



Harry Fleisher Collins Jr.

October 9, 1951 - March 1, 2026

Harry Fleisher Collins JR of Christiansburg, Virginia, passed away surrounded by the love of his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend who touched countless lives with his strength, generosity, and unwavering dedication to others.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harry Collins Sr and his mother, Dorothy Mae Collins.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sherri; his sister, Valerie Myers and her husband Steve Myers; his daughter, Kristin Sells and her husband Aaron Sells; his sons, Zach Collins and wife Miranda Collins, Brock Collins and wife Becky Collins, and Ryan Collins and wife Brittney Cockram; his stepsons, Austin Huff and wife Sydney Huff, and Colin Huff. He was a proud grandfather to 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of whom were the light of his life.

He dedicated much of his life to service and leadership. He served as a postmaster with the United States Postal Service, later worked as a facility manager at JDSU and Shaw Development, and gave back to his community as a town council member in Christiansburg, Virginia. Following his own health journey, he became President of the Lung Transplant Foundation, where he advocated tirelessly for others and offered hope to families walking

similar paths.

He will be remembered for his resilience, his commitment to his community, and the deep love he had for his family. He was loved by so many and leaves behind a legacy of strength, service, and compassion that will live on in all who knew him.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, March 7, 2026, at 11:00 am in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Neal Turner officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunset Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4 - 6 pm on Friday, March 6, 2026, at McCoy Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Cemetery

501 S. Franklin Street
Christiansburg, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Harry Collins. My condolences to his family and all his Love ones ..I knew of Harry, his neighborhood and friends and while at Northside ...But it was not until the last 10 years or so that I got to know and speak to Harry. The last time I saw him he was setting up his booth in September 2025 at the Christiansburg Wilderness Trail Festival. Harry had books he had written on his table, had petitions for worthy causes & was campaigning for election to Christiansburg Town Council again. What an inspiration. And a purposeful life. I will miss him at this weekend's NRV Home Expo. We always spoke at Events in C'Burg & searched each other out to do some reminiscencing. Harry will be remembered.... We will communicate again soon Harry...

Jeff Saul - March 16 at 05:33 PM

JE

“ I am saddened to hear of his passing. We served on the Lung Transplant Foundation board together for a few years and he was always a joy to be around. His dedication to improving the lives of all of us who have had lung transplants was inspiring and the community at large will miss him. My condolences to his family.

Jen Eisenmann - March 16 at 03:22 PM

LK

“ I met Harry when he and my husband Fred had their transplants around the same time. We became friends and have so many great memories of sharing those trying times together. Unfortunately Fred passed in 2011 but our family attended all the golf tournaments and followed Harry through all his new ventures. He was a very special guy and I cherish these memories. Rest in peace Harry and may your memory be a blessing. Sincere condolences to Harry’s family and friends.

Lonni Krenrich

Lonni Krenrich - March 07 at 02:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry Fleisher Collins Jr..

March 07 at 10:42 AM

LR

“ I met Butch thru our church in grade school and in high school we had almost every class together. He was funny, kind and mischievous. I also went to VT for two years prior to transferring to RN school and would see him often there. As adults he was a loyal member of our high school Reunion Committee and was always there when needed. He was so brave and strong as he faced health issues and yet he managed to advocate for others while fighting for his own life. He will be missed and remembered by our Northside Class of 1970. Thoughts and prayers to Sherry and all the family.

🙏❤️ . *Linda Mercer Royal*

Linda Mercer Royal - March 06 at 04:35 PM

FV

“ From Mike, Moni, Vinny purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Harry Fleisher Collins Jr..



From Mike, Moni, Vinny - March 06 at 08:05 AM

LW

“ The family of Amber Wesemann sends prayers for peace and comfort to Harry's family. Harry was always a gracious friend and mentor to Amber throughout their journey together, planning fundraising events and checking in on each other. He was a blessing in so many ways. ❤️🙏🌹

Laurie Wesemann - March 05 at 07:05 PM

SM

“ Shelor Motor Mile purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Harry Fleisher Collins Jr..



