



## Zeddie Lerle Collins

March 30, 1932 - August 23, 2023

Zeddie Lerle Collins, 91, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Campobello, SC, he was the son of the late Dever Collins and Willie Lenora (Crane) Collins. Zeddie was a U.S. Army Veteran, Company Commander of 846th Transportation Company, having served during the Berlin Crisis and was a 1954 graduate of Clemson University, earning a degree in Textile Chemistry. After graduation he went into sales, being an independent salesman of textile chemicals to the many textile manufacturers in the upstate of South Carolina. Zeddie was of the Baptist faith where he and his wife were devoted members of Reedy River Baptist Church. Zeddie was a devoted Clemson University supporter, avid gardener, beekeeper and loved his canine companion, Tipper.

Zeddie is survived by his wife of 68 years, Bobbie Sue (Robinson) Collins; sons: Rick Collins and wife Elaine of Greenville and Steve Collins of Greenville; daughter: Cindy Gosnell of Greenville; brothers: Larry Collins and wife Linda of Charlotte, NC and Waymon Collins of Landrum, SC; 5 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Along with his parents, Zeddie was also predeceased by 8 brothers, 2 sisters and a granddaughter.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. until 2:50 p.m. at Reedy River Baptist Church in Greenville. A memorial service will follow the visitation in the church sanctuary beginning at 3:00 p.m. Interment will be private.

Memorials may be made to Reedy River Baptist Church, 871 N. Hwy 25 Bypass, Greenville, SC 29617.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

AUG **26**. 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM (ET)

Reedy River Baptist Church  
871 By Pass 25 North  
Greenville, SC

### Memorial Service

AUG **26**. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CA

“ Sue  
*My memories of you and Zeddie is special with you and all the family that will always be part of me. Your kindness and love has meant so much to me over the years especially at the reunions. The best way for me to express these memories is "I love you".*  
Carolyn and Lane Solesbee

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**carolyn** - August 26, 2023 at 08:02 PM

SS

“ We just heard about Zeddie passing. Our hearts are heavy to hear of your loss, but our hearts rejoice knowing that he is with our Lord and Savior renewed and restored! You all are in our thoughts and prayers. May His peace that passes all understanding be with you at this time. Zeddie's love of family and his caring spirit will be missed!



God bless,

Len, Susan and Collin Solesbee

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**Susan Solesbee** - August 26, 2023 at 02:11 PM

VM

“ Cindy, I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I met you years ago when helping me get VA benefits for my mother Frances Townsend. I lost her on August 12th. Praying for you and your family at this difficult time.  
Vickie Myers



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**Vickie Myers** - August 26, 2023 at 01:26 PM

VI

“ Sue, Cindy, and family. So sorry to Hear about Zeddie. He was such a sweet man. You're in our prayers. We love you! Jackie & Vicki Collins

Vicki - August 26, 2023 at 10:24 AM

CC

“ Cindy, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I am thankful I got to meet him. May you continue to feel God's arms around you during this time of sorrow. Love and appreciate you.

Carice Conway - August 26, 2023 at 08:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Zeddie Lerle Collins.



August 25, 2023 at 05:24 PM

BJ

“ bobbie sue and family so sorry to hear about zeddie. but theres one thing you can say he's in a much better place. because he surely got a promotion. like the old hymn goes(we'll meet you in the morning). miss you all tell ricky cindy and all hello. barbara sister joann is not doing very good so we might be coming to greenville pretty soon and we will drop by to say hello. love and miss ya'll and praying for ya'll. take care. donald and barbara. god bless.

Barbara Jordan - August 25, 2023 at 04:08 PM

PG

“ Sue, Cindy and Family,  
We were saddened to hear about Zeddie. You  
are in our thoughts and prayers.



Preston and Ann Golightly - August 24, 2023 at 09:23 PM

LF

“ Larry & Linda Collins & Family purchased the Si  
mply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of  
Zeddie Lerle Collins.



Larry & Linda Collins & Family - August 24, 2023 at 05:06 PM

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“ Larry & Linda Collins & Family planted a <a  
href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in  
honor of Zeddie Lerle Collins.

Larry & Linda Collins & Family - August 24, 2023 at 05:06 PM

MB

“ Waymon: I am saddened to note the passing of your brother,  
Zeddie. I wanted to express my condolences to you and the family. I  
know he will be missed, as you mentioned him often. May Zeddie  
the "Bee Man" rest in peace and do some beekeeping in heaven.

Marvin Beach - August 24, 2023 at 02:58 PM