



Rev. Don Collins

May 15, 1938 - March 28, 2011

A celebration of life for Rev. Don Collins, 72 of Carthage, Texas will be at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 31, 2011 at First Baptist Church in Carthage with Dr. Allen Tilley and Rev. Ryan Burchett officiating. Burial will follow in Beuna Vista Cemetery in Timpson under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be Wednesday, March 30, 2011 from 6 – 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Bro. Don went home to be with his Lord on Monday, March 28, 2011 in Longview, Texas.

Rev. Floyd Donald Collins was born May 15, 1938 in Corsicana, Texas to Floyd Ezra and Elisabeth Pauline Rascoe Collins. He attended Corsicana schools graduating with the class of 1955. Don continued his education at Jacksonville College and then Stephen F. Austin State University receiving a Bachelor of Arts and then obtained his Masters from Abilene Christian University.

While at Jacksonville College, and pastoring Beuna Vista Church, Don met Linda Jo Ross, whom he later married on August 4, 1960. Together they celebrated 50 years of marriage. Bro. Don spent his early years ministering churches throughout Texas, Mississippi and Oklahoma. He served as president of Jacksonville College from 1984 – 1988. He then served in the BMAA Department of Missions from 1981 – 1984 as Director of Interstate Missions and then again from 1988- 2002 as the Executive Director of Missions. He was presently serving as pastor to the senior adults at First Baptist Church in Carthage. A member of the Carthage Rotary Club, Bro. Don

served as Past President. He enjoyed Tuesday 42 with his friends at First Baptist and watching his grandson Michael play sports and hearing his grandson, Ryan preach. Bro. Don was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents W. P. and Clara Rascoe.

Bro. Don is survived by his loving wife Linda Collins of Carthage; son, Gary Wayne Collins and wife Leslie of Heath; daughter, Donna Burchett and husband Jim of Timpson; grandchildren, Ryan Burchett and wife Lindsie of Lubbock, Natalie Tamez of Heath, Michael Burchett of Carthage, Morgan Tamez of Heath; mother-in-law, Lois Ross, and brother-in-law, Mike Ross both of Timpson, numerous nieces and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ryan Burchett, Michael Burchett, James Medley, Michael Smith, Kyle Callaway and Max Cleaver.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Carthage
256 S Market St.
Carthage, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Sis. Linda,*

So sorry to hear about your husband passing away. We will be praying. You and my mama, Louise Harrison, graduated together at Timpson High School. She spoke of y'all a lot whenever she talked about her schoolmates. I also wanted to let you know that she went to be with the Lord on March 22.

Jonathan###imported-begin##Jonathan Melton###imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 01:53 PM



“ *Donna and family,*

I was heartbroken to hear about your Dad. Since we moved away, local news does not get to us until late. I am so sorry I didn't know. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers. Bro. Don was the most wonderful man. I could always see Jesus in him when he walked into the room. I admired him so much. I am so sad for the loss, but so excited to know where he is! Heaven is so much sweeter when we know what/who waits for us. I love you my friend. Please let me know If there is anything I can do.###imported-begin##Becky and Stormi McNeely###imported-end##

April 23, 2011 at 03:56 PM



“ Linda, Donna, Gary, and families,
I was saddened by the news about Brother Don. My heart goes out to you. He was a very special man and was a great friend and pastor to me and my family. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. The days and weeks ahead will be hard, but know that the prayers and thoughts of friends will be there lifting you up to the One who can help ease your sadness.
Love to you all, Monica
Bless the Lord, oh my soul and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:1-2##imported-begin##Monica Saunders Baker##imported-end##

April 02, 2011 at 08:59 PM



“ Henry and I are so very sorry for your loss. we didn't know Bro. Don for very long, but he was the type of man you didn't need to know very long to come to love and appreciate. We enjoyed every minute we had to hear him preach and teach. I loved seeing that smile when he spoke about us all going home someday. He ran a good race and he won the most blessed of prizes. I can't wait to see him again some day and know he has been waiting for all of us to enjoy being with our heavenly father, as he is now. I am sadden by your loss and ours, but rejoicing in his gain. I pray God will give you peace that surpasses all understanding.##imported-begin##Mary Garrett##imported-end##

