



## Rex L. Collins

April 22, 1943 - September 5, 2018

Services have been scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Friday, Sept. 7, 2018 in the Leonard & Marker Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the Bixby Cemetery.

Rex Louis Collins was born on April 22, 1943 in Coolidge, AZ to Chester Lewis Collins and Beatrice (Mitchell) Collins. He passed from this life on Sept. 5, 2018 in Tulsa, OK at the age of 75 years, 4 months & 13 days.

Rex and Janet began their love story on April 28, 1961, the same year he graduated from Sapulpa High School. Their union on this earth lasted for 57 years. They had 2 sons, Brian Keith and Jeffery Lynn. Rex loved spending time with his boys and was exceedingly active in each of his sons activities, he coached their baseball teams, headed the quarterback club and fed their souls with his deep love and knowledge of theology.

Rex worked diligently to ensure his families well being, often holding down multiple jobs at one time. He began his career at Bama Pie Co where he delivered their delicious pies for a short period. He quickly moved on to another job working the midnight shift because he could earn higher pay, a whopping \$2.09 an hour at W.C. Norris where he flushed oil equipment. He always worked hard and was soon promoted to "an inside job" , Praise God! He was transferred to the companies plant in Odessa Texas in 1968 but returned to Tulsa the next year where he worked at their rod plant .

He accepted a job with Don R. Hinderlitter Manufacturing in 1969. Rex was never a person to be satisfied with any position if there were advancement opportunities available. Rex received many promotions and in order to procure a management position, he went to college at night achieving his associates degree in Business Administration Management

in 1984. This led him to his final position as Purchasing Manager with the company which by now had been purchased by Gunnebo Johnson. In this position, Rex was responsible for purchasing everything from toilet paper to massive quantities of steel which the company used. He also helped to create new software for "On Time Delivery" to keep

unused steel from deteriorating while awaiting use. This software's impact is appreciated by purchasing agents across the globe. He retired from Gunnebo Johnson in 2008 after 39 years of service.

Rex was never a person to sit still, he always had a project going and enjoyed building anything from primitive doll furniture to window sills, he loved it all, His family believes he had a secret plan to own every industrial tool ever made. Some of his other interests were travel, he and Janet have been to numerous tropical locales where they enjoyed scuba diving, sightseeing and shopping. They have also driven every back road between Oklahoma and California to the west and Florida on the east coast. Rex loved hunting and fishing with his sons, he was also quite a computer nerd in a time when many people his age couldn't find the on button!

Rex was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2007, he lead an active and enjoyable life for many years after this diagnosis, and it wasn't until around 2015 that his symptoms became noticeable when his family noticed his memory was declining and his mobility became more difficult. He always pulled from his great desire to remain active and until December of 2017 was living with his wife, son & daughter in law in their new home in Bixby. In December, it became necessary to reach out for more help and he began living in a long term memory care facility.

Rex was preceded in death by his parents and a half-brother; Larry Walker.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Judy M. (Tinkle) Collins, 2 sons; Brian Keith Collins and wife Pamela, of Bixby & Jeffery Lynn Collins, 1 half-brother; Geary Walker of Oklahoma City, several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many longtime friends and co-workers.



# Comments

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rex L. Collins.



September 07, 2018 at 08:12 AM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Rex L. Collins.



September 06, 2018 at 08:53 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rex L. Collins.



September 06, 2018 at 04:03 PM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rex L. Collins.



September 06, 2018 at 10:32 AM

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“ Keith your Dad was a very good man. I always enjoyed seeing him and visiting with him. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family....

Danny Baker

**Danny Baker** - September 06, 2018 at 09:33 AM