteen or seventeen years ago he started having cardiac problems, but never let it get him down. His attitude always seemed to be upbeat...he was far less worried about his longevity than were those who cared for him. I bet that even at the end he was thankful for all the 'borrowed time' he enjoyed but not all afraid of passing.

He will be sorely missed.

Penny & Steve Tozier - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ To the family of Dave Collins:

Many years ago I met Dave through my father, John T. Dunn, Jr., who was also an appraiser. Since my father and I shared office space, I would often hear dad and Dave discussing not only land and property values, but the "health" of the nation as well as local politics. They always seemed to be on the same page.

I got to know Dave and for a number of years, on dad's birthday, I would treat dad, Dave and another appraiser, Art Kelly. I would remain silent and listen to the three friends reminisce about cases, past and present. That was really a "treat"!

It was always a pleasure to be with Dave- he was a true gentleman. In later years, Dave and I exchanged Christmas cards with a personal note inscribed therein. I will miss his cheerful demeanor , and I convey my deepest sympathy to all of you.

*Sincerely,
Mort Dunn*

J. Morton Dunn - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Regret his passing. A fine gentleman with a great sense of humor. We enjoyed the presence of both his wife and he when they lived and worked in Suffield. I had quite a lot of contact with Dave since I served as Town Clerk while they were in Suffield.*

McCarty, Dorothy K. - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Wish to offer my sympathy & condolences. Met Dave when I was the Director of Redevelopment in Suffield some many years ago. Dave provided appraisal services & I was able to establish a warm & friendly relationship with him. Truly a gentleman in every sense of the word. Was a pleasure to have known & done some work with him.*

Raymond S. Deptulski,Sr. - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM