



Danny Roger Collins

March 18, 1948 - September 30, 2023

Danny R. Collins age 75 of Kingston was called home to the Lord on Saturday, September 30, 2023. Danny was of the Baptist faith. He was a business owner and master mechanic of Import Enterprise for 40 years, owner of Rockwood Aviation and manager of Rockwood Municipal Airport for 17 years, where he was a pilot and aviation mechanic. He had an unsurpassed love of music and a great love of water for boating and fishing. He was thankful for his many longtime friends.

Danny was a United States Army Veteran, serving his country from January 1968 to January 1971. He also served a 13 month tour of Vietnam. After his tours of duty, he had the privilege of serving as the Military Honor Escort to fallen Army Heros.

Preceded in death by parents: B.F. and Nancy Gilliam Collins, brother: Ralph Collins.

Survived by wife: Janet Collins, sister; Shelby Collins Todd, brothers; Don and Larry Collins, niece; Teresa Buchholz, and nephew; Brian Collins.

The Collins Family is exceptionally grateful for the exceptional care by Dr. Miriam Tedder and Dr. Michael Thompson.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project P.O. Box 758516 Topeka, KS 66675.

A Celebration of Life will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 20, 2023, at Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston, with full military honors by the Roane County Military Memorial Honor Guard and Tennessee Army National Guard. Kyker

Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Collins Family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Danny Roger Collins*



Kyker Funeral Home - October 18, 2023 at 03:22 PM

GC

Wonderful lovely life. Brings tears of sadness and joy. He will be always loved!!!

Gay Carroll - October 18, 2023 at 09:06 PM

SD

Beautiful memories! ❤️

Suzi Sissom Dennis - October 25, 2023 at 06:41 PM

SC

“ *Danny Collins was like family in my parent's home! My name is Suzanne (Archer) Casey and I first met Danny in 1970, the year he brought my brother, Danny Lee Archer, home to rest. My brother was killed in Vietnam attempting to rescue fellow soldiers. Danny Collins was a Military Honor Escort assigned to bring my brother home to Garfield, Washington, a small farming community in Eastern Washington. With so few services available in town, my parents invited Danny to stay in our home, something he later shared never happened with any of the other families. Thus began an extended friendship and special relationship that lasted over fifty years. I am so grateful my husband and I had the opportunity to meet Janet and Danny a few years ago in Nashville. It brought back a flood of memories and made wonderful new ones. What a coincidence, two Dannys in one family, and now back together. I miss them and fondly remember both!* Suzanne Casey

Suzanne Kay Casey - October 23, 2023 at 02:22 PM

JC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



JERRY L CARROLL - October 21, 2023 at 03:44 PM

JC

Danny saved my life more than once

JERRY L CARROLL - October 21, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ As Danny’s nephew, I had the privilege of watching in fascination as he found interests in various things and then did them to the nth degree. If he set out to do something, he did it, perfectly. I was always in awe of what he accomplished. He was immensely inspiring. It taught me at a young age that there was nothing you couldn’t accomplish if you put your mind to it. He’s one of the people I can say I truly admired the most in this world. I’ll miss the opportunity to continue to see what challenge he would conquer next. Loved you Danny, more than you probably knew.

Alex Clinton - October 20, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ Janet,
I am so very sorry to hear of Danny's passing. God certainly threw away the mold when he made Danny. He was truly one of a kind. I first met Danny when I installed the AWOS at the Rockwood airport. I had never met such an upbeat and positive person. He was always a joy to spend time with. I miss the calls that I used to receive from Danny giving me a hard time about something going wrong with his system. There wasn't anything wrong, he just wanted to chat. They always made my day.
Kevin and Lynn Angstadt

Kevin Angstadt - October 20, 2023 at 09:28 AM



“ 54 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Kyker Funeral Home - October 18, 2023 at 03:19 PM

LJ

“ I first met Danny at one of the Tennessee Aviation Conferences many years ago. Our friendship grew as years passed, he being the airport manager of the Rockwood Municipal Airport and I, a specialist in airport lighting. We got to meet once a year at the TN conferences until his health began to fail. Danny was very protective and serious about "his" Rockwood Airport and the work that was done to maintain the airport runway lights, etc. He called me to make several repairs, making sure that I knew in advance of a "stray" voltage problem in one of the taxiway lights. Thanks to Danny's advance information, I was spared a very serious electrical shock that could have been fatal. I was able to correct the problem and several others during the same trip. During this trip and one of our last personal visits the subject of Christianity and an Eternal Life. came up. Thanks to this one-on-one plus several other telephone conversations we had as his health diminished, I am thoroughly convinced that Danny is now spending eternity with Jesus and His Angels. I thank God for many of the great people with whom I have been blessed to share time here on God's Earth. I count Danny among this group. My sympathy and condolences to his family. Leo Murphree, Jr., President, ECS-Electrical & Construction Specialists, Inc, Greenwood, MS.

