



William Salesman Davidsons/Macys

August 5, 2010

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GA - Mr. William Eugene "Gene" Collins, 83, entered peacefully into rest, Thursday, August 5, 2010, at University Hospital.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 7, at 11:00 am, from the chapel of Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors, with Minister Frank Londino officiating.

Interment will follow in Westover Memorial Park.

Mr. Collins was a lifelong resident of Augusta and was one of the top salesmen at Davidsons/Macys for thirty-nine years. Widely known as everyone's friend, he grew up in Augusta's Harrisburg neighborhood and began delivering newspapers at the age of ten. During the Second World War he served with the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater. After the war he began working for the Augusta Fire Department at Station Number 7, as a fireman. Then, encouraged by a local businessman to get into sales, Gene began his sales career and never left it. Throughout his career he was consistently recognized as one of the top salesman in the company, receiving numerous awards and bonuses, including a 1973 red Chevrolet Camaro.

With the appliance business knowledge he learned during his Davidsons/Macys career, he opened a used appliance business which he operated for several years after his retirement from Davidsons/Macys. His easy-going personality and being well liked made him a winner at this as well. His passing will be noted by many of Augusta's old-time salesmen and friends.

Mr. Collins is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Leigh Collins, of North Augusta, SC; sons, Peter Christopher Collins, of Augusta, and Mark Anthony Collins, of Norcross, GA; his sister, Dorothy Page, of Augusta; and one grandson, Jason Anthony Londino, of Augusta.

If so desired memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimers Association, Georgia Chapter, 1899 Central Ave, Augusta, GA 30904.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home, Friday, August 6, from 6 until 8 PM.

Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors, 2502 Richmond Hill Rd, Augusta, GA, 30906.