



George W. "Bill" Collard, Jr.

February 10, 1930 - February 27, 2014

George Wilbur "Bill" Collard, Jr. Jennings: A Mass of Christian burial will be held for George Wilbur "Bill" Collard, Jr., 84 of Jennings, LA at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Jennings, LA on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 2:00 PM with the Very Reverend Anthony Fontenot officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be held at Matthews and Son Funeral Home in Jennings, LA on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 from 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM with a rosary recited at 6:00 PM by Deacon Mike Tramel. The Collard family requests visitation to resume on Thursday at 9:00 AM until his Service Mass. Bill will be laid to rest in Gueydan Cemetery with full Military Rites. George Wilbur was born in Denver, CO on February 10, 1930 to the late George W. Collard, Sr. and the late Laverne Dalrymple Collard. He passed away on February 25, 2014 surrounded by his loving family. At the age of 15, he started driving a wrecker for his father. He then joined the Navy, where he served in the Korean War. After his service days, he worked for his father. After his father died, Bill took over the family business of Bill's Auto in Lake Charles. He later moved to Lafayette where he worked for Farm Oil Truck & Tractor. In 1965, he went to work for PGAC / Dresser Atlas. It wasn't until his later years that Bill started his own business, Roadmaster Towing where he retired. He then went back to work in the wrecker service, as owner of Bill's Wrecker Service until he finally retired at the age of 70. Bill was a life member of the American Legion Post 1 of Lake Charles, LA. He loved cutting his grass and spending time in his yard. He loved riding his golf cart and working on

things. He also liked to hunt. Bill had many friends and never met a stranger. Mr. Bill is survived by his beloved wife of 59 beautiful years, Leona Vallo Collard of Jennings, LA; two sons, John Christopher (Chris) Collard of League City, TX and George Wilbur "Billy" Collard III of Jennings, LA; two daughters, Lynn (Michael) Klumpp of Lake Arthur, LA and Charmienne (Benton) Broussard; He also leaves behind to cherish his memories, five granddaughters, Rachael (Paul) Dupuy of Metairie, Bridget Klumpp of Baton Rouge, Monica Klumpp of Lake Arthur, Christina Klumpp of Lake Arthur and Jodi (Blaine) Landry of Jennings; one grandson, Brandon (Cassie) Broussard of Jennings; three great granddaughters, Veronica Dupuy, Tabitha Dupuy and Reagan Landry; five great grandsons, Paul Dupuy, Andrew Dupuy, Bradley Broussard, Brady Broussard and Ross Landry. He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Laverne Collard; three brothers, Robert, Donald and Jerry Collard; one sister, Alice Mae Heard; three nephews, Danny Collard, Robert Ware, Jr. and Michael Collard; his step-mother, Sally Beard; step-father, Lou Adams. Carrying Bill to his final resting place will be Benton Broussard, Brandon Broussard, Blaine Landry, Paul Dupuy, Chris Collard, Robbie Vallo and Chad Vallo. Honorary pallbearers will be Micky Reese, Kevin Reese, and Michael Klumpp. To extend online condolences, please visit our website at www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ George W. "Bill" Collard, Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ Lynn, Victor and I are lifting you and your beautiful family up in prayer for peace and comfort. Please know you are in our thoughts. Victor and Pam Cart

Pam and Victor Cart - March 01, 2014 at 05:53 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. My mother and I have missed seeing you at church..we always looked forward to sitting with you both! I know Heaven must be a brighter place because Mr. Bill was such a "ray of sunshine"!

Kathy Warren - February 27, 2014 at 08:52 AM



“ Sending prayers for comfort to your family during this difficult time. Love Betty and Tom

Betty Danker - February 26, 2014 at 07:28 PM



“ We were deeply saddened to hear of Bill's passing. Sending you lots of love and prayers....holding you close in our hearts, too.

Susan Collard - February 26, 2014 at 06:46 PM

PB

“ Billy & Leona we are so sorry to hear about Bill, he will be missed, his smile was the greatest. I know we will have a great Collard reunion in Heaven when we all get there.

Patty & Roger Betton - February 26, 2014 at 06:04 PM

FH

“ I am very sorry for your loss of your daddy. If I can help in any kind of way please let me know. You and your family will always be in my prayers.

Farley Henry

Farley Henry - February 26, 2014 at 12:55 PM

TH

“ I was so saddened to hear of Bill's passing. I will always remember his laugh and enjoyed our many family visits. May all the memories of Bill provide you comfort in the difficult days ahead. My thoughts and prayers are with you as a family.
Fondly,

Theresa (Bell) Hartley - February 26, 2014 at 11:13 AM

PV

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a great guy. I enjoyed the visits when your family would come to our house(The Bell's)to visit us. Prayers and thought are with your family.

Patty (Bell) Valenitne - February 26, 2014 at 09:09 AM

PK

“ So sorry for yall's loss our prayers are with the family. May he RIP
The Hebert's

Peggy & Kenneth - February 25, 2014 at 11:09 PM

BJ

“ Lynn, I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I was shocked when I saw his picture because I have been knowing you and your Dad for a long time but I never knew you were father and daughter. I knew him as a very kind and generous man; always smiling and joking around. He will be sorely missed by a lot of people; he was a true friend to everyone. Please know that I will be praying for you and your family. **MAY THE LORD BLESS AND COMFORT YOU IN THIS TIME OF GREAT SORROW.** Love and Prayers, Brenda

Brenda Joseph - February 25, 2014 at 10:51 PM

DA

“ Charmienne and family, we are so sorry to hear about you daddy. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Debra & Gary Abshire - February 25, 2014 at 10:08 PM

CD

“ Lynn and Family: I am so sorry about your Dad's death. Please remember that we are praying for you in the days ahead.

Carolyn C Delahoussaye - February 25, 2014 at 07:54 PM

TO

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He was such a kind soul.

Trinka Ortego - February 25, 2014 at 07:32 PM