



## Richard Lee Collins

June 5, 1947 - April 26, 2023

Richard "Rick" Collins passed away peacefully, surrounded by family that adored him, on Wednesday, April 26th at MercyOne in Mason City, Iowa. He was born June 5, 1947 in Dumont, Iowa, the son of Haldon and Ollie (Kriens) Collins. In the summer of 1984, Rick came to know Jesus as his Savior. He was baptized alongside his granddaughter, Tara in the summer of 2007 in Iowa Falls.

On January 30, 1965 he was united in marriage to Cheryl Haines in Dumont, Iowa.

Rick lived his entire life in Dumont. He took over his father's business, Collins Construction after having worked side by side with his dad. He was well known in the area for his pole sheds and barns. You can see evidence of his hard work all around the surrounding counties. He was a perfectionist and these buildings will stand the test of time. Through the years, he had many employees and helpers, including his grandson Brandon, that can attest to his perfectionism, "quality control" and unique way of sharing his knowledge. ( Measure twice, cut once...)

In his spare time he could be found at his pasture tinkering on lawn mowers and tractors. There was nothing he couldn't fix. He was always willing to help his daughters with home improvement projects and would accept payment in

the form of a turkey dinner or a pie. In the past couple years, he could be found hanging out at home watching Law and Order reruns with his faithful companion Gus on his lap. He was well known for his unique quotes and quips that his family lovingly referred to as "Richardisms". None of which are suitable for print.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Cheryl. He is also survived by his daughters Denise (Troy) Duryee of Mason City and Doreen (Gary) Price of Mukwonago, Wisconsin; five grandchildren, Tara (AP Nelson) Cockram of Hampton, Iowa, Gabby Duryee of Mason City, Iowa, Nick (Ashley) Price of Elkhorn, WI, Katie Price of Germantown, WI, Kyle Price of Mukwonago WI; one great-granddaughter, Addilyn Nelson that was fascinated by great grandpa. He is also survived by two sisters, Debbie (Ed) Mouw of Dumont and Barb Morrow of Whitehall, Ohio; one brother, Jerry Collins of Waterloo, Iowa. Also surviving him is his faithful companion and lap dog, Gussy Collins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Jim, as well as many Aunts and Uncles. He is also preceded in death by his beloved grandson Brandon Ayers.

Rick was a loving husband, dad and grandpa and he will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Services will be held at a later date. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Dumont is caring for Richard and his family.

# Tribute Wall

WJ

“ So sorry to hear of Ricks passing. I have many fond memories of working with him and Brandon as a young man.

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**William K Justice** - October 08, 2024 at 04:00 PM

MM

“ I only knew Rick from his loving and tireless support of Cheryl in all that she does, most notably her rescue of Wire Fox Terriers in need. But that support said everything about the kind of man Rick was, He will be sorely missed.

Cheryl, my deepest sympathy for the loss of your life mate. ((( hugs )))

Love, Marian (and Liam)

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**Marian Petrides, MD** - May 02, 2023 at 05:44 PM

MS

“ Many of his comments weren't printable but very funny. I remember one conversation we had vividly. It had to do with a tin ceiling being installed backwards and every other word could have been censored. Rick was a character with strong views - but was also a big old teddy bear to those he held dear. Cheryl, Denise, and Doreen I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Marcia Segura** - May 02, 2023 at 02:21 PM

BA

“ Cheryl was right, some of his sayings can't be posted, but each time we talked on the phone and I asked him what he was doing his answer was always "talking to you". He always had a guilty grin on his face if you asked him something. I will miss you big brother, wish I could have been closer to Iowa, love you all.

Barbie - May 02, 2023 at 01:38 PM

PB

“ Healing prayers and comforting hugs ; I am so sorry for your loss.

Peggy Byrne - April 30, 2023 at 01:14 PM

ME

“ So sorry to hear about Rick. If you gave Rick a hammer and some wood, he could build anything. Rest in peace, Richard.

Marty Evans - April 28, 2023 at 01:55 PM

AB

*My Great uncle will be truly missed*

Austin Blayer - April 28, 2023 at 11:09 PM

AB

*I'm the son of Kathy Collins who passed a few years ago.*

Austin Blayer - April 28, 2023 at 11:10 PM

WO

*RIP. Ricky. You'll be missed. Think of the family reunion in Heaven!*

Wayne Oitzman - April 30, 2023 at 04:27 PM