



## Elma Collins

June 23, 1925 - December 3, 2014

Conway...Elma Herring Collins passed away on Wednesday, December 3rd, at the home she shared with her daughter and son-in-law, following several years of declining health. Mrs. Collins, daughter of Tolar and Minnie Williams Herring, born on June 23, 1925, in Horry County. She attended Conway High School and married her sweetheart, Hampton Lindsay Collins, on June 10, 1943. After the end of World War II, they returned to the Tilly Swamp community in Horry County, where they enjoyed almost 55 years together, until Lindsay's passing in April, 1998. They worked the family farm hand-in-hand and raised their family in the Collins family home where Lindsay had been born and reared. Their lives centered around their Church, their family and many friends. In their later years they spent many happy days with Lloyd and Marvalee, Alleene, Kat and Mildine, and the many friends they made at Oceans Lakes Campground.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Collins was predeceased by her beloved son Michael Kent ("Mickey") Collins, grandson Robert Lindsay ("Bob") Collins; brothers, T.W. Herring, a Marine who died on Iwo Jima in 1945, and Anson Herring of Charleston; sisters, Alleene H. Vaught, Kathleen H. Reaves and Marvalee H. Parker and her husband Lloyd, who was like a brother to Mrs. Collins.

Survivors include: her daughter, Linda Thomas and husband Larry of Carolina Forest; granddaughter, Lauren D. Thomas of Myrtle Beach; grandson, Michael Kent Collins, II of Lexington, SC; great-grandchildren, Megan and Cade

Collins, and a great-great-grandchild, Hailey Collins; sister, Mildine H. McCaskill of Randleman, NC; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Elsie C. and Marion Vaught of Conway; and many, many beloved nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends too numerous to mention.

Mrs. Collins was a lifetime member of Tilly Swamp Baptist Church, where she was a choir member and actively involved in many areas of the Church until her health declined.

The family would like to thank the many friends and family members who have offered love and assistance during Mrs. Collins' illness and is especially grateful for the love and kindness shown by Alisha, Trish and the entire staff of Embrace Hospice. While they only knew her for a short time, they sensed what a very special angel our "Mema" was and treated her with the love and kindness she so richly deserved.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 PM Sunday, at Tilly Swamp Baptist Church Cemetery with the Rev. Scott Altman officiating. The family will receive friends following the service at the Church fellowship hall.

Memorials may be made to Tilly Swamp Baptist Church, Highway 90, Conway, SC 29526.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Tilly Swamp Baptist Church Cemetery

4619 Hwy 90  
Conway, SC 29526

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Linda, will surely be missed @ Collins Reunions. She always made you fell welcome with she smile and kind words.*

*Katie Collins-Marsh \$ Medrick*

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**Katie C. Marsh** - December 06, 2014 at 12:33 PM



“ *LINDA/LARRY SORRY ABOUT THE LOSS OF MISS ELMA; SHE "IS" AND WILL ALWAYS BE A MOST WONDERFUL FRIEND; BOULOY & DENNIS*

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**DENNIS FULMER** - December 06, 2014 at 11:29 AM



“ *well ye good and faithful servants ,,,,she's home now ! martha dean*

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**martha** - December 05, 2014 at 10:47 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elma Collins.*



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December 05, 2014 at 10:41 AM



“ *The absolute sweetest lady I ever met, I can say this my whole life over. Love her dearly.*

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**iris vereen** - December 04, 2014 at 07:55 PM