



William "Ted" Theodore Collins

May 20, 1931 - May 19, 2015

William T.(Ted) Collins, Age 83, from Fort Myers, FL was promoted to Heaven on May 19th, 2015. He was born on May 20, 1931 in Washington, DC. During high school in Washington, Ted met his sweetheart for life, Mary Seymour. Mary and Ted have been married 65 years and have 4 sons. Don (from Naples), Jeff (From Ft Myers) Rob (from Atlanta) and Christopher (deceased.) They also have 11 Grandchildren and two Great-Grandchildren. After graduating high school and while working for the Gas Company in Washington, DC, Ted joined the Air National Guard where he served as an Aircraft Mechanic and Crew Chief. Getting the bug for Aviation, Ted began flying lessons and learned to fly in Hagerstown, MD. Desiring to pursue his hobby as a career, Ted soon landed a job with Capital Air Lines at National Airport in Washington. Ted spent 33 years as an Airline Pilot, flying close to 30,000 hours with half of his career based in Washington, DC and the last half based in Miami. He retired from United Airlines in 1989. In 1977, Ted moved the family to Naples, FL where he quickly grew to love the lifestyle that Southwest Florida offers. He enjoyed boating and fishing and flying small planes from Naples Airport. The biggest satisfaction in his life, however, was not his career or his leisure activities, but was his involvement in Christian ministries and his family whom he led with extreme love and devotion. Active in church since the mid 1970's, Ted found himself eventually speaking at various Community Bible Study (CBS) venues (eventually becoming a regional director) and sharing the story of how God transformed his life. While

in Naples, Ted served as Chairman of the Christian Business Men's Committee; and he served on the boards of Naples Christian Academy and Grace Bible Church. He was assured of his future in Heaven because of Jesus Christ and frequently talked of his readiness to be there and spend eternity with those he loves. A Celebration of Life Service will be held for Ted on Wednesday night, June 3rd at 6:00pm at Gateway Grace Fellowship 13241 Griffin Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33913. Ph 239-561-2550. In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorial donations to Clarity Ministries, PO Box 10, LaGrange, WY 82221.

Tribute Wall



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“ *SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS MARY. YOU AND TED HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A BLESSING TO MY FAMILY.*

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