



Charles D.R. Collins

September 24, 1924 - March 25, 2006

CHARLES D. R. COLLINS, son of the late Walker Collins and Irene Chester, was born on September 24, 1924 in Baltimore, Maryland. He went to be with the Lord on March 25, 2006 after a lengthy illness. He received his education in the Baltimore City Public School System, achieving an associate of arts degree from the Community College of Baltimore. He served and was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force during the second World War spending most of his tour overseas. Upon returning home, he joined the Baltimore City Police Department, and was one of the first black officers. He served the department until 1957. In 1955 Charles joined the VFW Post #8509 and soon became a life member. He held many seats: the first black Dist. Commander in Area 13, the first black Department Officer for the State of Maryland and the first black OTI of the VFW. Charles held various jobs, but law enforcement was in his blood. In 1967, he was employed as a school police officer, serving at Wm. H. Lemmel, Frederick Douglass High School and Garrison Middle School until retiring in 1988. He was a great mentor to a host of school kids. Charles received the Lord early in life, and became a member of Grace Memorial as a young man. He left Grace to assist a friend and pastor, Rev. Horress Madden to build the Center Union Baptist Church. He served as deacon there until the death of his brother David. He then decided to return to his home church, Grace Memorial, under the ministry of Pastor Irvin Pope, where he served faithfully, always supporting his pastor as a deacon deacon's deacon, a mentor, a visionary, loving Bible class,

Sunday school, a praying man, a singing man, a man after God's own heart; Pastor Pope called him "Uncle Charles." Charles was also a family man and a people person. He made friends everywhere he'd go. He was a no-nonsense type of person. He had no problem letting you know what was on his mind. He loved to cook, to laugh, to sing, to write, to vacation in Ocean City, and to joke. He was giving and caring to family, friend and foe. When he didn't hear from you for a while he would call and say to you "Is your finger broke?" Even with the constant pain of his many illnesses, it never stopped him from being real. There will never be another Charles Dill Ryan Collins. He leaves to mourn: two sons, Charles David Bagley and Jeffery L. Watson; daughter, Charlene Vaughn of Charleston, West Virginia (daughter Jean Vaughn deceased); five nieces, Sheilda Smith, Bernadine White, Ruby Myers, Paulette Williams and Kim Wilson; devoted cousins, Lavanda D. Harris, Geneva (Snooks) Lucas and Ruth Crawford; five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild, two nephews; devoted cousin, Sharon Alford Cuffie; a special adopted Jewish mother and sister; special friend, Carolyn Anderson; a host of other cousins, relatives, friends, comrades and brothers and sisters in Christ.

Tribute Wall



“ Charles D.R. Collins

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“ Hi ! Collins's ! May you be having peace of mind and body in the lost on Mr. Charles. Death strike any one and any time, Mr.Charles lived for 82years or more. The pain that comes from losing someone is great to bear however there is great comfort for you all from our heavenly father as 2 Cor.1:3 say through your tribulations. Sometimes there is many supportive words to surroud you with love and hope to keep going on. The resurrection Hope is reason to keep living to see many of our loved one again. Jesus words of Joy he felt when his frined died at John 11:2244 can be a healer for you all too. I am looking forward to that time very soon. May you be of good cherr. Sincerely, Crosby##imported-begin##Lillian Crosby##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I too have lost loved ones in death. Even though we know that death is inevitable, it is still difficult to accept. Death was not something that God intended for us. The thought of death is always distasteful and it always will be because Jehovah God has created within us the keen desire to live forever. We never get used to it. We feel deep down in our hearts that this should not happen because, “Even time indefinite he (God) has put in their heart,” says Ecclesiastes 3:11. One of the wonderful parts of his plan is the hope of the resurrection of dead loved ones. (John 5:25, 28, 29). Please be assured that Jehovah God loves us and wants the best for us. Take comfort in the promise that he has given us at Rev. 21: 3-5 of a new earth where there will be no more death.##imported-begin##Senita Swann##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but knows that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 What a wonderful prospect for our future.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Mr. Collins, I offer my sincere sympathy. Though you may be experiencing much sorrow and grief, remember there is still a source of comfort for now and in the days to come. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 tells us this One is “the Father of tender mercies and the God of all who comforts us in all our tribulation.” He will provide us with temporary relief from our grief now and promises permanent relief in the near future. (John 5:28,29)##imported-begin##Gwen Winston##imported-end##

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“ Death is a harsh and devastating interruption to life a precious gift of God. Yet in most of our lives today we see death as our final eventuality accepted by many. However our heavenly father Jehovah God, the giver of life promises that one day in our near future death will be no more. As Revelations 21:3-4 states “God will wipe every tear from our eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor out cry nor pain be anymore.” How truly happy we all will be not to ever be threaten by death because it is Jehovah God’s promise to us according to Psalms 37:29 for the righteous ones to live forever on earth. Another hopeful awaiting thought in our future is all those who have lost their lives to death or the lost of our love ones, Jehovah God says according to John 5:28,29 all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus voice and come out. Yes these ones will live again! We all can hold fast to this because Titus 1:2 states: upon the basis of hope of everlasting life, which God, who cannot lie promised before times long lasting. Such a comforting thought to know our having life forever was always Jehovah God’s promised purpose for us.##imported-begin##B Carter##imported-end##

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“ To God be the glory for the wonderful things he has done. To the family we are yet praying for the Lord to bless and keep you. We at Forrest Haven will deeply miss him Reverend Brandi N.Foyles & Shamaya Johnson Program Assistants##imported-begin##Rev Brandi N Foyles##imported-end##

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“ My sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Collins. It seems so unfair that death should have the power to take away someone we love. The Bible is comforting in this regards. At Acts 24:15, Almighty God promises a "resurrection" into a beautiful "paradise", Luke 43:23. Please be encourage that Almighty God does knows our pains and sufferings and give us the hope of the resurrection.##imported-begin##V Adams##imported-end##

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“ I wish to extend my sincere sympathy to the family of Mr. Collins. We all wish all loved ones could be with us forever, and soon that wish will become a reality. That's the way our heavenly wanted it to be when he first created man and put hin im the garden of EdenEven though that purpose was temporarily halted due to the disobedience of the first human pair, God will see that all that he has promised will come true. Rev21:3,4 says "look, the tent of God is with mankind,and he will reside with them, and God himself will be with them And he will will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." One day no more tears of sorrow, but tears of joy as we welcome our loved ones back from the grave. I hope these scriptures comfort you in the days ahead.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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