April 01, 2011 at 05:07 PM



“ Just wanted the family to know how much we feel their grief and pain. Bro. Don was a very good man and loved the Lord tremendously. May the Lord give you all comfort and peace in the time to come.##imported-begin##Dale Walker##imported-end##

March 31, 2011 at 06:34 PM



“ Dear Donna and Michael,
Jesse, JP, Heath and I would loke to extend our sympathies at the loss of Bro. Don. I moved to Texas in 1991 and joined Antioch and Bro Don was the first person that I learned so much about our BMA Missions from. He never rushed me off the phone when I called and he always answered my emails or calls. When you guys moved to Carthage into the Antioch Community it was a pleasure getting to know you through my sons. Then when Bro Don moved here after retiring from serving the associatin I was in awe that one of the "heroes" of our faith would be in our town. I enjoyed getting to see him when attending association meetings for the district, state and national when I was able to attend.
May our Lord comfort you during this time.
Love in Him
Shawn, JP and Jesse Norris.##imported-begin##Shawn McVay Norris##imported-end##

March 30, 2011 at 09:42 PM



“ *What a special man of God he was. The BMA will miss him. Praise the Lord we will see him again someday. I know he happy as he is free of pain. Linda please know we are praying for you. I've been down that road and I know how prayers help get you through. The Lord will never leave you, so stay close to Him.*

God bless you all,

Claudie

Red Springs Baptist Church, Tyler##imported-begin##Claudie Marie Cline Thompson##imported-end##

March 30, 2011 at 05:26 PM



“ *Bro. Don was a good friend and a role model for me in ministry. I cherish all the times we spent together playing in the Courtney golf tournament as well as times we played at other BMA events. Truly he was a friends. My thoughts and prayers go out to you, his family, and especially to Gary. I will always remember Bro. Don recommending me to Lakeridge in Lubbock after I resigned at Richmond Road. May God's grace and comfort sustain you in your loss.##imported-begin##Bobby Fischer##imported-end##*

March 30, 2011 at 01:17 PM



“ *What an amazing man! He touched so many lives and will be missed so much! We know when we "go to the thrown room in prayer" he will be up there smiling down.##imported-begin##Travis and Deshana Penner##imported-end##*

March 30, 2011 at 10:07 AM



“ Donna - I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. Please know that you & your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Shawn Brightwell##imported-end##

March 30, 2011 at 09:22 AM



“ We are so very sorry for you and your family. We loved Bro. Collins and admired him so much. I remember many years ago when he would come and do the revival at First Baptist - how excited Mike and I would be. We loved to hear him preach--he was definitely in God's will.
Love you all,
Mike and Sue Ross##imported-begin##Mike and Sue Ross##imported-end##

March 30, 2011 at 09:20 AM



“ We are saddened to hear the news of Bro. Don's passing, but we know he is in a far better place today because of his salvation in Christ Jesus. He will suffer no more, but we pray that God will give Linda and his family strength and peace to endure the difficult days ahead. Bro. Don and Linda were my dad's first marriage ceremony to perform as a Minister back in 1960. God has certainly blessed this union of two wonderful people for over 50 years. I know Bro. Don will be missed by his loving wife and family. ~~~Linda Warren Tramel
My mother, Amy Warren, and sister, Lydia Warren Lybrand also send their condolences.##imported-begin##Linda Warren Tramel##imported-end##

March 30, 2011 at 04:44 AM



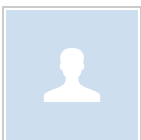
“ Donna & Family,
I am so sorry for your loss... I knew you dad from Dr. Nielsen's office. He was a very nice kind man. May God Bless and be with all your family and give you all strenght to go through the weeks ahead.... just know he is home with the Lord now and there is no more pain or suffering.
Cathy Woodard###imported-begin##Cathy Woodard###imported-end##

March 30, 2011 at 12:27 AM



“ Donna and Family,
Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your dad. I know how loved he was by you and what a great role model he was for your family and all of those whose life he touched. He was a kind and friendly man who I deeply admired. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Lezley and Mary Caitlin Lewis###imported-begin##Lezley Collier Lewis###imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 10:53 PM