Leo Murphree Jr - October 14, 2023 at 04:06 PM

PY

“ My dear sweet friend, I will cherish our friendship for eternity. You were a light in a dark world. Your kindness was and will be unmatched. Sleep sweetly my dear friend. Janet, much love to you through this most trying time, your love will wait for you.

Paula Young - October 12, 2023 at 11:15 AM

PY

“ *Paula Young lit a candle in memory of Danny Roger Collins*



Paula Young - October 12, 2023 at 11:04 AM

DS

“ *Doris S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Danny Roger Collins.*



Doris S. - October 06, 2023 at 05:10 PM

BW

“ *So sorry to hear this. I only knew Danny a few short years, but i considered him a friend from the time we first spoke on the phone. I suspect many others felt that way when they crossed paths with Danny. He was just that kind of person. We had several conversations on the phone that seemed to cover a lot of things, and I always appreciated his kind, considerate words. I wish we'd met years ago. Rest in Peace, Danny.*

Bill Winters - October 06, 2023 at 02:53 PM

TH

“ *Janet -We are sorry to hear of Danny's passing. Thank you both for so many years of honesty and quality work. Thank you both for being friends to your customers. You and Danny have been absolute gold to so many people.---- Tom and Dora Hensley*

Tom & Dora Hensley - October 06, 2023 at 12:29 PM

HO

“ Janet - Patti and I (Hal Oliphant) are so sorry to hear the news of Danny's passing. As you know, Danny and I became friends while working together, he at Rockwood and me at TDOT, on the various airport projects and while attending the Airport Conferences. He was a delight to work with. He was very inspirational, kind and considerate. He was also very complimentary to me about my efforts to help him complete various projects. He was determined to do whatever we worked on right and on time. He always succeeded, of course.

Since I retired and moved to East Tennessee, we were able to keep the friendship going by phone or, on occasion, in person. I enjoyed every moment of our time together and we will surely miss him very much.

Sincerely, Hal & Patti Oliphant

Harold G. Oliphant - October 05, 2023 at 05:57 PM

EH

“ I am so sorry Danny I was a classmate & neighbor & I will miss you Danny- May God bless you & keep you in his arms- Emily A Hester

Emily A Hester - October 05, 2023 at 12:24 PM

KK

“ Janet, I'm very sorry about Danny. You two took care of my family in our cars for a long time. Always helpful and honest. 🙏✅

Kim Henley Kennedy - October 04, 2023 at 07:47 PM

JG

“ Janet Goddard lit a candle in memory of
Danny Roger Collins



Janet Goddard - October 04, 2023 at 09:58 AM

JJ

“ Janet, I was so very saddened to hear the news of Danny’s passing. I have no words that adequately conveys my deep sadness at your loss. Danny was more than just a friend. He was a part of my life that I cherish to this day. He was also a brother in arms and I render a slow hand salute in mourning. I have placed a red poppy in my car to remind me of Danny. It will be with me always. May God grant you peace in this time of grief. Jerry Justice

Jerry Justice - October 03, 2023 at 06:01 PM

M“

“ Danny Janet and good friend Lon vacationed in Tilghman Island for years where I met them. They became family and I have so many great memories of their visits I will definitely miss this great man. Many thoughts and prayers going out to the Collins family. So much love

Mike “Lipper”Lipski - October 03, 2023 at 04:04 PM

KC

“ Janet - I am sorry to hear the news of Danny but you know Heaven gained an Angel. He was in my eyes I know when I got a Toyota the only person I let work on my car, then Mom got her a Audi and she took it to him, I know many moons ago, but was so thankful to have him and you in what I call the PATH OF LIFE. Sending up prayers and thinking of you at this time.
Kitty Woods Copeland

Kitty Woods Copeland - October 02, 2023 at 06:10 PM

WD

“ Danny was a thoughtful and kind to everyone during his tenure as Rockwood Airport Manager for the 10 years that I worked for the City of Rockwood. He was always looking for ways to improve the Rockwood Airport as I observed and worked long beside him in applying for airport grants for improvements to better serve aviation customers.

He followed the example of his raising in keeping a 'clean house ' at the airport inside and out. Keeping grass trimmed and clutter away was a high priority. An outdated telephone booth was among his collection of aviation relics and news clippings.

He even let me take over the controls for a few seconds as we flew in his private plane. He informed me we were falling a thousand feet a minute so I immediately insisted that he take back the controls. We went to aviation meetings together, explored grants, and shared a love for music. He would occasionally play his guitar for me.

Janet, you were a blessing for Danny. I remember how you took over the car repair business in Kingston as he became Airport Manager. May God bless you during these difficult days with His heavenly presence and comfort.

Wayne Duggin - October 02, 2023 at 02:03 PM

WD

“ *Wayne Duggin lit a candle in memory of
Danny Roger Collins*



Wayne Duggin - October 02, 2023 at 01:45 PM