



## John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr.

April 30, 1946 - April 22, 2020

John Douglas Collins, Jr. (affectionately known as Jim or John D to family and friends) was born August 30, 1946 in Elgin, Texas. He was the second child born to John Douglas Collins, Sr. and Katie Mae Jones Collins. He departed this life on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. He is preceded in death by his loving wife and high school sweetheart, Esther Yvonne Owens Collins; parents, John and Katie Collins; grandmother, Bertha Mae Jones (Big Mama); and sisters, Louise Cook, Delores Thomas, Elois Moorner.

John attended and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, Elgin, Texas. He received his Associate Degree in Business at ACC, Austin, Texas. He was a faithful and dedicated employee at the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife and Public Safety for ten plus years and IBM for eighteen years. On May 2, 1966, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served as a Communications Specialist in the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged on May 3, 1968.

John accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age, was baptized, and became a member of Winn's Memorial Baptist Church, Elgin, Texas. In the late 70's, he joined St. James Missionary Baptist Church. He served on the Deacon Board and was a member of the Usher Board, Men's Ministry, and E.M. Franklin Male Chorus. He remained a loyal and active member for forty plus years until his death.

John loved fishing, hunting and all sports. In high school, he played tennis, basketball, and ran track. His passion was football #22, where he excelled as

a running back and defensive cornerback with the notorious Elgin Eagles. He joined a bowling league and even tried his hand at golfing. He loved attending his granddaughter's track and field and volleyball events. His favorite professional teams were the Washington Redskins and the Los Angeles Lakers.

For many years, he and his cousin/best friend, Bobby Ray Jones, attended the UIL basketball tournaments. In October of each year, they and their brother-in-law, Odis Owens, Jr., would travel to Ennis, Texas where they would attend the NHRA Fall National car races. John was confident, loyal, caring and dependable. He was a loving son, brother, father, uncle, friend and mentor. He was loved by everyone who was fortunate enough to know him. John leaves to cherish his memory; son, Kevin Collins (Crystal) of Cedar Hill, TX; daughter, Tonya Allen (MarKeith) of Pflugerville, TX; sisters, Marva K. Wynn (James) of Duncanville, TX.; Daffney A. Henry of Manor, TX; brothers, Joseph "Dandy" Collins of Antelope, CA; and Alvin Collins of Elgin, TX; brother-in-law John Moorer of Austin, TX; grandchildren, Alexea Collins, Kyra Collins, Chaise Collins, Kamryn Allen, Renee Butler (Joey), Deverone Harrison, and Jonathan Williams; great grandchildren, Shawna and Trey Butler; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

**FAMILY GRAVESIDE SERVICE**

## Previous Events

**Public Viewing with CDC GUIDELINES**

APR **30**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. James Baptist Church  
3417 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
Austin, TX 78721

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *Kent Franklin lit a candle in memory of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr.*



Kent Franklin - May 25, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ *First of all on this Memorial Day ; I would like to say thank you Mr . John D . Collins , Jr. For your Service to our Country & our Lord ! You are missed , as a Brother and Friend . To Kevin & Tonya , and all the Family ; love & prayers to you all . Mr. J C is gone but never forgotten. 2 Timothy 4 : 7 . 🙏*

Kent Franklin - May 25, 2020 at 09:34 PM



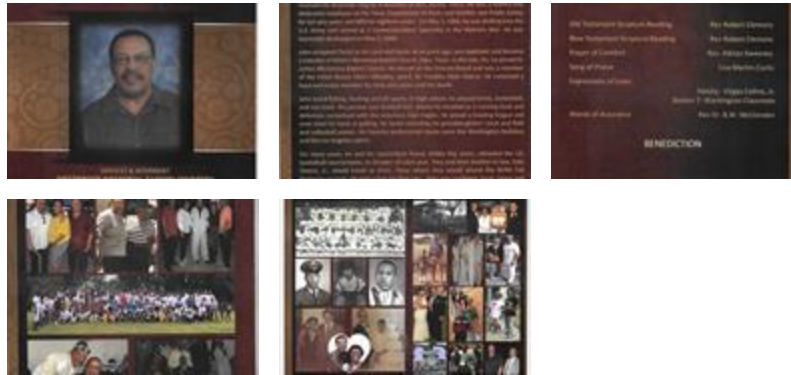
“ *Sammie Eppright lit a candle in memory of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr.*



Sammie Eppright - May 12, 2020 at 12:50 AM



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A Life Celebration by Franklin - May 02, 2020 at 12:48 AM



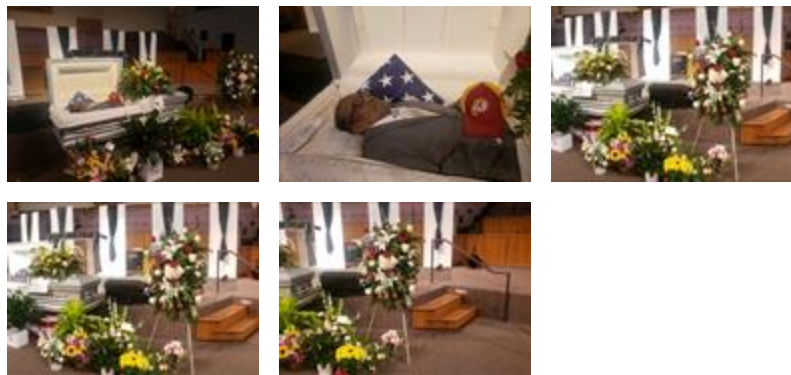
“ Barbara Christopher lit a candle in memory of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr.



