



Dr. William John Collins

July 5, 1934 - October 1, 2017

Dr. William John Collins, age 83, passed away Sunday, October 1, 2017 at The Forum at Knightsbridge. He was born to Thelma and Paul Collins in Orbisonia, PA on July 5, 1934. His father, Paul died when Bill was 10 years old. Thelma remarried to Mike McMullen who was there for Bill in his adulthood. He received his B.S in Biology from Juniata College. After graduating he joined the U.S. Army and served from 1957 until 1960. Bill received his PhD in Entomology from Rutgers University in 1966. He was a full time professor, taught, conducted research and mentored PhD candidates at The Ohio State University from 1967 until 1980. He became the Assistant Dean for the College of Biological Sciences from 1980 until 1986 and the Associate Dean for the Graduate School from 1986 until 1995. Dr. Collins was a key contributor to building the MD/PhD program at OSU where he received the Outstanding Student Organization Faculty Advisory Award and the Service to Students Award. Dr. Collins loved his work, loved his students and loved the Buckeyes! He was a lifelong member of Linworth United Methodist Church, donating his time to maintenance of the church grounds, the choir and administrative committees. His pride and joy was his wife, children and grandchildren. Bill was an avid gardener, always sharing produce from his BIG garden with his family and friends. He was a gentleman who never knew a stranger and would give the shirt off his back at to anyone who was in need. Bill is preceded in death by his wife, Peggy, married for 53 years and three sisters, JoAnn, Dorothy and Alma Grace. He is survived by loving children, Cheryl (Tom) Schultz, Roberta (Bill) Guthery and Butch (Tressy) Collins; four grandsons and siblings, Paul Collins and Helen Jean Yednock. A funeral service will be held 1:15 p.m. Friday, October 6, 2017 at SCHOEDINGER NORTH CHAPEL, 5554 Karl Road, where family will receive friends from 12:15 p.m. until the time of service at 1:15 p.m. Burial to follow at Flint Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice Services at Methodist Eldercare or the Franklin County Humane Society in his name.

Cemetery

Flint Cemetery

8187 Flint Rd.

Columbus, OH, 43235

Events

OCT **Visitation** 12:15PM - 01:15PM

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Schoedinger North Chapel

5554 Karl Road, Columbus, OH, US, 43229

OCT **Funeral Service** 01:15PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Schoedinger Funeral Service - October 04, 2017 at 08:27 AM



“ Bill was my Master's degree advisor in the Department of Entomology while I was at Ohio State. I remember our trips to Washington, D.C. to attend an annual environmental toxicology conference. He would take all of us graduate students to the conference in a university vehicle, where he would introduce us to many of the speakers and experts. We also enjoyed a nice dinner that Bill would always pay for! Bill taught me how to be professional and to work independently. I really learned a lot from him, both as a student and as a person. It goes without saying that he made a significant contribution to the university, as well as to the lives of so many students.

Tim Lohner

Tim Lohner - October 24, 2017 at 08:30 PM



“ Carmen and Mimi Ciarrocca and Family. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. William John Collins.



Carmen and Mimi Ciarrocca and Family. - October 04, 2017 at 10:53 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dr. William John Collins.



October 04, 2017 at 10:38 AM



“ I met Dr. Collins quite some time ago when I was the secretary for the department of Entomology at OSU. He always entered the office with a smile. When he moved over to the Bio Sci building as the Assistant Dean, I looked forward to seeing that inviting smile whenever I visited the administrative office. Now many years later, I'm honored to help his family in the administrative office at Schoedinger. May his loving ways continue on in all of you.

Dinah Hoover
Adm. Asst., Schoedinger North

Dinah - October 03, 2017 at 06:40 PM



“ Oh my, Dinah! So blessed to have you helping with Dad's service! It's a small world.

Cheri - October 03, 2017 at 09:14 PM



“ God Bless and Thank YOU, Dr. Collins for your service in The United States Army... RIP ... And Semper Fi..... Soldier.



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - October 03, 2017 at 03:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. William John Collins.



October 03, 2017 at 09:41 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. William John Collins.



October 03, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ Dr. Collins served as my undergraduate faculty advisor and guided my honors research project at the Ohio State University. He introduced me to the classical scientific method, in which hypotheses are proposed and tested under controlled conditions. Today computerized statistics often identify fruitful associations, but they can confuse cause and effect in the absence of clear concepts. Dr. Collins also taught that amateurs working outside the field can legitimately propose fresh scientific theories founded on the published research of others, regardless of their personal lack of research experience. He cautioned that medical journals are notoriously reluctant to publish controversial evidence, as exemplified by the Ohio State graduate students discovered the Bursa of Fabricius but were repeatedly rejected by medical journals, so that they were obliged to publish their report in a poultry journal, where it languished for several years until it was belatedly recognized by researchers, whereupon it revolutionized immunology. He prophetically warned that his best friend in high school had idealistically sought a career in medicine, only to find himself surrounded by venal obsessives bereft of interest in science or progress. His scientific training prepared me for my subsequent discovery of the mammalian stress mechanism that was postulated by Hans Selye, and which was the prevailing paradigm of medical research for approximately 30 years in the aftermath of the discovery of DNA. The mechanism enables Selye's "unified theory of medicine" that will one day revolutionize medical theory and practice.

Dr. Collins was the sole toxicologist at Ohio State. He gave his life to science, for he died of progressive brain damage that is most simply explained by progressive, irreversible carbamate insecticide exposure, of which he cautioned me, though this remains unconfirmed. His fate accentuated his warning of the danger of toxic environmental substances, including pharmaceuticals. Carbamate poisons are commonly found in "Raid," "Black Flag," and other common household insecticides. Small wonder that cancer, heart disease, autism, and chronic illnesses have become commonplace in our time.

May his memory endure.

Lewis S. Coleman, MD
www.stressmechanism.com

Lewis S. Coleman - October 02, 2017 at 11:16 PM



“ Carl Mooney lit a candle in memory of Dr. William John Collins



Carl Mooney - October 02, 2017 at 03:17 PM