



- *Pallbearers* -
Family and Friends

- *Flower Bearers* -
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- *Interment* -
Arlington National Cemetery

- *Acknowledgment* -

The family of the late Mr. Robert Rex Collins acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness, prayers, cards, telephone calls, flowers, and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each one of you.

- *Repast* -

Pleasant Grove Church Fellowship Hall

IN MEMORIAM

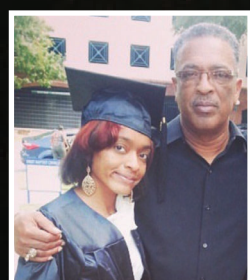
May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



SGM (RETIRED)

Robert Rex Collins

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026
11:00 A.M.

PLEASANT GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
2000 South Uniroyal Road
Opelika, AL 36801

REVEREND DR. GEORGE C. MCCULLOH, OFFICIATING



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- Obituary -

Mr. Robert Rex Collins, son of the late Mr. Henry and Mrs. Jeraline Cooper Collins, Sr., was born on August 11, 1959, in Macon County, Alabama.

At an early age, he confessed Christ and united with Macedonia Baptist Church in Notasulga, Alabama. He later united with Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Opelika, Alabama.

Robert found joy in the simple and meaningful pleasures of life. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and riding, and he especially loved playing blues on his guitar. He was a proud member of the O-Town Riders, where he shared fellowship and camaraderie with others who appreciated the bonds of friendship and the open road. He also took great pride in mentoring many young men on the basics of playing the guitar.

He served his country in the United States Army for twenty-eight years as an E-9 Sergeant Major, dedicating his life to duty, leadership, and excellence. Throughout his distinguished military career, he earned many honors and medals in recognition of his faithful service, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, and Humanitarian Service Medal. His commitment to his country and to those who served beside him reflected the strength of his character and the depth of his integrity.

Robert leaves behind a legacy of service, mentorship, and devotion to the things he held dear. He will be remembered with love and respect by all who were blessed to know him, and his memory will continue to live on in the hearts of many.

On Saturday, June 13, 2026, he departed this life at his home in Opelika, Alabama. He was preceded in death by: his brothers, Willie "Angel" Collins, Douglas Lewis Collins and Eugene Collins.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories: wife, Myrna Ford-Collins; four children, Tiffany Collins, Eric Collins, Desiree Collins and Malcolm Collins; one stepdaughter, Aishia Ford; seven grandchildren; three siblings, Henry "Hank" (Cynthia) Collins II, Robin Collins and Doris Collins; one aunt, Clara Cooper; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



The Song He Left Behind

A gentle breeze, a country road, a fishing line cast slow,
The sound of blues upon a guitar, soft melodies that flow.
He found his joy in simple things, in nature's quiet grace,
In hunting fields and open skies, and every friendly face.
Along the road he rode with pride, among his trusted friends,
The O-Town Riders by his side, a brotherhood that never ends.
With patient hands and willing heart, he shared what he had learned,
Teaching young men how to play, as passion brightly burned.
His guitar spoke when words fell short, its blues both strong and true,
Each note a piece of who he was, each song a life he knew.
Yet beyond the music and the ride, a greater calling stood,
For twenty-eight devoted years, he served his country well and good.
A Sergeant Major, proud and strong, a leader tried and true,
He wore his honors with humility, as faithful servants do.
The medals earned upon his chest reflected sacrifice,
A life of courage, duty, honor, and service beyond price.
Though now the final bugle sounds, and earthly journeys cease,
May he find roads that never end, and everlasting peace.
And when we hear a blues guitar, or see an open sky,
We'll think of Robert's steady smile, and know he's riding high.
For lives like his are never gone, their echoes still remain,
In every heart he touched with love, his song will play again.

- Order of Service -

Processional Clergy and Family

Musical Selection Pleasant Grove Church Choir

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reverend Vincent Vaughn

New Testament Reverend Joseph McCants

Prayer of Comfort..... Reverend Dr. George C. McCulloh

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Expressions of Love..... Two Minutes Each (Please)

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Eulogy Reverend Dr. George C. McCulloh

Recessional