



Obituary

Born: Sunday, April 25, 1926

Died: Sunday, March 10, 2019

Lee O. Collins, Jr.

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Lee Oren Collins, Jr., 92, of South Bend died at 4:00 a.m. Sunday, March 10th in Healthwin Specialized Care Facility. Mr. Collins was born April 25, 1926 in South Bend to the late Cecelia M. (Orr) and Lee O. Collins and was a lifetime area resident. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Jean E. (Ashley) Collins; one grandson, Tech Sgt. Dale Mathews; sons-in-law, Victor Steinhoffer and Tom Triplet; and siblings, C. Merle Collins, K. Orraine Gregory, Patricia Collins, and Robert Collins. He is survived by his children, Linda K. Steinhoffer, Judy Paczesny (John), Patty Triplet, and Jim Collins (Kay) all of South Bend and Joyce Wheeler (Tim) of Lafayette, IN; nine grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Service Summary

Visitation

4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Thu Mar 14, 2019

Cleveland Rd. Location

17033 Cleveland Road
South Bend, IN 46635

Funeral Service

11:00 AM Fri Mar 15, 2019

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17033 Cleveland Road
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Lee was a member of the German Twp. Lions Club, VFW, American Legion, German Twp. Advisory Board and also helped with 4-H, Girl Scout Troop Dad, and Boy Scouts. In retirement he was a Memorial Hospital volunteer and helped with camp building needs at Camp Millhouse, many times repairing roofs with other members of Northwest Church. Work for Lee began at an early age working in his father's ice cream store, Barbra Fritchie. He would pedal an ice cream bike making daily sales. Later he would work in the restaurant. As children came and Lee needed more money he started working in the Bread and Cake division of Teamster's with jobs at Dolly Madison, Sara Lee, Frito-Lay, Schafer Bakery, and Butternut Bread. In retirement he worked at Tom's Vending and Country Florist.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 15th in the Welsheimer Family Funeral Home North, 17033 Cleveland Rd. with Rev. Vickie Van Nevel officiating. Committal services and burial with military honors will follow at Riverview Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 14th from 4 until 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions in Lee's name may be made to Northwest United Methodist Church, 21855 Brick Rd., South Bend, IN, 46628. Family and friends may leave email condolences at www.welsheimer.com.

Charitable donations may be made in Lee's memory to the following organization:

Northwest United Methodist Church

21855 Brick Rd. South Bend, IN 46628