Shelor Motor Mile - March 05 at 06:17 PM

LB

“ Larry Sue Cory Jessica Madeline Brayton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harry Fleisher Collins Jr..

Larry Sue Cory Jessica Madeline Brayton - March 05 at 01:48 PM

LB

“ *Larry Sue Cory Jessica Madeline Brayton purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Harry Fleisher Collins Jr..*



Larry Sue Cory Jessica Madeline Brayton - March 05 at 01:48 PM

SB

“ *My prayers are with you.*

Sam Bishop - March 05 at 12:14 PM

JH

“ *I knew Harry as simply Butch. We were roommates at Virginia Tech our sophomore year and I remember the good and bad times. Butch remained a near and dear friend to the end. Rest in peace brother.*
John Hutchison

John Hutchison - March 05 at 10:33 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry Fleisher Collins Jr..*



March 05 at 08:52 AM

SS

“ 1 file added to the album Golf



Spencer Smith - March 04 at 06:28 PM

TV

“ Harry was such a kind man. He always had something nice to say about everyone and every situation. My condolences to his family. May he rest in peace.

Tara Vance - March 04 at 03:12 PM

SS

“ I have many lovely memories of attending the golf tournaments he helped organize as a fundraiser with my father. Harry was genuine and gracious to me and many others. I will miss him. Love, Spencer

Spencer Smith - March 04 at 02:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry Fleisher Collins Jr..

March 04 at 10:07 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harry Fleisher Collins Jr..*



March 04 at 10:07 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry Fleisher Collins Jr..

March 04 at 08:35 AM



“ Bobby & Dolores Hogan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harry Fleisher Collins Jr..

Bobby & Dolores Hogan - March 04 at 07:37 AM



“ Bobby & Dolores Hogan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Harry Fleisher Collins Jr..



Bobby & Dolores Hogan - March 04 at 07:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry Fleisher Collins Jr..

March 04 at 07:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harry Fleisher Collins Jr..*



March 04 at 07:12 AM



“ *Joey & Sharon Bowles purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Harry Fleisher Collins Jr..*



Joey & Sharon Bowles - March 03 at 08:46 PM



“ *Jimmy and Jenny Hilton and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Harry Fleisher Collins Jr..*



Jimmy and Jenny Hilton and family - March 03 at 06:00 PM



“ *Harry's new and I first met while working for the Postal Service. Over the years we became friends. We use to cut firewood together. Always having some kind of joke to brighten your day. Even though we didn't see each other that often, we still had a good friendship. I know he will be missed by his family and friends. He had a heart of gold and it showed by his dedication to helping others. Rest in peace my friend.*

Paul Terry Oliver - March 03 at 03:38 PM

MS

“ Well done faithful servant.

Martha Spencer - March 03 at 02:51 PM

MH

“ *The Waftive Incident: Fortran Computer Class @ Va Tech, year 1974. Butch and I were required to write 10 programs during this class, each program required that we write the program using a strict format, transferring it to punch cards and the punch cards were then read and processed by the College mainframe computer. We always encountered extremely long lines when testing our program waiting for hours or at least it seemed that way. We were testing one program and my program tested good but Butch's (as we called him back in the day) program kept getting rejected. Butch was so frustrated, finally after several rejections I asked to look at his code. Butch had made a spelling error in his first line of code, he had typed Waftive, when it should have been Wattfive and when I showed him this error he was so frustrated because of all the time we had wasted etc. that he started stuttering and then shouted a curse word. As things calmed down we just laughed. The last time I spoke with Harry (Butch) we laughed about this memory once again. Harry was a fine guy, we went to Northside together, then Va. Tech and we enjoyed good times together especially in college where I got to know him better. I know that Harry will be missed, my condolences to all of his family and friends.*

Michael Howell - March 03 at 01:37 PM

KW

“ *Kathy, Robert, Mary Margaret and Wayne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harry Fleisher Collins Jr..*

Kathy, Robert, Mary Margaret and Wayne - March 03 at 10:39 AM

KW

“ *Kathy, Robert, Mary Margaret and Wayne purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Harry Fleisher Collins Jr..*



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