



William Harry (Bill) Collier

July 18, 1945 - June 1, 2024

William H. Collier died Saturday, June 1, 2024, at home with his loving family. He was 78 years old.

William was born in Newark, NJ on July 18, 1945, son to the late Margaret Collier (Granville) and Gerald Collier. He resided in South Orange, NJ before moving to Iselin, NJ at the age of 7.

He graduated from Woodbridge High School in 1963. During his tenure at WHS, he earned all-county, all-state status in pole vaulting and hurdles. He received his bachelor's degree in engineering from Kean University in Union, NJ.

Bill had a successful career as a Mechanical Engineer. He designed and built automated assembly machines in many fields and in many companies including but not limited to RCA, Wagner and Thomas and Betts.

Bill retired from Thomas and Betts in Irvine, CA in 2007 and relocated to Sarasota, Florida. His love of engineering sparked a return to work, and he opened a consulting business for 10 years. Once again, needing to fill a creative void, he built a workshop in his garage. His creativeness was boundless, and he designed and built a mini pick and place machine.

For the last three years, Bill went to work part time at Home Depot making keys. His title was the “key man” and his co-worker’s felt he was a key employee. Bill’s endearing personality and quick wit was enjoyed by everyone. He always had a joke to share, and he would keep everyone in stitches.

In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, early morning walks and listening to music, mainly jazz. He also loved yard work. He was a big fan of West Point Military Academy and attended many of their football games. “Go Army Beat Navy”.

Bill is survived by his wife, Joy Collier, his daughter, Lynn Arcello, his two sons, Gerald Collier and John Collier and their wives, Terri Collier and Carmelinda Collier. He said he was blessed with five amazing grandchildren, Johnny Arcello, Jerry Jude Collier, Casey Collier, Jake Collier and Carly Collier.

There will be a funeral service on June 10, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, 40 North Orange Ave., Sarasota, FL 34236. Office 941-955-4171

1:00 p.m. Cemetery Service: Robert Toale and Sons at Palms Memorial Park, 170 Honore Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34232

2:30 p.m. Repast at Joy and Lynn Collier, 4430 Diamond Circle, Sarasota, FL 34233

To send flowers or a memorial gift, please visit the Sympathy Store.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 10. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel
40 N. Orange Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 955-4171
info@toalebrothers.com
<https://www.toalebrothers.com/>

Graveside Service

JUN 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

Robert Toale and Sons Funeral Home at Palms Memorial Park
170 Honore Ave
Sarasota, FL 34232
(941) 371-4962

Repast

JUN 10. 2:30 PM (ET)

Joy and Lynn Collier
4430 Diamond Circle West
Sarasota , FL 34233

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Douglas S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Harry (Bill) Collier.

Douglas S. - June 09, 2024 at 12:46 PM

LW

“ Love Arty & Maureen W purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William Harry (Bill) Collier.



Love Arty & Maureen W - June 09, 2024 at 08:27 AM

LF

“ Love, The Gruber Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of William Harry (Bill) Collier.



Love, The Gruber Family - June 06, 2024 at 10:36 AM

LS

“ Love, Doug and Donna Salz purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William Harry (Bill) Collier.



Love, Doug and Donna Salz - June 05, 2024 at 08:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Harry (Bill) Collier.



June 05, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ Lynne, Julie & Tim purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William Harry (Bill) Collier.



Lynne, Julie & Tim - June 05, 2024 at 02:01 PM



“ Lynne, Julie & Tim planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Harry (Bill) Collier.

Lynne, Julie & Tim - June 05, 2024 at 02:01 PM



“ Roy & Laurie, Jake & Doreen, Cash & Fannie purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William Harry (Bill) Collier.



Roy & Laurie, Jake & Doreen, Cash & Fannie - June 05, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Harry (Bill) Collier.*



June 05, 2024 at 10:17 AM



“ *The Halperin Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Harry (Bill) Collier.*

The Halperin Family - June 05, 2024 at 10:17 AM



“ *Love, Tom, Lori & family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of William Harry (Bill) Collier.*



Love, Tom, Lori & family - June 05, 2024 at 10:12 AM



“ *Love, Tom, Lori & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Harry (Bill) Collier.*

Love, Tom, Lori & family - June 05, 2024 at 10:12 AM

LF

“ Love, brother Charlie and Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of William Harry (Bill) Collier.



Love, brother Charlie and Family - June 05, 2024 at 08:44 AM

LF

“ Love Michael, Dorothea and Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of William Harry (Bill) Collier.



Love Michael, Dorothea and Family - June 04, 2024 at 04:22 PM

LJ

“ Love, Dot and Jean purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Harry (Bill) Collier.



Love, Dot and Jean - June 04, 2024 at 04:11 PM

LJ

“ Love, Dot and Jean planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Harry (Bill) Collier.

Love, Dot and Jean - June 04, 2024 at 04:11 PM

AE

“ All Service Electric purchased the Treasured Lilie
s Spray for the family of William Harry (Bill)
Collier.



All Service Electric - June 04, 2024 at 03:56 PM

AE

“ All Service Electric planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Harry (Bill)
Collier.

All Service Electric - June 04, 2024 at 03:56 PM



“ To Joy and family
I am so saddened to hear of Bill's passing.
Please know that you are in my prayers and
accept my heartfelt condolences.



Linda Lufsey

Linda Lufsey - June 04, 2024 at 02:59 PM