



Laurin Mack "L.C." Collins

December 28, 1940 - June 20, 2021

Raymond, MS - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Laurin Mack "L.C." Collins on June 20, 2021. He was 80-years old and left us peacefully in his sleep with family in attendance while at the home of his son Michael Collins.

Born in Laurel, Mississippi, L.C. spent his childhood running with his siblings and the TAK (Tenth Avenue Kids) and playing every sport available to him. A natural athlete, he attended school in Laurel and graduated from Laurel High School in 1959. He played basketball, ran track, played tennis, was in the "L" Club, made Honor Roll, and perhaps most importantly to him - was the quarterback of the football team.

Upon graduating from high school, he set his sights on playing football at Mississippi State like his older brother Bobby Collins. Unfortunately, he was second string behind a great quarterback, so he transferred to Delta State University so that he would be able to play the position he loved on the college level. He graduated from Delta State, got married, and had two children while living in Cleveland, MS. He coached at Delta State after he graduated and, in addition to being a father and a coach, he also worked nights to pursue a Master's Degree which he received from the University of Mississippi.

L.C. next took a job coaching football at the University of Richmond in Richmond, VA, in 1973. He remained there for five years and then headed back to the South when he took a job managing a Mayflower Moving Company in Birmingham, AL, in 1978. He moved to Clinton, MS, in 1983 to run the Mayflower branch in Jackson, but soon decided he missed football too much and returned to complete his career coaching all over the state of Mississippi. From Clinton High School to Mississippi College, from Northeast Community College to Copiah-Lincoln Community College, he pursued his passion. His last coaching job was probably the most special because he got to coach with his son at Pascagoula High School before he retired.

Although he retired from football as a career, he was able to stay involved in the game by being a mentor and advisor and the number one fan of his son Michael as Michael coached at the University of the Cumberland in Kentucky and at Mississippi College. L.C. loved football, but he loved his family more. He doted on his six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and was always available to coach them, cheer them on, or help them with math homework.

We will all miss L.C.'s quick wit and ability to entertain the room in any situation. He was full of love and was loyal to a fault. He enjoyed being the center of attention at the Collins Family Reunions that he enjoyed every few summers. Be it Disney World or Gatlinburg or Orange Beach or Vicksburg, L.C. was always happiest in the presence of his family.

L.C. is survived by his two children; son Michael Collins and his wife Pamela of Raymond, MS; and daughter Lauren Reed and her husband David of Tupelo, MS. He is also survived by his sister Gala Graham, his sister Wilda Shoemaker, and his brother and sister-in-law Bobby and Lynn Collins.

Grandchildren include Zachary Wagner, Kirby Wagner, Spencer Wagner,

Sloan Collins, and Jackson Reed. Great-grandchildren include Halen Wagner, Symphony Wagner, and Axl Wagner.

L.C. is preceded in death by his parents Thurmon and Christine Collins; his brothers Charlie Collins and Larry Bo Collins; and his grandchild Paige Wagner.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to The Raymond Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department or The National Down Syndrome Society.

Visitation will be at Memory Chapel in Laurel, Mississippi on Tuesday, June 22 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. A graveside service will be Wednesday, June 23 at 9:00 a.m. at Indian Springs Cemetery in Laurel, Mississippi.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Indian Springs Cemetery

500 Indian Springs Church Rd
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapel-laurel.com/>

Graveside Service

JUN **23**. 9:00 AM (CT)

Indian Springs Cemetery
500 Indian Springs Church Rd
Laurel, MS 39443

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for God's peace and comfort during these days.

Amy Bush Williams - June 22, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurin Mack "L.C." Collins.



June 22, 2021 at 12:25 PM

PK

“ Sure will miss Uncle Laurin and his sense of humor!! I have no doubt he's already been put in charge of handing out the presents in Heaven. 💕💕💕
Peri Keely & Family



Peri Keely - June 22, 2021 at 12:07 PM

JR

So very sorry for your loss. Praying for you.

John reed - June 23, 2021 at 02:55 AM



“ I always enjoyed Coach's personality and demeanor during my years playing at MC, and I always enjoyed seeing and conversing with him years later at MC football games. He left a real impression on and great memories with this MC Choctaw! Love you, Coach Collins, and may you rest in peace!

Chris Wright - June 22, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Coach Collins passing. I know how fond he was of his grandchildren and loved his kids. Remembering Lauren, Michael and your children, Tori Sloane and Jackson during this sad time. Prayers for peace and serenity for you all.

Cindy Ringler - June 21, 2021 at 11:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Laurin Mack "L.C." Collins.



June 21, 2021 at 06:50 PM

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“ Coach Collins was always positive, always encouraging. He used to get the play from coach Mac and signal them in to me on the field. He and I would practice before each game, especially the new plays we added that week. He signaled in every play on the way to a National Championship! A very special part of a very special Team. Over 30 years later, I still remember each play and the signal for it. I also recall one night at our pep rally in old Alumni Gym before we played Delta State. He got on the microphone and gave one memorable pep talk to us all. He let us know we were going to whip Delta State’s “tails” that next day. What a special man that impacted everyone he met in a positive way. God bless you Coach. My love and condolences to the family and friends that loved him dearly.

Go Choctaws! 11 1, Wally Henry.

Wally Henry - June 21, 2021 at 05:26 PM

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“ Laurin was a great guy. He was a great coach and friend and I enjoyed coaching with him and playing golf at MC. I always looked forward to seeing him when Michael was coaching at MC. I was so sad to hear the news of his passing. My prayers are for the family and his grandkids.

Charles Coles - June 21, 2021 at 04:45 PM

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“ Coach Collins was always kind to me in my years at MC. My friendship with Lauren provided so many opportunities to be a part of his life whether it be at home, at the college or when I became a professional and visited him. Always a smile and a "how you doin, Mattina!" He cared about his players like they were his own kids. My college years were marked by his presence. A

Janey Mattina - June 21, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Laurin Mack "L.C." Collins.*



June 21, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ *The Bobby Collins Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Laurin Mack "L.C." Collins.*



The Bobby Collins Family - June 21, 2021 at 01:30 PM