



Oliver Jack Collins, Jr.

September 7, 1946 - August 6, 2012

Ret. Col. Oliver J. Collins, Jr., age 65, of Jonesboro, passed away, August 6, 2012. He served 30 years in the U.S. Army. He was a history teacher at Stockbridge High School. He is survived by his wife; Mary, children; Charles O. (Holly) Collins of NC, Michael A. (Pam) Collins of NC, grandchildren; Riley Collins, Ann Collins, Sara Collins, and former wife; Nancy C. Collins of NC. A funeral service will be held, Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 6 PM in the chapel of Ford-Stewart Funeral Home. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will be, December 19, 2012 at 9 AM with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers make contributions to the USO at: www.uso.org/donate/

Tribute Wall

KP

“ I will miss Jack's smile the most. He had a way of lighting up a room and making the most arduous of tasks seam easy. I couldn't have asked for a better mentor, college, and friend. The memories and laughter will always be there but a special light has left our world for one of his own creation. I know I'll get to visit Collin's World someday and see Jack living out the best moments of life all over again. Mary, my heart is with you in this difficult time. I wish the miles didn't separate me from my SHS family today.

Kim Partello - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Stockbridge High School has just lost one it's most brightest and shining stars. Mr. Collins was my daughters AP History teacher and I will always be grateful for the positive influences he left on my kid and me.
RIP Mr. Collins... you will never be forgotten!

Kim Bee - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Oliver Jack Collins, Jr.*

Jacob Brunson - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Collins while working in the office at Eagles Landing Middle School. Back then, he worked as a substitute teacher who was very well liked by all. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this very difficult time.

RIP Mr. Collins.

*Kathy Gable Pierce
Henry County Schools*

Kathy Pierce - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ I would like to share my condolences to the news i recieved that my favorite high school teacher, Mr. Collins, has pasted away. He always challenged me to think outside the box and was the first teacher I felt made it his duty to make class a fun environment. Not too many faculty seemed to care in that way. For that I am grateful and I'm sure my family is too. Collins family will remain in my prayers for strength and comfort down the road. My wife and I very much would hope that all those whom read or hear these words know we are truly sincere.

Willie (J. T.) Allen II - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Mr. Collins was one of the biggest influences in my life, he was not only my history teacher but my friend and mentor. His door was always open for me to come and talk to him. He told me after I broke my elbow that my life goal of joining the military wasn't crushed that I could do the same thing as a police officer here at home. I strive to become the caliber of man that he was. Mr. Collins thank you for the impact you had on my life and may you rest in paradise. With much love and respect thank you, Bobby Fiely, Stockbridge High School Class of 2012.*

Bobby Fiely - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Rest in Peace Jack.*

Liane Mathews and Family

Liane Mathews - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *Mr. Collins was my 11th grade AP US History teacher and one of the greatest educators I ever had. My deepest condolences to his family. He was a wonderful, wonderful man. I am proud to have known him, a true American hero.*

Samantha Darby - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“Wow, I am really at a loss of words on this one. It seems like yesterday I was sitting in Mr. Collins' AP US History class. He made learning really exciting, which is hard to do in high school. I am going to sincerely miss him. I remember he wrote my college recommendation letter and I will probably be in forever debt to him for it. Thank you Mr. Collins!! RIP

James Pressley - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Mary, I have always loved this poem and it so fitting for Jack.*

THE MEASURE OF A MAN

Author: Anonymous

*Not - How did he die? But - How did he live?
Not - What did he gain? But - What did he give?*

*These are the things that measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.*

*Not - What was his station? But - had he a heart?
And - How did he play his God-given part?*

*Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer?
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?*

*Not - What was his church? Not - What was his creed?
But - Had he befriended those really in need?*

*Not - What did the sketch in the newspaper say?
But - How many were sorry when he passed away?*

*These are the things that measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.*

*Jack truly was great.
Please know you are in our prayers.
Toni*

Toni Phillips - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM