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Duane Collins Obituary

Duane Collins passed away unexpectedly July 20th, 2021 in Tulsa at the age of 82. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Bixby-South Tulsa Funeral Service and Crematory. Duane was born November 9, 1938 in Afton, Oklahoma. He was the son of Lewis and Juanita (Helms) Collins and grew up on the three family farms in Ottawa county, which belonged to the Helms and Collins families. Many stories have been told about Duane riding his pony to school during the happy days of outhouses and gas lanterns. Duane moved to the Tulsa area where he graduated from Webster High School. He also studied Law at the University of Tulsa. Duane met his wife Peggy while working at American Airlines. The couple married on July 13, 1982 in Las Vegas. Duane completed a 38-year career with American, starting out in the mail room, and retiring as a purchasing manager in 1993. During retirement, Duane devoted his life to his ministry, "The Common Man." According to Duane, I am just an ordinary person whom God has called to help "Prepare the way of the Lord" through the writing of Gospel Music, books, and Christian commentaries on current news events.....all of which is inspired by God's word. I love the message God gave to Habakkuk more than 2,600 years ago. "Write down the vision; write it clearly on clay tablets so whoever reads it can run to tell others." Habakkuk 2:2 Duane loved music and it remained a big part of his ministry through the years. He was an excellent pianist and upon dedicating himself to the Lord, Duane became an integral part of the Tulsa gospel music scene. Surviving family members include his wife, Peggy; two sons, Rick Collins and wife, Karla, and Doug Collins and wife, Tammy; and numerous beloved grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Duane was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Jim Collins, sister-in-law, Ramona Collins, and his grandson, Bryan Collins.



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JR

Jon Riggs posted:

Duane was a good friend, will miss him dearly.

August 6 at 1:52 PM

JM

Janet Miller posted:

I recall Duane from working at American Airlines in the purchasing department. Always a pleasant smile on his face and treated you with kindness. I went to hear him sing a number of times. My condolences are with Peggy and his family.

August 3 at 1:11 PM

CS

Chuck Simmons posted:

Duane was one of the biggest influences in my life. He was my boss and one of my closest advisors and friends since 1987. He hired me at age 23 at American Airlines in Purchasing when I had no "real" experience. He mentored my career, and after he retired we stayed in close contact. We enjoyed going to hear him sing, rather it be in a restored theater in Miami, OK or a local church in Bixby. We spoke by phone several times per year over the past 34 years. Every phone call ended with I love you. He encouraged me in my faith on a constant basis. And when I had difficult times, he offered words of encouragement. More than once we prayed together. My wife Lori and I anxiously awaited his mail letter "The Common Man" and read and cherished each one. Later his weekly e-mails became another source of encouragement and his way of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. In fact, I received an e-mail from Duane on Monday July 19th. He was the best boss I've ever had over my 40 year career and I'll miss him deeply. But I celebrate that he's home with his mom, dad and of course his brother that he always spoke about so fondly. Peggy, if you read this know that we love you also and that our prayers are with you. I'm heartbroken he has left us but joyful that he is in our Saviors presence. Chuck Simmons

July 26 at 11:21 AM

CS

Chip Seay posted:

Duane was a Sweet, Sweet man who truly loved His Lord.

July 26 at 6:13 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Duane by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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