



Mr. Michael Thomas Collins

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Michael “Mike” Thomas Collins, a lifelong resident of Mobile County, passed away on May 31, 2025. He was 75 years old.

Born and raised in Chickasaw, Alabama, Mike grew up in a close-knit community with his older brother, two younger sisters, and a devoted mother who raised them with love and strength. He carried those values with him throughout his life.

Mike is preceded in death by his mother, Alice Adele Terry; his brother, Ernest Worth Collins III (Ann); and his sister, Terry Anne Jones (Aubie, deceased).

He is survived by his devoted partner in life, Teresa Collins; his children, Michael Cleveland

(Tara) and Christopher Collins; and his daughter-in-law, Shannon Collins. He was a proud grandfather to Tommy Cleveland, Chloe Cleveland, and Asher Collins. He is also survived by

his sister, Jean Davis (Mike); his nieces, Amanda Sellers (Greg) and Tracy Preston (Kendall);

his nephew, John Davis; and his great-nieces and nephews: Kennedy Sellers,

Shelby Preston,

Jordan Preston, Collin Davis, and Connor Davis.

Mike served his country in the United States Coast Guard from 1969 to 1973 and was stationed in Palawan, Philippines during the Vietnam Era. Following his service, he spent much of his career as a tugboat and offshore captain, skillfully piloting 200-foot vessels across the Gulf and beyond.

He was a longtime member of Christ United Church, where he had worshipped since 1990.

Mike often said he loved the Lord, he loved his church, and he knew he was going to heaven.

His faith was quiet but steady, and it gave him comfort throughout his life.

Mike had a deep love for classic cars—restoring, collecting, and trading them brought him

endless joy. He also had a soft spot for animals and shared his life with a variety of beloved

pets, including Yorkies, a Weimaraner, a Dalmatian, cats, and horses. But nothing meant more to him than his family.

Mike was many things to many people: a son, brother, devoted partner in life, father,

grandfather, uncle, and friend. He was known for his strong spirit, stubbornness, and love for

others. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at Christ United Church

6101 Grelot Rd

Mobile, AL 36609

Visitation: 10:00 AM

Service: 11:00 AM

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Cottage Hill Memorial Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) at their website.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted

— Matthew 5:4

Previous Events

Memorial Service and Celebration of Life

JUN **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ United Methodist Church
6101 Grelot Road
Mobile, AL 36609

Tribute Wall

LK

“ Love Joe and Kitty purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Michael Thomas Collins.



Love Joe and Kitty - June 08, 2025 at 04:43 PM

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“ Love Joe and Kitty planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Michael Thomas Collins.

Love Joe and Kitty - June 08, 2025 at 04:43 PM

LG

“ Love, Amanda, Kennedy and Greg purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Michael Thomas Collins.



Love, Amanda, Kennedy and Greg - June 07, 2025 at 07:49 PM

LJ

“ Mike was a great classmate and loved by all. The Vigor Class of 1968 was privileged to call him a friend. He will be missed. Prayers for Teresa and his family. Lorraine Jones

Lorraine Jones - June 05, 2025 at 09:22 AM