



## Ray E. Collins

November 27, 1953 - May 25, 2019

Ray E. Collins, age 65, of Newark, DE, passed away Saturday, May 25, 2019. Ray proudly served in the US Air Force where he was a K9 handler. He was a dedicated constable for Christiana Hospital for 39 years. Ray cherished his family and enjoyed spending quality time with his children and grandchildren. He was a music lover who enjoyed going to concerts. Pink Floyd was one of his favorites. Ray also had a special place in his heart for animals.

Ray is survived by his loving wife, Lee Ann; daughter, Jennifer Collins; stepdaughter, Kristy Gregory; grandchildren: Cedy Shackelford, Kabrina Gregory, Jy'Air Battin, Mikey Gregory, Makayla Gregory, Aiden McCoy, Charli McCoy, and Bella McCoy; great-grandchildren, Caydin Shackelford and Marlie Shackelford; brothers, Michael Collins and Thomas Collins; his best friend of 48 years, Pat Murry; and a host of extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Mary Collins; son, Christopher Collins; stepdaughter, Lisa Bush; and siblings, Anthony Wayne Collins and Patricia Klinger.

A visitation will be held Friday, May 31, 2019, from 10:30-11:30 AM at Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE 19702 followed by a service in celebration of Ray's life at 11:30 AM. Burial will be held Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at 2 PM at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Delaware Humane Assoc., 701 A St., Wilmington, DE 19801 or the SPCA, 455 Stanton Christiana Rd., Newark, DE 19713. For directions or to send an online condolence visit [www.stranofeeley.com](http://www.stranofeeley.com)

# Cemetery

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## Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery

2465 Chesapeake City Road  
Bear, DE, 19701

# Events

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**MAY** **Visitation** 10:30AM - 11:30AM

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Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home  
635 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE, US

**MAY** **Service** 11:30AM

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**JUN** **Burial** 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Ray will miss our everyday either chat or messenger text about your Yankees or Michigan or your angry over NFL players kneeling during anthem may today that your family has sympathy and prayer over them I will miss you buddy

David Melvin #3894 - May 31, 2019 at 05:10 AM

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“ I miss you so much PopPop. I love you dearly, and I hope you are having a great time up there. I will read this at your funeral so you can hear me say it. Although, I will write it here too so that you can always look back on it. I miss you so much. See you on the better side. Say hi to Aunt Lisa for me. Love you all!

To Everything, There is a Reason

When I first heard the news, I broke out into tears. Knowing that the rest of my life must go on without you. To there is a point of my sadness, it is that you are now gone. A friend forever, feeling like I am alone. It hurts every time I look at the photos, it hurts seeing my Mimi so sad. Though for the day I visit your grave, I cannot be mad. I have to realize that life shall not go on with tears, But happiness in remembrance of all of the years. Always being by your side, sitting on your lap. From all of our birthdays to gifts to unwrap. The joy of your spirit, and the beauty of your smile. I will miss you yes every day, not only just for a while. To my Pop Pop in heaven, I know you're having fun. Watching over the family, all of us not just one. As the rain may fall, let it replace our tears, knowing that sadness is gone because we will always care. For my family, I love you all, just needed you to know. That everything will be fine when we go on to tomorrow. To everything there is a reason and a time to every purpose; I love my Pop Pop dearly, he will never be worthless.

Makayla Gregory - May 30, 2019 at 02:43 PM

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“ May god be with ray and all of his family during these diffucult times, Mike Collins



KENNETH MICHAEL COLLINS - May 29, 2019 at 08:53 AM

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“ Pop pop we love you always and forever , your 2 grand babies



Jennifer - May 28, 2019 at 06:49 PM