



Gwendolyn Sue Epperson Collins

March 26, 1949 - March 24, 2025

Gwendolyn Sue Epperson Collins, 75, of Elliston, Virginia, graduated to her heavenly home on March 24, 2025, just two days shy of her 76th birthday. She passed peacefully at home, surrounded by the love of her husband of 57 years, John Collins, and her devoted children.

Born on March 26, 1949, Gwendolyn was a devoted wife, mother, and friend whose life was a testament to faith, family, and kindness. For 44 years, she dedicated her life to the ministry, sharing the love of Christ with everyone she encountered. Her unwavering faith and compassionate spirit touched countless lives and left an everlasting impact on her community.

Gwendolyn is survived by her beloved husband, John Collins; her children, Sam (Cindy), Kristy (John), Nikki (Michael), and Joseph (Tammy); her eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a beautiful sister, Jackie Clark. She is also lovingly remembered by extended family members and dear friends who were inspired by her warmth, faith, and kindness.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Seneca Baptist Church in Elliston, Virginia. The funeral service will take place on Friday, March 28, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Seneca Baptist Church. A graveside service will follow on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Cemetery in Pulaski, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Good Samaritan Hospice or the Seneca Baptist Missions Trip Fund, continuing Gwendolyn's legacy of faith and love.

Her family takes comfort in knowing that she is now at peace in the arms of her Savior, where her radiant smile and compassionate heart will continue to shine.

Cemetery Details

Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery

5550 Bagging Plant Road
Dublin, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Seneca Baptist Church
8572 Roanoke Rd
Elliston, VA 24087

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Seneca Baptist Church
8572 Roanoke Rd
Elliston, VA 24087

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gwendolyn Sue Epperson Collins.

March 31, 2025 at 07:32 PM

SW

“ Praying for Gwen's entire family during these difficult days. My memories of her go back many years, and I am thinking especially of the blessing she was to my family in England when she and John were missionaries there. When my dad passed away they were the only ones, other than family, who came to his funeral - what a blessing, and what an encouragement Gwen was through the years to my sister and me. I will miss her, as I know John and the family will too, but she is with the Lord now and free from all pain. Love you, dear friends.

Sheila Wharram - March 27, 2025 at 05:32 PM

CJ

“ Gwen was a ray of sunshine! Her Godly joy will long be remembered. Every time I walk in the church I think of her huge smile and heart! I will miss going on our Seneca Baptist website to see Gwen is watching. I love you Gwen- you will never know how much just seeing you did for me! I am very happy for you though! All the praise for God now! Connie

connie jarrell - March 27, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Sue Epperson Collins.



March 27, 2025 at 08:58 AM

SF

“ Steve & Darlene Evers & our ITMI Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gwendolyn Sue Epperson Collins.



Steve & Darlene Evers & our ITMI Family - March 26, 2025 at 10:17 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Sue Epperson Collins.*



March 26, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Sue Epperson Collins.*



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GS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. She was a kind and sincere Christian lady. Her love for Jesus showed through her kindness to anyone she talked to. Love you Ms Gwen and Happy Heavenly Birthday.*



Gail Staples - March 26, 2025 at 11:12 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Sue Epperson Collins.*



March 26, 2025 at 10:28 AM