



Charles Maurice Collins

August 20, 1957 - June 23, 2020

Charles Maurice “Charlie” Collins, age 62, of Cedarville, Michigan, died peacefully on June 23, 2020 at the home of his daughter and son-in-law in Cedarville, surrounded by his family. He was born in Dr. Blue’s office on Cedarville Bay on August 20, 1957 to George Thomas and Mary Margaret (Carr) Collins.

Charlie was a resident of Cedarville and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Charlie received a unique education by starting school each fall in Cedarville, and being from a resort family, he and his family left for Florida each November and he continued his schooling in Florida until April 1st when he and his family would return to the school in Cedarville, from which he graduated in 1976. After graduation, he assisted his father, George, in operating the Spring Lodge in Cedarville which was built by his grandfather, Charles Collins, in the 1930’s. Charlie was loved by all of the Spring Lodge customers through the years as he took time to visit with them, made sure their minnow buckets were full, and kept their boats ready for fishing and sightseeing in the islands.

Charlie enjoyed riding his Harley, his Wednesday afternoons with “the boys”, many happy times with friends at various places in the Les Cheneaux Islands, boating in the islands and on over to Mackinac, reading The Detroit News in his car each morning at the Hessel Marina in recent years, deep sea fishing in Florida where he spent his winters, and enjoying time with his Florida friends.

Charlie was a member of the Broward County Sheriff's Advisory Council and The Merganser Duck Camp.

Charlie is survived by his daughter Jillian Collins (Davin) Salo of Rudyard, MI; son Kyle Dutcher of Lexington, MI; stepchildren Lisa (Greg) Bohn of Cedarville, and Clay (Elizabeth) Carrington of Park City, UT; grandchildren Hadlee Carol Salo, and Walker and Sloan Carrington; sisters Mary (John) Russo of Vero Beach, FL, and Connie (Bill) Grace of Goodrich, MI; brothers George (Cathy) Collins of Stuart, FL, and Jimmy Collins of Myrtle Beach, SC; Uncle Lynn "Punk" (Tammy) Carr of DeTour, MI; Aunt Shirley Collins of Melbourne, FL and Aunt Mary Ann Carr of Cedarville; a very special friend Janet Carrington of Cedarville and Ft. Lauderdale; and many nieces and nephews who loved him very much.

Charlie was preceded in death by his father George Collins; mother Mary Carr Collins; stepmother Betty Collins; sister Kathy Collins McCall; and brother Richard Collins.

A public visitation will be held Wednesday, July 1 from 4-7pm and Thursday, July 2nd from 10-11:30am at R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford. A procession to Cedar Cemetery in Cedarville will begin at 11:30am for a graveside funeral service at 12 noon.

Memorials can be made to the Les Cheneaux Ambulance Auxiliary, P.O. Box 453, Hessel, MI 49745, McLaren Hospice, 761 Lafayette, Cheboygan, MI 49721 or Hospice of the EUP, 308 West 12th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Cemetery (aka Edgewood)

Clark Township Office
P.O. Box 367
Cedarville, MI 49719

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774
(906) 647-3400
flfh@familylifefh.com
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

JUL 2. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774
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Graveside Service

JUL 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Maurice Collins*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Charles Maurice Collins*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Charles Maurice Collins*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *I did not know Charlie when I was a young boy who spent summers in Hessel/Cedarville. (I am a few years older.) But in 2017 my wife and I experienced the generosity from Charlie and Janet and received a great present as they purchased my family cottage in Hessel to preserve it and then invited us to come back to Hessel as we could.. Any time I ran into Charlie as he wandered around town, he was very friendly. Thank you.*

Norman Brobst - July 06, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Maurice Collins.*



July 02, 2020 at 05:24 PM

BG

“ Charlie we are gonna miss you buddy so much.. you were always the nicest, compassionate, Most Welcoming, you treated us as family, we felt like family, life long.
I love you buddy. .. you were the reason for Summer trips to The Spring Lodge.. and navigated my dad and myself eventually my family here summer after summer. Charlie you were A GREAT ONE, Greater by far than most. The one and only Real Deal.. I/We will always remember you Charlie, I will always tell the great Islander stories and you will be -forever-in our Summers.. and winters in Florida;) we love that inter-costal.. We Love You Buddy, Dan Sr and son Danny And family. Praying for your beautiful family.

Bobbi Gabriel - July 02, 2020 at 05:11 PM

JR

“ Charley was (in our minds) the Cedarville Greeter! He remembered names, faces and truly LOVED all of us. He was a good, good man and sooooo much fun!!!!!!
His laugh was infectious and you couldn't help but smile and laugh right along with him!!
He will be missed by all!!! We hoist a brew in his honor!!!! Love ya man!! You will not be forgotten. Jim & Dawn Rigley

Jim and Dawn Rigley - July 01, 2020 at 07:19 PM

ML

“ Always upbeat and jovial! His laughter and smile always made me and others laugh and smile too! He will surely be missed!

Mickey Lukats

Mickey Lukats - July 01, 2020 at 12:56 PM

MH

“*Friends forever. I will miss that laugh!!!! So many good memories. From 12 to 62!!! I will miss u everyday. Give em hell in heaven. Love you Marty.*

marty hensley - July 01, 2020 at 11:46 AM

MJ

“*Thanks for the memories, Charlie!!*

Mike & Debbie Jacobs - June 30, 2020 at 11:22 PM

SP

“*Having the opportunity to spend many joyful times with Charlie as a member at the Merganser duck camp was a true pleasure. You will be missed at the table our friend! God Bless.*

Steve Pritchard - June 30, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“*Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Maurice Collins.*



June 30, 2020 at 09:20 AM

HM

“*A good man, generous with a smile, and a heart of gold. You lived it large, my friend...we'll miss you!*”

Henry and Connie Mast

Henry Mast - June 30, 2020 at 07:32 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Charles Maurice Collins.*



June 29, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ *Always a smile! Never forget drinking berries and cream at snows with him on Christmas Eve! Great guy and will be truly missed!* 🙏❤️😊

Mary Baker - June 29, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ *Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Charles Maurice Collins.*



June 29, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Maurice Collins.*



June 29, 2020 at 12:00 PM

MM

“ Rose and I send our condolences, Charlie was a kind-hearted man with a nice smile he was a pleasure to know and will be greatly missed. We send you all our love and prayers.

Sincerely,

Mike & Rose Miller

Mike Miller - June 29, 2020 at 09:38 AM

CB

“ Dennis & I send our sincere condolences to all of Charlie's family & friends, Most especially to Jilly & Lynn & Tam.

Charlie was a good guy, who never failed to always warmly greet you & most definitely make you laugh!! One thing's for sure. He'll never be forgotten, along with his entertaining stories & antics! Rest in peace Charlie.

Hugs!

Cheryl & Dennis



C. Bernard - June 29, 2020 at 07:49 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Maurice Collins.



June 28, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Charles Maurice Collins.*



June 28, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Maurice Collins.*



June 28, 2020 at 02:22 PM