



Rex Wilson Collins

November 10, 1938 - January 1, 2015

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Rex Wilson Collins passed away on January 1, 2015, following a brief illness. Visitation will be held beginning at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, January 4, 2015, at Memory Chapel with funeral services following at 3 p.m. Dr. Randy Turner will officiate. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, January 5, 2015, at Houston Cemetery in Houston, MS.

A native of Houston, MS, Rex attended Houston High School and the University of Mississippi. He graduated from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 1963 and completed a rotating internship at the Duval Medical Center in Jacksonville, Florida. He did his dermatology residency at the University Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas from 1966-1969 and practiced dermatology in Laurel for thirty years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Laurel and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and reading. Rex was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, who enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Mary Moore Collins.

He is survived by his son, William Scott Collins of Long Beach; daughter, Angela Collins LaPorte and husband, Reid of Birmingham, Alabama; and five grandchildren, Ross LaPorte, Rhett LaPorte, Eric LaPorte, Melanie LaPorte, and Maren LaPorte, all of Birmingham, Alabama.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Laurel Animal Rescue League, P. O. Box 2671, Laurel, MS 39442.

Memory Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. To view and sign the family guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Rex and I were classmates, good friends, and study buddies at UMMC. Very sorry to learn of his passing. My sympathies and condolences to his family. Louis McCraw

Louis H. McCraw, MD - January 07, 2015 at 03:12 PM

MC

“ We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Dr. Rex Collins at this sad time.. He was a colleague of mine for many years and I sent him many patients for whom he was always helpful and on target. One of those patients happened to be my son who greatly appreciated Dr. Collins helping him. May he rest in peace.

Michael R. Casey, M.D. and Cathy Casey - January 04, 2015 at 03:24 PM

BN

“ Grew up with your mom and dad. They are surely going to be missed. May God be with you during this sad time.

Betty Alford Neilson - January 04, 2015 at 11:14 AM

RK

“ To the family of Rex Collins,
Sylvia & I express our sincere condolences for the sudden loss of Rex. We pray that God's blessing and healing power will sustain you during this time of sorrow.
Russ & Sylvia Kingsley
Johnston, IA

Russell & Sylvia Kingsley - January 03, 2015 at 06:55 PM

TF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Everyone who knew Rex loved him.

Tommy and Lynette Fulton - January 03, 2015 at 12:57 PM

BS

“ Rex was a school mate and good friend. We will all miss him. I pray that God will provide comfort and peace to the family during this time, and keep them in the palm of His hand.

Bob Scott - January 03, 2015 at 11:58 AM

HP

“ Rex will be missed. Praying for the family.

Helen Pilgrim - January 03, 2015 at 10:38 AM

CJ

“ I have many great memories as a boy of fishing and hunting with Dr. Collins. He was a kind, funny, caring man who is in a better place now with the woman he always loved so much. Your family is in our prayers.

Sincerely, Cleve

Cleve Johnson - January 03, 2015 at 10:22 AM

JC

“ I've known your Dad and Mom since Jr. Hi and can't begin to express what wonderful friends they were during those fun years. Your Dad was truly a fun loving and very positive person! They will be greatly missed...Our prayers and deepest sympathy are with you all.

Jim "Buddy" Cullum - January 03, 2015 at 09:06 AM

VR

“ *Rex, went to school with me graduated with me in Houston, Ms. Your Mom and he were one of best friends. He will be greatly missed as your Mother is.*

Vivian Upshaw Robinson - January 02, 2015 at 08:06 PM

MW

“ *So sad to hear of the death of my classmate friend. May God bless all of you.*

Mary Grace Wofford - January 02, 2015 at 07:05 PM