



Charles Collins

June 13, 1951 - December 15, 2020

On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, Charles Jesse Collins, loving father and husband, went home to be with the Lord.

Charles was born in 1951 in Hobbs, New Mexico. His family moved to Santa Rosa County, Florida where he graduated from Milton High School in 1969. He met his wife, Pat Jones in Pace, Florida and was married on February 23, 1973. He served 8 years in the United States Air Force being honorably discharged in 1984. In 1983 he surrendered to God's call for service in pastoral ministry. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Christian Education and a Bachelor's Degree in Theology in 1986 from the Baptist College of Florida, and a Master's Degree in Psychology and Counseling from Troy State University in 1994. He was ordained at Florosa Baptist Church, Mary Esther, Florida in February 1989. While working bi-vocationally and raising his family in Graceville, Charles served the Lord in many Churches in the tri-states area and was a member of the Southern Baptist Bi-Vocational Ministers Association.

In the local community, Charles was active in the Lion's Club, serving as past President, Vice-President and Secretary and the American Legion, serving as past Adjutant, Commander and Chaplain. He was employed as the Registrar and later as the Director of Academic Services at the Baptist College of Florida, as well as served as an Adjunct Professor from 1989 to 2001.

Charles was preceded in death by his father, Albert L. Collins.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Pat; daughters Abbey Collins, Becky Dickson, Jessi Collins and Katie Ward; two grandsons Krisztian Fodor and Kal-El Dickson; one granddaughter, Anika Dickson; two brothers John and David Collins; sister Kathy Bell; half-brothers Marcus and Travis Collins; step-mom, Sara Collins; several nieces, and nephews.

Memorial service will be held 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 11, 2021 at Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, FL.

Previous Events

Graveside

MAR 11. 11:30 AM (CT)

Barrancas National Cemetery
1 Cemetery Road
Pensacola, FL 32508

Tribute Wall

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“ When i was serving as Associate Pastor at Esto circa 1999 Charles came and preached one Sunday. A few minutes into his sermon he took off his coat to reveal several red dots he had stuck to his torso. His point was that many of us are walking around wounded from past hurts and/or Satan's attacks, but we keep it hidden by dressing in ways to cover it so we can fit in when we assemble. It was quite powerful... .

Douglas M Bass - July 30, 2021 at 04:49 PM

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Brandon Ward - February 18, 2021 at 01:07 PM

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“ Having known Charles Collins for over 25 years, and being his wife's best friend, I feel his most important legacy is the wonderful family he has left behind and all the many people he impacted through his ministry and love of the Lord. That being said, Charles' dry sense of humor and personality had a way of getting a response out of me. For a number of years we carpooled together and there was more than one sarcastic verbal exchange that ensued during our 25 minutes drives to and from work! Of course that kept life interesting lol. Charles and his family have been an integral part of our lives over the years.....we felt to be adopted into his family and I know he and his family were adopted into ours! May he rest happily in the Lord! Jan and Larry Kim Johson (and Libby Johnson and Loren Johnson and family)

Jan M Johnson - February 17, 2021 at 09:03 PM