



John Army (Retired)

January 27, 2016

Augusta, GA - John Joseph Collins, 90, entered into his eternal rest Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at AU Medical Center.

Funeral services with Full Military Honors will be Saturday, January 30, 2016, at 2:00 PM from the Hillcrest Mausoleum Chapel in Hillcrest Memorial Park, with Reverend Mr. Elmore G. Butler officiating.

Family and friends are requested to assemble at the mausoleum.

John was born November 16, 1925, in Neenah, Wisconsin. He was just a teenager at 17 when he volunteered to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a gunner on the USS Charleston PG-51 in the Pacific. When the war was over, he came home to marry the love of his life, Jean Bibinger. John joined the Army, traveling the world with his family and eventually rising to the rank of Sergeant First Class before retiring. Augusta became John's home and he lived here for over fifty years. He worked Civil Service at Fort Gordon, at Sears, and at Montgomery Ward before he fully retired.

John loved bowling and was an active member of Augusta's bowling community for many years. He managed Fort Gordon's Bowling Center I and II and with his wife, Jean, started the Saturday morning league for children.

John was also a manager for the Brunswick National Bowling Lanes briefly before fully retiring. He was a long-time member of the Augusta Bowling Association which recognized his work by awarding him the Meritorious Service award. John was also honored to be inducted into the association's Hall of Fame.

John had many interests besides bowling, including watching the Atlanta Braves, the Atlanta Falcons, and his beloved Green Bay Packers. He also loved his trips to Las Vegas with Jean during their early retirement years. John was a kind and gentle man, a loving husband, wonderful father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He will be missed by all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Collins.

He is survived by his children, Peggy Dineen (Mike), Christine Wills (Frank-deceased), Maureen Broome (Wesley), and John Collins (Doris); nine grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; his brother, Tom Collins (Susan); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be Paul Broome, Ryan Callaway, Michael Broome, Alex Collins, Jacob Dineen, Brian Wills, and Tony Wills.

The family will receive friends immediately following the service at the mausoleum.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *Maureen, Wesley and family,
Our condolences. We sincerely enjoyed getting to know Mr. Collins
when he was in rehab with Terri's dad a couple of years ago.
Donald and Terri Baldowski*

Donald and Terri Baldowski - February 02, 2016 at 12:27 AM

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“ *On behalf of the Patrick Collins family, we send our love and
prayers to my cousins Peggy, Christine, Maureen, John and their
families. Your father was very special to me and I considered him as
my favorite uncle. I am saddened that we never had a chance to
see you all on your visits to Wisconsin, as we were always told
after the fact that you were here. Poor communications on our side
of the family. I do hope that we can get together some day before
we take up the rocker. I know that God finally got His anchor man
for his bowling team. "Memories remain, prayers sustain!" Love to
all! Patrick*

Patrick Collins - January 30, 2016 at 04:24 PM

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“ *Grandpa, you taught me so much about life, loyalty and family.
I'll miss you more than words can say.
Love, Lorie*

Laurel Dineen - January 29, 2016 at 02:09 PM

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“ *To the Wills Family,
We send condolences for the loss of your grandfather. Your family
will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Stacy and Sean Nicholson - January 28, 2016 at 11:39 AM