



Mr. Ronald Lee Collins

April 20, 2015

COLLINS, Ronald Lee “Ronnie”, 66, of Valrico, Florida, went to be with his heavenly father on Monday, April 20, 2015, after declining health for several years. Born and raised in Danville, Virginia, he worked alongside his father Harry in produce since he was a small boy. Ronnie had a deep passion and love for produce and big trucks that lead to traveling the highways nationwide. Produce was the thrill of his day, the drive in his mind, the joy in his heart, and the excitement of his life. He always had a vision, settling down in Valrico in 1997 he built one of the most respected and well-known produce markets in the area. From a vacant lot to a landmark, he built his own produce empire. He worked night and day, not for the need, but for the love of produce and his lifelong vision. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Lisa Collins; children, Tausha Ann Cooper and her husband Casey of Plant City, Ronald Lee Collins, Jr. of Valrico, Buster Collins and his fiancée Kaci Compton of Valrico, Jeff Collins and his wife Michelle of Virginia, and Jody Collins and his wife Carolyn of Virginia; grandchildren, Alyssa, and Charles Cooper, and Ronald III, Carlos, Aaron, Noah, Megan, and Nick Collins; siblings, Harriet Bray of North Carolina, Candice Collins of Blairs, Virginia, Robin Barrett of Nashville, Tennessee, and Harry Collins, Jr. of Danville, Virginia; nephew, Spencer Harrelson; mother-in-law, Barbara Spencer; and cousins, Bonnie Wilkins, and Amanda Tarte. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry Lee and Hazel New Collins. The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 23 from 6-8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City; where a

Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, April 24 at 11:00 A.M. Interment to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

APR **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I had the honor of taking care of Ronny for many years. His visits were the best part of my day. I'll always remember his quick wit, entertaining stories and strawberry pizza. I truly loved him and he will be missed. Amanda Camp

Amanda Camp - April 16, 2024 at 05:09 PM

GE

“ Mr Collins will never be forgotten. I remember him from his farm stand. When we first moved to Florida my husband was so excited when he found this farm stand. Mr Collins and all his workers were always so nice. As fate would have it, I worked at the hospital where Mr Collins passed away. As usually, Mr Collins made lots of friends at the hospital. We were all very sad with his passing, but grateful he did not suffer. God bless all of his family and friends, he will be missed.

Gerri Lucas

Gerri - April 29, 2015 at 06:09 AM

OR

“ I'm so sorry Lisa and family for your loss. Praying for peace and comfort. 🙏 With deepest sympathy your Virginia family. ❤️ Love, Octavia Roach & Kayla Roach 🍎🍊🍏🍓



Octavia Roach - April 24, 2015 at 12:13 AM

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“Gone but never forgotten. Will always see your smile at the market and the kindness you showed your customers. Now you are at Peace no more suffering God bless you Ronnie



Betty & Don Tanner - April 23, 2015 at 03:23 PM



“Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald Lee Collins.



April 23, 2015 at 02:51 PM



“Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald Lee Collins.



April 23, 2015 at 12:26 PM

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“Pastor Hector & Evelyn Gomez and the R.E.C. Church Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Ronald Lee Collins.



Pastor Hector & Evelyn Gomez and the R.E.C. Church Family - April 23, 2015 at 11:05 AM



“ *Memories 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald Lee Collins.*



April 23, 2015 at 10:15 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Ferris Waller - April 23, 2015 at 12:25 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald Lee Collins.*



April 22, 2015 at 07:55 PM



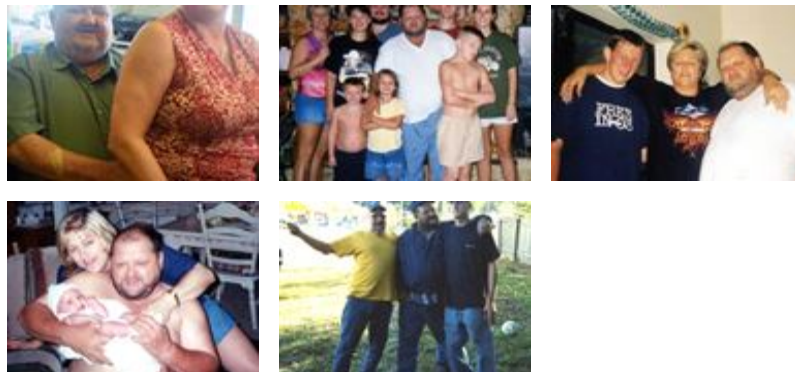
“ *Ann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Lee Collins*



Ann - April 22, 2015 at 04:25 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 22, 2015 at 02:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
Mr. Ronald Lee Collins.



April 22, 2015 at 02:07 PM

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“ I was privileged to meet Ronnie Collins a couple of years ago when I was asked by Lisa Collins as her Pastor to visit him in the hospital. Unfortunately when I got there he was sedated and unresponsive. I Prayed for him and spoke into his life that he will live and not die, and that he needed to accept and know his savior Jesus Christ before is too late. I assured him that I was there to stand by his side to encourage him from now on!
Then on my next visit Ronnie did accept and confessed Jesus Christ as Lord!
So, I am blessed to have known Ronnie here in this life and in the life to come. Amen!

In His Service, Pastor Hector Gomez

Pastor Hector Gomez - April 22, 2015 at 11:39 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald Lee Collins.



April 22, 2015 at 11:14 AM

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“ Pastor Hector Gomez sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald Lee Collins



Pastor Hector Gomez - April 22, 2015 at 11:08 AM



“ *Kaci Compton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Lee Collins*



Kaci Compton - April 21, 2015 at 10:41 PM

TS

Ronnie was my step brother & he will be missed. Ronnie collins loved to work in produce. Ronnie is celebrating in heaven with his parents, sisters & brothers

Tammy Collins Stevens - April 22, 2015 at 01:02 AM

AN

Ronnie, now you are at peace, and Mama and Daddy will be waiting on you. Love your Sister Ann

Ann - April 22, 2015 at 04:25 PM