



## Joyce E Collins

December 9, 1932 - November 28, 2020

Joy Willm Collins, 87, of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, passed away peacefully November 28, 2020, following a brief illness. She was born on December 9, 1932 in London, England. She was the daughter of the late Sydney and Rosa Oliver Petts. She was a tough and determined woman, traits which served her well as she grew up in London during the Blitz, and later in life as a mother to five boys. She attended Hendon College and the Ramsgate and Margate School of Nursing. She served her community as a physician's assistant and a labor and delivery nurse for over 30 years.

She met and married USAF Robert L. Willm, Sr., before becoming a U.S. citizen in 1958. Together they had five sons, and were eventually stationed in Surfside Beach, where they would make their home for the rest of their lives. Later in life, she would find love and companionship in her marriage to Dr. Art Collins. She was an active member of the Well by the Sea Anglican Church. She cherished working with the church youth.

She was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She took immense pride in the various accomplishments of her children and grandchildren and was happiest when she was with her family. She was affectionately known as Mimi to her grandkids.

She will be deeply missed, and remembered with affection by her children: David (Terri) Willm, Danny (Sandy) Willm, Dale (Barbara) Willm, Darrell Willm, and Lee (Carmen) Willm; her grandchildren: Adam (Venette) Willm, Hunter (Anna) Willm, Graham Willm, Hallie (Brooks) Willm Biediger, Rob Willm, Kai Willm, Kahealani Willm, Allanah Willm, Koa Willm, Catie Willm, Jordan Morgan and Jonnie Morgan; and her great-grandchildren Jack Biediger and Aria Willm; and her loving companion, Rascal.

She is also survived by many loving family members and friends across the globe. She is predeceased by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Petts, by her husbands, Mr. Robert L. Willm and Dr. Art Collins and and her loving companion, Rascal.

by a daughter-in-law, Ruth Linkous Willm

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at Hillcrest Cemetery followed by a memorial service at 12:30 PM at Well by the Sea Anglican Church.

Sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

The family is being assisted by Goldfinch Funeral Home.

The family would like to thank the staff of Grand Strand Medical Center for their care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lexington Medical Center Foundation, 2720 Sunset Blvd, West Columbia, SC 29169 or to Well by the Sea Anglican Church, 211 Forestbrook Rd. Myrtle Beach, SC. 29579.

# Comments

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“ Joy was such a sweet, caring lady who always had a big smile on her face. She was an integral part of the UK Connection here in Myrtle Beach when it first started, and remained a loyal member throughout past years. I will miss her and am deepy sorry for your loss. Barb Swanson, Surfside Beach SC

**Barbara N Swanson** - December 03, 2020 at 12:33 PM

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“ I am posting this tribute to Joy on behalf of her family in Canada, England and California: Alf (Chris) Jenner, Lesley (Peter) Barnett, Alison Barnett (John Ross), Richard (Nathalie) Barnett, Jemma (Steven) Bauman, and their families. Joy was the only one of seven cousins who grew up in England to bear the Petts surname as the daughter of Uncle Sid and Aunt Rose Petts. Although she became an American citizen in 1958, she never lost her affection for all things English, which is not surprising as two of her sons, David and Dale, were both born in England. Even though we lived so far apart we have always kept in touch. We have fond memories of holidays spent with Joy and her family in Arizona, Canada, England and of course Surfside, where we also had the pleasure of meeting her friends and neighbours. Family was very important to Joy and we are deeply sorry that due to pandemic travel restrictions we cannot join other family members at the ceremonies to mourn our cousin Joy. She was full of life, always ready to enjoy every moment. A very courageous lady with an indomitable spirit. She will be sadly missed. Barbara Williams O'Donoghue, England.

**Barbara O'Donoghue** - December 02, 2020 at 03:55 AM

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“ Thank you to Joy's family for sharing her with us at The Well for so many years. She was a dear lady and great friend. We will miss her smile, wit, compassion. Most of all, we will remember her love and support for children of all ages. You blessed us all, Geoff and Sue Davis

**Geoff and Sue Davis** - December 01, 2020 at 08:24 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of the passing of your mother, she was an amazing lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Always, Tammy Grigg Palmer

**tammy Grigg palmer** - December 01, 2020 at 06:48 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce E Collins.



December 01, 2020 at 02:02 PM

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“ Pam McDill lit a candle in memory of Joyce E Collins



**Pam McDill** - December 01, 2020 at 11:07 AM

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“ Bobbie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Joyce E Collins



**Bobbie Duncan** - December 01, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ Dale and Barbara,  
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss. Love you!

**Bobbie Duncan** - December 01, 2020 at 10:10 AM

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“ Dink & Iris Duncan lit a candle for Joyce E Collins. Dale we are so sorry for your loss. your family are in ours prayers.



iris duncan - December 01, 2020 at 10:04 AM

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“ My condolences to all, family and friends. Joy has been a special part of my family as well for many years.  
A memory, I am so thankful for, her help while delivering with my oldest daughter. She was very dear to me and my family. A beautiful lady with a caring heart. She will be missed tremendously.

Tammy Adams Huggins - November 30, 2020 at 10:40 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joyce E Collins.



November 30, 2020 at 03:41 PM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joyce E Collins.



November 30, 2020 at 01:50 PM