



James K. Collins Jr

September 3, 1928 - April 28, 2018

James K. Collins Jr, 89 of Willoughby, passed away April 28, 2018, (his mother's birthday) at Vista Springs Quail Highlands Assisted Living in Concord Twp. He was born September 3, 1928, in Wickliffe.

Jim was the longtime editor of The News-Herald, serving as editor emeritus since 2005. He served as executive-in-residence at Lakeland Community College since 2005. He graduated from Willoughby Union High School in 1946 and went on to study journalism at Kent State University. He was a founding member of the "VICIOUS Circle Lunch Group", on the board that selected the Willoughby-Eastlake Teacher of the Year, had been Lake County Citizen of the Year, on the Willoughby Fine Arts Board, a 30 year member of the Painesville Gyro, a 57 year founding member, and past president of the Willoughby Rotary, member of the Lake County Chief of Police Association, had been awarded the Willoughby Distinguished Citizen of the Year and many more affiliations and groups that Jim was passionate about but too numerous to list.

Jim was a fan of the Cleveland Browns, Cleveland Indians, and jazz music. He enjoyed being involved in politics and sports in general, especially playing golf and tennis.

He is survived by his daughters, Diane (Louie) Sicurezza and Kimberly (Dan) Cleary; grandchildren, Destiny Simcic, Louis P. (Amanda) Sicurezza, Kenny

Sicurezza and Brian (Danielle) Cleary; great-grandchildren, Angelina, Grace, Eve and Andrew; brother, David Collins; sister, Molly (Larry) Whinnery and other loving family. He was preceded in death by his parents, James K. Sr and Hazel Collins and son, Peter Bradley Collins.

A Celebration of Life will be held 11 am Friday, May 4, 2018, at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060 where the family will receive friends from 4-8 pm Thursday, May 3, 2018.

Interment will be in Knollwood Cemetery, Mayfield Heights.

Contributions may be made in Jim Collins' memory to The Lakeland Foundation, Lakeland Community College, 7700 Clocktower Drive, Kirtland, Ohio 44094-5198 or to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110.

Send flowers and offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Knollwood Cemetery

1678 SOM Center Rd.
Mayfield Hts., OH 44124
(440) 442-2800

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of Jim Collins, Our deepest sympathy in your loss. He was a wonderful man and writer. We always enjoyed reading his columns in the News Herald. He had good taste in music liking ABBA, like we do. May you be comforted by family and friends. Prayers to you all.

Skerl Family

Miriam Skerl - May 07, 2018 at 06:39 PM

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“ When Jim Collins thought highly of someone, he would refer to them as A Great American. He was truly A Great American. His opinion pieces were well thought out and always, always for what he thought were for the betterment of government or the communities he cared about. Law enforcement will miss this great supporter. I made sure to tell him while he was alive how much he was appreciated. I am glad I did. He did a wonderful job of keeping local history alive. Rest in Peace. I said at his roast he reminded me of Howdy Dowdy and loved it.

Dan Dunlap - May 04, 2018 at 09:03 AM

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“ Jim was a longtime customer of Hellriegel's Inn. He was a faithful attendee at the Friday Gyro gatherings and was one of the founding members of Hellriegel's Veterans Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Committee way back in 1965. Every December 7, Jim would attend the Pearl Harbor Remembrance dinner in his Army uniform. Oh, and let's not forget how Jim always ensured that a News Herald reporter and photographer would be present at the dinner. The next day an article and photo were front page news.

Albert Di Iorio, Owner Hellriegel's Inn - May 04, 2018 at 12:11 AM

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“ We are very sorry to hear of the loss of such a great man. We have had the honor to be friends with Jim for many years. Sending our love, thoughts and prayers.

Murray and Bette Winchell

Murray Winchell - May 03, 2018 at 06:14 PM

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“ Your Willoughty Rotary Friends and Colleagues purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James K. Collins Jr.



Your Willoughty Rotary Friends and Colleagues - May 02, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of James K. Collins Jr.



May 02, 2018 at 09:35 AM

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“ I will miss our good friend. Wimp and I would meet him and Mary for dinner whenever we were in town and he stayed with us when he was in Florida telling us great stories of times past.

Mary Ann Moyer - May 01, 2018 at 05:04 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of James K. Collins Jr.*



May 01, 2018 at 02:05 PM