“ Dear Family,
I know that you don't know me but I just started attending church at First Baptist in January. I am in the chior and David sent me an email informing of Rev. Collins passing. I just wanted you to know that you are in my prayers at this time.
Rebecca Mott###imported-begin##Rebecca Mott###imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 09:58 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bro. Don was someone that we loved and enjoyed knowing. It was easy to see how much he loved the Lord. How blessed you are to have such sweet memories of him. I know that you have joy and peace today in knowing that he is in heaven. May you feel strength and hope in the days to come. Someone has said, "It is not the duration, but the donation." Bro. Don made a great donation during his time on this earth. What an example to us who knew him.##imported-begin##Greg and Janet Humber##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 08:42 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to you all at this time, Don will be missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Dorothy##imported-begin##Dorothy Collins Magee & family##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 05:26 PM



“ Such a loss...Bro. Don will be so greatly missed..his smiling face and wonderful voice. He was a wonderful preacher and never met a stranger, and if he did you never knew it. He finely made it to the Throne Room, we could all be so lucky to be able to see the face of God...we will miss him and I send all of you my love to your wonderful family...May God Bless you all and shower you with his love and grace.##imported-begin##Judy Foster##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 04:21 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I always enjoyed seeing Don at Rotary and hearing his stories.##imported-begin##Sonya Brasher Hathorn##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 02:35 PM



“ Linda, Donna and families,
Just want you to know that ALL of you are in our thoughts and prayers!! Bro. Don was one of a kind. We are sad for your loss, but, we know that Bro. Don is rejoicing in Heaven, where he has longed to be for awhile now. Heaven just got so much sweeter for each of you. Lean on God and your church family for peace and comfort.
With love,
Richard and Terri Reed##imported-begin##Terri Reed##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 01:58 PM



“ Our condolences to the family. May God give you comfort during this time of adjustment.##imported-begin##Ronnie & Alicia Johnson##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 12:43 PM



“ Dear Collins Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Bro. Don was a wonderful person and servant of the Lord and will be greatly missed by those who knew him. He is with the Lord and we will soon be there as well. May God bless each one of you and comfort you as only He can.

Bro. Michael Moore & Family (Humble, TX)##imported-begin##Michael Moore##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 12:28 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy is extended to the entire Collins family, friends, and community. We find comfort in his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. May God's powerful Holy Spirit engulf all of you and bring comfort and peace at this time.

Blessings,

Thom & Terry Layfield

Ovilla, Texas##imported-begin##Thomas & Terry Layfield##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 12:03 PM



“ May the Lord bless you with al you need at this time.##imported-begin##Walter Hickman##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 11:43 AM



“ Mrs. Linda, Gary, Donna, and family

We are so sorry for your loss. Bro. Don was special to our family.##imported-begin##Don and Teresa Sherman##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 10:42 AM



“ Linda, Donna, Gary, and family ... my heart goes out to all of you.##imported-begin##Winona Foley##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 10:02 AM



“ We extend our families condolences to all of Bro. Don's family, yet we know he is receiving his eternal reward. Bro. Don encouraged me with his great faith in our Lord when I was on my deputation as a North American Missionary. Today our church in Colorado is established, perhaps because he took a nervous missionary under his wing and said "The Lord always faithful and He always provides". I will always be grateful to you for your wisdom and encouragement! We will miss you but will see you again in The Lord's time.
Bro. Rick Mills - Majestic Valley Church##imported-begin##Rick Mills##imported-end##

March 28, 2011 at 08:23 PM



“ Your family is in our prayers! We appreciated Bro. Don't ministry.##imported-begin##Paul and Liz Bullock##imported-end##

March 28, 2011 at 08:22 PM



“ Bro. Collins was a fine man and a fine reflection of Christ. Please know that we are sharing in your sadness, but rejoicing that he is with Christ. May his legacy go on for many years and bring many to know his Savior.##imported-begin##Keri Shine Southern##imported-end##

March 28, 2011 at 07:27 PM



“ To Linda, the children, and the entire family. We are so sorry for your loss. Praise the Lord, Don is now home and enjoying all the glories that he preached. Our prayers and best to you all.##imported-begin##Don & Bonnie Brown##imported-end##

March 28, 2011 at 06:40 PM



“ Our condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Robert Swofford##imported-end##

March 28, 2011 at 05:50 PM