



## Raymond R. Collins

July 25, 1947 - May 23, 2024

OSMOND -- Funeral service for Raymond R. Collins, 76, of Osmond. Services will be held at Chesapeake, Virginia along with burial. Raymond passed away on Thursday, May 23, 2024 in Lincoln, NE peacefully surrounded by his family. Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Osmond is in charge of the arrangements and Oman Funeral Home in Chesapeake, Virginia. A Memorial service will be held back in Osmond, NE at a later date.

Ray was born July 25, 1947 in Des Moines, Iowa. to his parents Russell P. and Norma A. (Miller) Collins. Ray joined the United States Navy in April 20, 1966 as Hospital Corpsman/Physicians Assistant. Ray retired from the military June 30, 1992. He later became a long haul truck driver. Ray loved traveling, nature and spending time with his family. Left to cherish his memories are his precious wife Edna J. Collins, Daughter Christine E. (Charles) Hodge and his best friend and grandson Christopher N. Collins, sister Paula Collins. Ray was preceded in death by his parents Russell and Norma, and brother Norman. Ray had 28 years in the American Legion. Numerous years served as Adjutant with American Legion, Post 326, Osmond, NE. In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to EMS Ambulance Fund in Osmond, NE.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Tribute Wall

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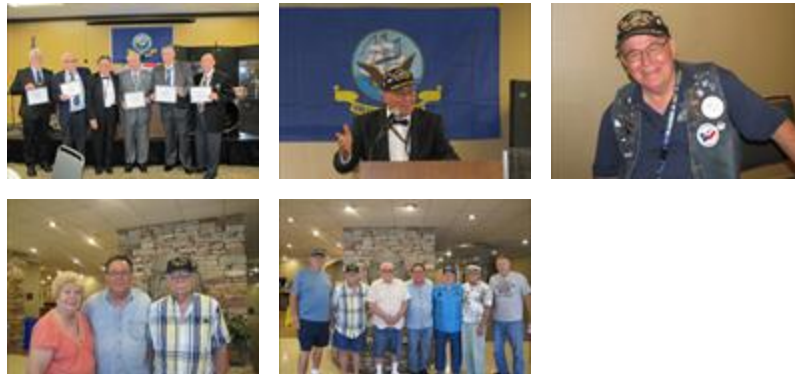
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vicki hawkins - April 02 at 09:54 PM

MC

“ I just posted before I saw where you could post photos'. Here are a few photos' I captured at Omaha Nebraska Fulton Reunion that Ray hosted. Ray & I loved this reunion.



Marty Cooley - July 10, 2024 at 08:13 PM

GO

“ Fair winds and following seas. Rest easy shipmate, we have the watch. □

Goose - July 09, 2024 at 03:37 PM

DE

“ I am so sad to hear this. I loved Ray like a father. Lost contact with him over a year ago, never knew he got remarried. Wish we could have talked more. I am so sorry for your loss. My name is Duaine Ericksen. I served with him on the U.S.S. Henry M. Jackson. He got me into Corpsman A School. Him and his wife Cathy were like parents to me. Will definitely miss him. My email is [duaine1970@yahoo.com](mailto:duaine1970@yahoo.com) if his wife or anyone would like to contact me.

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**Duaine Ericksen** - May 29, 2024 at 11:28 AM

CH

Thank you . My parents remarried, they always loved each other and remained friends forever so they naturally drew closer and remarried.

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**Christine Hodge** - July 07, 2024 at 10:56 PM

MM

To Ray family and friends as a past member of the Fulton  
Rest in peace

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**Michael Mikulich** - July 08, 2024 at 05:08 PM

MC

Ray & I were so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. We always enjoyed seeing him at the Fulton Reunions. He was a great person. Please know you are all in our prayers. Until we meet again The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26. Love & prayers, Marty & Ray Cooley

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**Marty Cooley** - July 10, 2024 at 08:08 PM

SH

*My family and I are sorry for the loss of Ray Collins. I have just found out about his passing. I loss touch after several tries to reach him. This is horrible news after over 20 years of receiving his thoughtful words (about the activities with care of his animals, land, care for his sister, the Navy (he loved the Navy - active and retired), and truck driving for the US Post Office on the weekends and prayers for myself and my children, who affectionately called him Uncle Ray. I am very sad because I did not know, but I am overjoyed that Ray is at rest, healthy, and strong, with the Lord Jesus.*

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**Shauna** - June 04, 2025 at 10:12 AM