



*In
Loving
Memory*



*Mark B.
Collins*

*December 30, 1943 -
September 9, 2024*



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mark Bakkum Collins, who left this world on September 9, 2024, in his birthplace of Grafton, ND.

Born on December 30, 1943, Mark was a beacon of kindness, loyalty, and love throughout his remarkable life.

Mark was the beloved son of Thelma and Herb Collins. He was greeted in heaven by his parents; his beloved wife, Anne; his son, Robert Widme; and his brother, Stephen Collins.

Mark's journey was one enriched with love and family. On July 24, 1982, he married the love of his life, Anne, in Hamilton, ND. Their union was a testament to enduring love and partnership, which only grew stronger with the years.

Mark's educational pursuits led him to Aaker's Business College, where he earned a degree in Business Administration in 1964. He furthered his education at Mayville State College, earning a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1976. Duty to his country called, and from 1965 to 1967, he served honorably during the Vietnam Era at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

His professional life was as varied and fulfilling as his personal one. Mark was employed by Napa Supply Store and Carquest in Cavalier, ND, for nearly two decades. His roots in farming, a passion he nurtured throughout his lifetime, were a testament to his hardworking nature and deep connection to the land.

Mark's passions extended beyond work and family. He had a profound love for classic cars and farming.

However, it was his family that he cherished most, making countless memories that will be treasured by those he leaves behind.

He is survived by his loving children: David Widme of Thief River Falls, MN; Judy Widme of Cavalier; Sandy (Bob) Flaten of Park River, ND; Staci McLaughlin of Roseville, CA; Mark J. Collins of Brooks, MN; and Jennifer (Jeremy) Toso of Red Lake Falls, MN. Mark was a proud grandfather to Karissa (Rocky) Fredericksen, Camille Widme, Mark V. (Gwynne) Smith, Jr., Shane (Cassidy) McLaughlin, Ethan Toso, and Brendan Toso. His legacy also continues through his great-grandsons, Brantley and Parker. He will be deeply missed by his brother Stuart (Joan) Collins and his special friends, Pat and Carol Cook family.

Mark was known for his loving, kind, and loyal nature. He was an all-around nice guy who left a lasting impression on everyone he met. His memory will forever live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

Though Mark's presence will be deeply missed, his spirit, love, and the memories he created will continue to brighten the lives of those he touched.

Rest in peace, Mark. Your journey on earth may have ended, but you will live on in our hearts forever.

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, September 12, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.

United Lutheran Church- Cavalier, North Dakota

CLERGY

Rev. Beth Peterson

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Old Rugged Cross" "Amazing Grace"

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Mark and Carol Flaten, Musicians

CASKET BEARERS

Ethan Toso Brendan Toso Mark Smith, Jr.

Shane McLaughlin Bob Flaten Tim Mertz

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Karissa Fredericksen & Camille Widme

MILITARY RITES

North Dakota National Guard Funeral Honors

Lavern J. Thompson American Legion Post 11

INTERMENT

Cavalier Cemetery - Cavalier, North Dakota