



James Russell Collins

June 23, 1947 - October 31, 2013

Funeral services for James Collins, 66, of Dime Box, Texas are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 4, 2013 at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings with Bruce Dillender officiating. Burial will follow in the Hranice Cemetery in Dime Box, Texas. Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Monday, November 4, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present Sunday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. James Russell Collins was born on June 23, 1947 in Brenham, Texas to E.B. & Rose (Mikulin) Collins. He graduated from Dime Box High School in 1967 and attended Blinn College in Brenham. James was united in marriage to Sharon Renz on November 21, 1970 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Zionsville, Texas. Their marriage was blessed with one daughter, Dana. James was a highly dedicated employee with the United States Postal Service for 41 years. He began working at the Houston Post Office on November 14, 1970 as a letter carrier before transferring to the Bryan Post Office in July of 1974. He worked his way up to become the supervisor over the letter carriers before becoming the Postmaster of the Dime Box Post Office in 1992. He served as the Postmaster of the Dime Box Post Office for 20 years before retiring on January 1, 2012. He liked spending time at Matagorda where he and Sharon would fish and enjoyed just getting away. James would spend hours watching old Westerns and had taken up woodworking. He treasured his time being around his grandchildren and enjoyed attending their various

sporting events. James passed away surrounded by his family on Thursday, October 31, 2013 at his home in Dime Box following a battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents, E.B. Collins and Rose Collins; his brother, Roy Collins and his in-laws, Louis & Rosa Lee Maass. James is survived by his wife, Sharon Collins of Dime Box; his daughter and son-in-law, Dana & Jason Kasmiersky of Giddings; three grandchildren, Katie, Dalton and Wyatt Kasmiersky of Giddings; his brother, Ray Collins & his wife, Ruth of Montgomery; sister-in-law, Jo Ann Lehde & her husband, Vernon of Houston; his brother-in-law, Tim Maass & his special friend, Linda Kolajajak of Burton and nephews and nieces, Bryan Collins & his wife, Lori of Cat Spring, Tracy Whittles & her husband, Jonathan of Oregon, Damon Collins & his wife, Kim of Montgomery, Stephanie Schulze & her husband, Cody of Burton, Melissa Bilski & her husband, Justin of Brenham and Colton Maass of Burton. He is also survived by a cousin who he often thought of as a brother, Earl Hatfield & his wife, Happy of Houston as well as many friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Bryan Collins, Damon Collins, Ted Koudelka, Jonathan Whittles, Ray Wehmeyer, Jason Kasmiersky, Jeff Mikulin and Wayne Prentice. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Mary Gutierrez, 885 North Chambers, Giddings, Texas 78942, Family Hospice, 7607 Eastmark Drive, Suite 250 E, College Station, Texas 77840 or the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *James Russell Collins*

Melissa Moreno - November 15, 2013 at 05:30 PM

KL

“ *James Russell Collins*

Kathy Ladewig - November 05, 2013 at 12:18 PM

VP

“ *James Russell Collins*

Vicki (Mikulin Prentice) - November 04, 2013 at 06:13 PM

GI

“ *James Russell Collins*

Gary and Beverly Iselt - November 04, 2013 at 12:17 PM

DM

“ *James Russell Collins*

Debby and Steve Mikulin - November 04, 2013 at 09:55 AM

PM

“ *James Russell Collins*

pat mikulin - November 04, 2013 at 09:39 AM

MS

“ *James Russell Collins*

Michelle Schuetz - November 04, 2013 at 08:50 AM

GP

“ *James Russell Collins*

Greg & Rose Mary Prill - November 01, 2013 at 03:36 PM

LL

“ *James Russell Collins*

Linda Lawson - November 01, 2013 at 03:09 PM

LG

“ *James Russell Collins*

Luis Garza - November 01, 2013 at 01:30 PM