



## Gary Layne Collins

August 15, 1953 - October 3, 2025

Gary Layne Collins, age 72, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, October 3, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family and his wife, Sandy.

Gary is survived by his beloved wife, Sandy (Walters) Collins, and his treasured children: Windy (Ski), Kellie, Josh, and Layne (Becky). He was a proud Pepaw to Leslie (Barrett) Germond, Jacob (Pauleen) Kilpatrick, Carter Kilpatrick, Sawyer Collins, and Anna Clayton Collins, and a loving great-pepaw to Bowen and Ariel. He also leaves behind his sister, Ann Abernathy, and his sister-in-law, Patricia (Buddy) Blackledge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Maxine Collins; his brothers, Wayne Collins and George Hammond; and his precious son, Hank Collins — all of whom he held close to his heart.

Born on August 15, 1953, Gary was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend. He was known for his steady presence, kind heart, and deep love for his family.

Gary was an avid hunter who found joy in the outdoors and generously shared that passion with his children, grandchildren, wife, and many family friends over the years. He especially loved watching his children and grandchildren play sports—cheering them on proudly from the sidelines, particularly under

the Friday night lights with the West Jones Mustangs.

A skilled and respected brick mason, Gary dedicated 47 years to his craft, serving thousands of individuals across the country with pride and integrity. He built more than just structures—he built a legacy. That legacy continues through his sons, to whom he passed down his business, Collins & Sons Masonry.

Gary's life was defined by his hard work, unwavering love for his family, and the joy he found in life's simplest moments—out in the woods, on the job site, at a ballgame or at home surrounded by family. His presence will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family asks that donations be made in memory of Gary Collins to Rain Down Ministries, an organization dedicated to teaching others about God's creation through outdoor ministry and discipleship. To give, please visit <https://raindownministries.com/give/> or contact PJ Weeks at 601-344-8777.

A private service will be held by the family to honor his memory.

To view and sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Butch Hinshaw: So sorry to hear about Gary 's dead! He was a good friend and hunting buddy in Vossburg,Ms! We the family will be praying for peace and comfort in the days ahead.That Gary is with his Heavenly Father-God bless*

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**Butch Hinshaw** - October 21, 2025 at 10:51 AM

PK

“ *Gary has been a good friend and brother in Christ for many years. I had the honor of being able to turkey hunt with this outdoor legend. Thanks for all the great memories brother. My prayers are with Sandy and all the children and grands.*

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**Phil Kitchens** - October 08, 2025 at 02:43 PM

RR

“ *On behalf of the Rose family, I want to send our deepest sympathy to you Sandy and your family. I pray that God will wrap his loving arms around you and provide comfort during this difficult time. Your family has been dear to our family for years and we love you.  
Richard Rose*

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**Richard Rose** - October 07, 2025 at 09:17 PM

PB

“ *Sandy and family , so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Know you will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Pam Boler** - October 06, 2025 at 04:53 PM