Barbara Christopher - May 01, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



A Life Celebration by Franklin - May 01, 2020 at 12:07 PM

TD

“ Toni & Kevin,

*We are praying for you and your family. May God give you comfort and peace.*

*Arthur & Terri Davis and Family*



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**Terri Davis** - May 01, 2020 at 10:37 AM

KA

“ *Ki Anderson lit a candle in memory of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr.*



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**Ki Anderson** - April 30, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr..*



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April 30, 2020 at 06:40 PM

SL

“ *To Toni and Kevin, my sincere condolences. Deacon Collins was most cherished and I will miss his smile and humor shared. Blessings and comfort upon you as you travel through this time. Sonya Lewis*

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**Sonya Lewis** - April 30, 2020 at 04:25 PM

PJ

“ We are sorry for your loss, God wanted him home with Mom and Dad. We cherish the times we shared together  
From Waldene (Dena) Ivory and Andrew Jones children

Paula Haywood & Bonita Jones - April 30, 2020 at 02:18 PM

JS

“ Jessica Sifuentes lit a candle in memory of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr.



Jessica Sifuentes - April 30, 2020 at 02:15 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr..



April 30, 2020 at 01:56 PM

MR

“ Remembering John D as a man of faith, lover of family, sports fan, excellent athlete in the day and a man who never forgot where he came from. Blessings to Kevin and Tony.

Margaret Owens -Cookie Reese - April 30, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr..



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April 30, 2020 at 12:32 PM



“ Our Prayers go out the Family, Loved Ones & Friends of Deacon John Collins. He always gave he a very kind and encouraging word during my short time at "THE JAMES" so far!



He will be TRULY MISSED! I served as a Deacon with him for a short time.

Rev. Larry D. & Sister Kathy Gray, Sr.

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Rev. Larry D. Gray, Sr. - April 30, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ Josh and Adrianna Moncada purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr..



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Josh and Adrianna Moncada - April 30, 2020 at 08:56 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr..



April 30, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr..



April 30, 2020 at 07:46 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections* was purchased for the family of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr..



April 30, 2020 at 07:33 AM



“ *Nola Earthman lit a candle in memory of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr.*



**Nola Earthman** - April 30, 2020 at 01:45 AM



“ Margaret Alexander lit a candle in memory of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr.



Margaret Alexander - April 29, 2020 at 11:52 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr..



April 29, 2020 at 11:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr..



April 29, 2020 at 10:17 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr..



April 29, 2020 at 09:09 PM

VM

“ *Van Mcvea lit a candle in memory of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr.*



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**Van Mcvea** - April 29, 2020 at 08:45 PM

ME

“ *Ms. Sammie A. Eppright lit a candle in memory of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr.*



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**Ms. Sammie A. Eppright** - April 29, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr..*



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April 29, 2020 at 07:43 PM

AC

“ *Andrea Charlton lit a candle in memory of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr.*



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**Andrea Charlton** - April 29, 2020 at 07:27 PM

AC

*Sending prayers of comfort and peace for you family, T. Allen.*

**Andrea Charlton** - April 29, 2020 at 07:29 PM

 Nola Earthman

*So sorry to hear about the loss of a friend as well as a classmate the family have my heartfelt sympathy my God bless & keep you'll Nola M. Stoglin-Earthman*

**Nola Earthman** - April 30, 2020 at 02:03 AM

E?

“ *Eastside Tennis ?? purchased the Lovely One Sp  
athiphyllum Plant for the family of John Douglas  
(Jim) Collins Jr..*



**Eastside Tennis ??** - April 29, 2020 at 07:24 PM

JL

“ *Toni praying for you and your entire family.*



**Janice Lee** - April 29, 2020 at 07:21 PM

VH

“ *Tonya, you and your family are in my  
prayers?*



**Valencia Hadnot** - April 29, 2020 at 07:21 PM

VP

“ Deacon, thank you for ALWAYS making me smile! We had our little jokes and we never got that bowling game in (smile). You embodied a true man of God.  
I will certainly miss you and your beautiful presence at St. James. Rest, until we meet again.



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**Vickie Pugh** - April 29, 2020 at 07:15 PM

MF

“ Melinda Jones Fearance lit a candle in memory of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr.



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**Melinda Jones Fearance** - April 29, 2020 at 06:42 PM

JR

“ Joybell Ray lit a candle in memory of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr.



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**Joybell Ray** - April 29, 2020 at 04:52 PM

JP

“ So sorry for the loss of your love one. Prayers for the entire family.



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**Jo Patterson** - April 29, 2020 at 04:12 PM

CC

“ Carolyn Carter lit a candle in memory of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr.



Carolyn Carter - April 29, 2020 at 04:07 PM

CC

*I thank John D for being real  
And for his encouraging words when I would see him  
Truly one of God's servants who cared for others  
Our family send our  
Deepest Sympathy And Sincere Condolences  
Prayers are being lifted up  
May God bless, keep strengthen and sustain you today and always  
Put your trust in Him  
He cares for you  
Love  
R.W. and Carolyn Carter*

Carolyn Carter - April 29, 2020 at 04:29 PM

GO

“ GLORIA Ockletree lit a candle in memory of John Douglas (Jim) Collins Jr.



GLORIA Ockletree - April 29, 2020 at 02:34 PM

GO

*JIM, I'M Going to miss you very much. I'll never forget the good times we were in school together in Elgin, you made me cry because I didn't like the nickname you gave me Mrs. Green Jean. But I know I was one of your best friends. 🙏🙏🙏❤️*

GLORIA Ockletree - April 29, 2020 at 02:38 PM

RH

*I met Jim while working at IBM years ago. He was a good man. My condolences to his family.*

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**Ronald Harry** - May 01, 2020 at 07:48 AM

DH

*Sending my condolences to the family of John D. He was my dad's best friend. Praying for all. Praying for comfort and strength to the family.*

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**Dellanda Harrell-Causey** - May 01, 2020 at 09:50 AM