## Dad

Dad was a tough man, a good father and to many a good friend. I remember him a giant from my youth who shaped my beginning, my destiny's end.

> Honesty, a man's word, is his bond. Be who you are, no pretenses. Be open, live your dreams, build relationships not fences.

Always give your very best in everything you do. Never quit a job you start until that job is through. There is nothing you can't accomplish, if you will it so, said the man who shaped my life before he had to go.

# Treasured Seasons

For everything there is an appointed season, And a time for everything under heaven -A Time for sowing, a time for reaping, A time for sharing, a time for caring, A time for loving, a time for giving, A time for remembering, a time for parting, You have made everything beautiful in its time For everything you do remains forever.

APPRECIATION On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service. Luginbuel Funeral Home Prairie Grove, Arkansas online guest book, visit www.luginbuel.com

# Celebrating THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF



# Fred C. Collins

May 31, 1941 - July 10, 2023

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF Fred C. Collins

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE Saturday, July 15, 2023 - 10:00 A.M. Luginbuel Chapel Prairie Grove, Arkansas

### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

#### **Prelude Music**

"Lord Build Me A Cabin in the Corner of Glory Land" Reading of the Obituary BeBe Houser & Laney Thomas Eulogy Jeff Hart Scripture Reading- Psalm 34:14-18 Jeff Hart

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be

#### Reflections

of a contrite spirit.

Prayer

Jeff Hart

Family Memories Video "The Outskirts of Heaven" "Go Rest High On That Mountain"

#### **Postlude Music**

GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL NOT BE HELD, THE FAMILY INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HUT.

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

J.C. Dobbs - Travis Garrett - Jason Hart Shayne Hart - Victor Hart - Damon McFadden Woodrow Marshall

## FINAL RESTING PLACE Prairie Grove Cemetery

#### **MEMORIALS**

University of Arkansas, College of Agriculture, Agronomy Department to support scholarships and student awards Frederick Clinton Collins, 82, passed away Monday, July 10, 2023 at his home in Prairie Grove, Arkansas surrounded by his family. Born on May 31, 1941, in Prairie Grove, Arkansas, he was the son of Edgar Clinton and Jewell Elvira (Hunton) Collins.

Fred was an accomplished man. He graduated from Lincoln High School and went on to receive the Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from the University of Arkansas. Following this, he earned his Master of Science in Agronomy from Colorado State University followed by the PhD in Plant Breeding and Genetics from Purdue University.

He was a tenured Full Professor at the University of Arkansas for 17 years where he taught and led research in agronomy, breeding, and genetics. In this role he also mentored numerous undergraduates, graduates, and several National and International graduate students.

Following his academic career, Fred joined CR Seeds in Bay, Arkansas for over 10 years where he was instrumental in its growth through his leadership, research, and development of unique strains of wheat.

Fred was known in his field as "Mr. Wheat of the Mid-South" for developing the most used wheat variety in the region. He was also known for developing an oat variety with the same distinction. Fred was the recipient of multiple awards from the University of Arkansas, Seed Dealers Association, and others for his developments and breeding.

Fred was never far from the field. After his 'retirement' he started a vegetable and flower farm and stand on 20 acres near his home in Prairie Grove. However, always generous, he certainly gave away far more than he ever sold. Local kids still fondly recall his annual fall tour of his pumpkin patch for kindergarten students.

In addition to his full academic and professional life, Fred was very active in local civic organizations. Fred served on the Prairie Grove City Council, was President of the Prairie Grove Board of Education, and Chairman of the Prairie Grove Planning Commission. He was a longstanding member and former President of the Prairie Grove Lions Club. In this role, he could be found year after year smoking chicken to benefit local causes at the annual Clothesline Fair.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter Deborah Collins, father and mother-in-law William and Ovela Sheffield, sister-in-law Linda Sheffield and brother-in-law James Russell.

Survivors include his wife of 62 1/2 years Jo Anna Collins; one son Lt. Colonel (Ret) Richard Collins and his wife Katherine of Winchester, Virginia; one daughter Debra Houser and her husband Greg of West Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; one sister Deloris Russell; eight grandchildren Brieanna 'BeBe' Houser of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Delaney Thomas and her husband Matthew of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, William and Alexandra Collins of Winchester, Virginia, Teddy, Tate, Rudy and Chip Houser all of West Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.