



## William Staple Collins

July 17, 2010

William Staple (Bill) Collins, Jr. of Conway, South Carolina, and formerly of Boone, North Carolina, passed away Saturday, July 17, 2010. Mr. Collins, the son of Edna Moody Collins and Staple Collins, was born in Watauga County, North Carolina October 30, 1937. He attended Appalachian High School in Boone, North Carolina and was graduated from Blowing Rock High School in Blowing Rock, North Carolina. After graduation, he attended Nashville Auto Diesel College, in Nashville, Tennessee. During the 1950s and 60s, Bill and his dad owned and operated Collins' Truck and Auto Service in Boone, North Carolina. Mr. Collins moved to Myrtle Beach in the mid-60s and was involved in various civic organizations; he loved the small town feel of Myrtle Beach because it reminded him of his home town. During a long career in the automobile business, he was associated with Clark Motors, Holcomb Motors, Watts Appraisal Service, Bob Bible Pontiac, Beck Ford, and Hadwin White. His hobby and chosen career was automobiles and enjoyed collecting classic cars, especially Corvettes. He was the owner/operator of Collins' Auto Sales in the Willow Springs community. Mr. Collins is survived by his son, William Staple (Chip) Collins III, of Conway, South Carolina and Chips mother Mary Carroll Moore of Myrtle Beach; his sister, Sharon Collins (Bill) Dowdy of Paisley, Florida; three granddaughters, Brittany Elizabeth, Sarah Madison, and Mary Kathryn Collins of Conway; three nieces, Judy (David) Hamlett of Boone, North Carolina, Betsy (Chris) Stamey of Jacksonville, Florida, and Keni Lee (Chris) Nevertton of Paisley, Florida; and a special lady Diana Elvis

Collins of Conway. Mr. Collins is predeceased by his son, Charles Douglas (Doug) Collins; his parents; maternal grandparents, Maude and Benjamin Moody of Blowing Rock, North Carolina; paternal grandparents Lee Ella Coffey and William Washington Collins of Blowing Rock, North Carolina; and his beloved aunt, Sally Collins also of Blowing Rock. Bill leaves behind many friends and acquaintances whose lives he touched in many ways. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 24, 2010 at 2:00 pm from Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel with Roy Kosin and Rev. Steve Elvis officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a church or charity of one's choice. Online guestbook will be available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ It is hard to consider that Bill is not still with us. I will greatly miss our long talks, the games of UNO and even his not so funny jokes. But most of all I will miss the friendship which has been so dear. My greatest wish is that he be at peace and his last wishes honored. It was an honor to know and call him friend.##imported-begin##Sandra Boyd##imported-end##

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“ Though not related by blood, I always thought of Bill as an uncle of sorts. The kind of uncle that you knew loved you, not because he said it that often, but because everything about him when you were together showed you that he did. -- When I was a small child, I recall being intimidated by him. I remember visiting frequently he and his wife, Diana (my cousin). He was so tall and had such a deep voice. But, as I got older, that fear faded, banished by a twinkle I began to recognize in his eyes as affection, good-natured warmth, and a penchant for mischievous teasing. His jokes always made me laugh, despite how unamused my mother was by the torment he and I inflicted upon her. I admired his passion and protective nature, and in more recent years, there was really no substitute for the happiness it gave me to be able to make him laugh in the same way that he used to do the same for me. He, for such a long time, has held a very special place in my heart that was occupied only by him. We had the same mischievous streak, very similar senses of humor, and I can only hope he knew just how much I cared for him. Much the same as he, I never said it often, but I felt that affection every time I saw him. No matter how long it'd been, we always fell back into our jovial routine as if we'd just seen each other the day before. He was a dear man, and I loved him in a way I can't accurately describe. Bill, my every good thought goes with you, wherever you are, and you should know that you were and are loved, respected, and will be missed. I would have been honored to attend your memorial, a tribute to the life you led, the man you were, and the lives you touched in a variety of ways. You will always be in my heart, the love I hold for you will be your memorial, and the memories those of us that truly loved you hold will be the testament of a life many were grateful and privileged to be a part of.##imported-begin##Mary Boyd##imported-end##

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“ I read that Bill had passed away today. I am very sorry for your loss! I remember when I was very young, going to visit Bill and Mary, Chip and Doug when you lived in Boone up in the house on the hill behind the now Toyota dealership. I would like for Chip and Mary to know that even though we never saw them after they moved---I never forgot your family! If you are ever in Boone, please call anytime--828-964-1100 My parents are JB and Frances Greene and they still live in Boone--(if you will email me your numbers--I am sure they will call!) Their number is 828-264-5959---Our prayers are with you! Scott Greene###imported-begin###Scott Greene###imported-end###

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“ I love you Unc Bill and will miss you very much! I am so happy that today you are walking in Heaven with Jesus instead of here, still suffering. You were a very brave man and a great influence in my life! Thank you for walking me down the isle on my wedding day and then driving us away in your cool car! Just one of the many special memories that I have of you! Thank you mostly for being a good friend and just being you! I love you very much and will never forget you!###imported-begin###Judy L. Hamlett###imported-end###

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