

A CELEBRATION *of* A LIFE WELL LIVED



LAWRENCE  
HENRY  
COLLINS

June 24, 1947 - July 29, 2020



# Obituary

Larry briefly held a position as an engineer at Babcock and Wilcox in Alliance, Ohio before going to work for Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan for over 32 years. He received numerous promotions while at Ford; was the Taurus Brand Manager and then the International Markets Marketing Research Manager. Before retiring Larry headed Marketing Research in Asia-Pacific, the Middle-East, South Africa, South America and Mexico. He traveled all over the world; including Southeast Asia, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, Europe, and Brazil. He retired as an Executive in 2005.



Family: Preceding him in death were his parents, Stonewall and Dorothy Collins, and his oldest brother, Dawsie Collins. He leaves to survive him his daughters – Lauren Hallie Collins, Lisa Hillary (Collins) Johnson and Toya Hankins; his siblings-Betty Jean Brown, Gwendolyn Bennett and Stephen Collins; grandchildren: Daemon and Sydney Johnson, Ashton Martin, Madison and Collin Smith, Conner Smith, Kiara and El Melik Martin I; his former wife-Shelia Hankins; Mother-in-law-Jimmie Mae Hankins; nephews and niece-Rodney, Marcus and Christopher Carr, Laura and Kenyen Brown; Son-in-law- Carl Smith Jr. and a host of cousins and great nieces and nephews.









Daddy,

There just aren't enough words and too many emotions to fit, so, we'll just say...Thank you...for EVERYTHING! All that We are, believe in and possess thrives because YOU fathered and loved us the way you did/do. You touched so many. We could NEVER thank you enough. We're sure your busier now than ever trying to look out for everyone you loved, but, be at peace. Job well done Daddy.

WE LOVE YOU BEYOND INFINITY.

~ Lauren and Lisa

Pop — Thank you for everything!!

I wonder if I told you that enough when you were here... Thank you for adding SO MUCH to my life — from, the father stuff we take for granted like, not missing a softball or basketball game and teaching me to drive a stick shift and how to change a tire to exposing me to a plethora of music, instilling in me the importance of being true to your work, following through on a commitment, exercising discipline and being a person of integrity ... and so much more! You didn't think I was paying attention — did you... Most importantly, thank you for Loving us all so deeply!!! I love you pop, from the bottom of my heart today and forever!

~ Toy Toy

Lawrence Henry, as I would call you when you referred to me as Shelia Valane, you saw life in black and white, but you lived life and dressed in full color. My 25 year dating and marriage to you helped me to evolve from a 9th grader to the woman I am today. Together, you and I created and raised our children, the most important gift that we could have ever given to each other. I jokingly refer to you as my babies' daddy. My life will never be the same. Larry: Continue to dance in Heaven and I will always carry you in my heart as you are my first and forever love.

~ Umi - Shelia Hankins

Father-In-Law

I came into your family  
Not knowing what I would find  
But I was put at ease by you

You made me feel right at home  
From the first day that we met  
You welcomed me with open arms  
And that I WILL NOT FORGET!!!!

You always encouraged me with kind words and  
firm words without any filter when needed.

I knew that I could depend on you on any given day  
“A true gentleman, sophisticated, and wise with invaluable advice.  
Who I respected and welcomed me into his heart and family”  
You stood above the rest ...I thank GOD for bringing you into my  
life...

REST AND CONTINUE STEPPING!!!!

~ Carl



I love you. Thank you.

- Madison

Thank you for taking us in when you did and making sure all of us were ok, no matter what.

~ Collin

Papa,

You will be missed. Greatest!

~ Ashton

How do I love you?

Let me count the ways, I love you with a love I seem to lose with my lost saints. I love you with the breath, smiles, tears, of all my life, and if God chooses I shall but love you better after death.

*Thessalonians 4:16 - “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead In Christ will rise first”*

He will do his stepping all over the golden floors of heaven.

~ Love, Baby-sister

My Papa ...

Thank you for the knowledge and all of the love. You took on more of the father role when I lost mine and I appreciate you being there more than you know. I will carry the things you taught me for the rest of my life. I love you.

~ Dame

Big Pappaaaaa.

Your spirit is unmatched & I'm going to miss your smile so much. Through everything you've been right there with me, right or wrong. I hold you so dear to my heart. Fly high papa, I love you so much.

~ Sydney

It is hard for me to accept that my Big Brother is gone. I know he is Resting in the Arms of Jesus, with our Mom and Dad, and other Loved Ones .

I will always miss him. Until we are reunited,

“Rest in Love Bro Bro”.

Love,

~ Stephen Stonewall

I love you Larry

~ Mama Jimmie ( Sweetbaby)







## ORDER *of* SERVICE

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Welcome

Scripture Reading

Prayer

Song

“I Won’t Complain”

Performed By Cam Anthony

Larry’s Recovery Journey

Omega Psi Phi Tribute

“Build Ford Tough”

By Darryl Hazel

Acknowledgment Of Condonlences

Remarks From Friends & Family

Song “Stand”

Performed By Kevin Wilson

Tribute Video

By Granddaughter Sydney Johnson

Reading Of The Obituary

By Lauren Collins

The Life Of Larry Collins

By Rev. Oscar King

Song By Eric Roberson

Steady Steppers Tribute

Closing Prayer

Box Lunch Served

Conclude

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT *of* APPRECIATION

*The family of LAWRENCE HENRY COLLINS acknowledges with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deeds. A more personal acknowledgment will be made at a later date.*