



Michael Collins

January 8, 1971 - June 29, 2021

Michael Julian Collins was born Tuesday January 8, 1971 in Washington, D.C. to the late Herbert Alan Collins and Andrea Nadine Prigmore Collins.

He is preceded in death by his paternal/maternal grandparents and his Uncle James Craig Prigmore.

Michael died on June 29, 2021 after a brief stay at the Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center Gainesville, Florida.

He is survived his loving wife Tracy Jennings Collins, his daughter NyKira Chanae Blegen, step-son Victor Jr., step-daughters Nancy Slocum, Lucy and Millinea Jennings, brothers Herbert Whren and Sean Atkinson, Uncles Kenneth Jordan and Claybon Collins(Latishia), Aunt Joann Wheaton (Carl), cousins William "Chucky" Collins, Darryl Collins, Stacey Monroe, Brandy Allen, Crystal Prigmore, Carl "Tony" Wheaton, Amber Prigmore and Aletha McNair. He also leaves behind 4 grandchildren, one great grandchild a host of relatives and friends.

Michael was a graduate of Ballou High School, class of 1990, Washington, D.C. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a 25 year Veteran serving several tours in the Gulf Wars receiving many awards and metals.

Michael lived all over the country, the last few years in Gainesville, Florida. He made friends of anyone, knew no strangers - that smile of his was full of life.

MICHAEL YOU WILL MISSED.

The Collins family thanks everyone for their prayers and heart-felt condolences.

Visitation will be on Saturday, July 17, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Chestnut Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be held at Little Rock Church in Lake Butler, FL on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 10:30 AM. Interment will be in the Jacksonville National Cemetery, Jacksonville, FL on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 1:30 PM.

Tribute Wall

WF

“ *Planting a tree as a living memorial fo Michael Collins.*

With Love, Brent and Michele Forbes - July 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Prayers for comfort and peace as you remember Michael.*

Michele Forbes - July 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Remembering you and "Michael Collins" in our minds and in our hearts.*

Marcellus & Lorna Godley - July 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Rest in peace Michael Collins. May God comfort your family.*

Major Jonathan Fair - July 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family.*

Carl and Jo Ann Wheaton - July 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Peace, blessings and prayers to the family. Michael was a great Soldier and friend. Rest in Paradise my brother.*

SFC (R) Sonia Murden - July 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Blossoms to uplift your heart and connect you to Michael's new beginnings and your warm memories of him. Condolences & Blessings

Cousin Stacey and Aunt Theresa Prigmore - July 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ To my daughter-in-law Tracy, always remember my son's love for you. Nadine

A. Nadine Collins - July 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Missing you nephew. All the late night calls looking for advice. The many laughs we had together. You were always my other son. Loved you much.

Carl Wheaton - July 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM