



Martin D Collins

June 14, 1950 - September 9, 2016

Martin D. Collins 66 of Bryant passed away on Friday, September 09, 2016, at his residence.

He was born on June 14, 1950 in Bluffton, Indiana to Brooks J. Collins & G. Joan (Patty) Collins – Schwartz.

He attended Bluffton High School and proudly served our country in the United States Marines in Vietnam. In the years after his service he tried his hand at many jobs from farm hand to bartender. He seemed to enjoy truck driving the most and made a career of it with over 20 years of safe driving with John Cheeseman Trucking where he logged over one million safe miles. In his younger years, he was an avid hunter and always enjoyed going fishing and riding his motorcycle. In the recent years, he made the most by collecting antique fishing lures and socializing at Ginny's Truck Stop in Bryant.

Survivors include his son Martin (Sheila) Brooks Collins of American Canyon, California along with grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by a brother Richard (Diana) Collins of Jasper and three sisters: Mary Beth (Bob) Zeis of Bluffton, Janis Eggers of Williamsburg and Kathy Jean (Nigel) Bramwell of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Martin is preceded in death by his parents and step- father John H. Schwartz and step-daughter, Jasmine Baumgartner.

Calling Hours will be held from 2 to 8pm on Monday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A service to celebrate Martin's life will take place at 10:30am on Tuesday September 13th at the funeral home, with his family officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton with full military honors by the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and the United States Marine Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to the American Legion Post #111 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 12. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Service

SEP 13. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Martin D Collins*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - September 12, 2016 at 01:24 PM



“ *Martin D Collins*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I would run into Marty sometimes at WalMart. We would both smile when we recognized each other. Peace to the family...Jane Smekens Waters Class of 69*

jane waters - September 13, 2016 at 03:18 PM



“ *God's arms are gentle enough to hold you and strong enough to carry you when you cannot stand alone. He suffers with you in this struggle. He hides you in the shadow of His wings. He collects your tears and weeps with you. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.*

*My Deepest Sympathy,
Tammy (Johnson) Bollenbacher*

Tamela Bollenbacher - September 12, 2016 at 08:46 PM

PP

“ Peg Paxson lit a candle in memory of Martin D Collins



Peg Paxson - September 12, 2016 at 09:28 AM



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Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - September 11, 2016 at 05:53 PM

PB

“ Penny Bercot lit a candle in memory of Martin D Collins



Penny Bercot - September 10, 2016 at 04:28 PM

PB

“ *Mart was such a sweet guy but oh so ornery! When I had babysat them in our youth, he was actually towering over me, so when he was "pulling his stunts", I'd get the broom after him.....he loved it and only intensified his orneriness! I truly loved this guy and will miss him dearly.*

Penny Bercot - September 10, 2016 at 02:45 PM

TP

“ *Marty,*

I remember riding our bikes around the neighborhood, playing wiffle ball in the backyard, eating cheeseburgers at the Coffee Pot, and playing pool and Euchre at the Subway.....until we were caught. You loved your family and you were very proud of your beloved Marine Corps.

*You were a good and kind friend.
God's speed "Boot". Rest in peace.*

Tom Pett

Thomas W. Pett - September 09, 2016 at 07:45 PM

KA

I know you are smiling brightly, Mart. Knowing you many years, by being one of Mary's best friends since we were 5 years old, I can truly say, your smiles were the most beautiful as anyone's could ever be...celebrating with you, Mart, and knowing you're resting in peace and smiling with the Lord!

Kathy Hier (Hankins)

Kathy.hier@att.net - September 10, 2016 at 10:23 AM