



Paul Collins

November 2, 2023

Paul Ambrose Collins, 82, of Norwood, New Jersey died Thursday, November 2, 2023. Paul was born to Ambrose and Catherine Collins on January 15, 1941 in Hoboken, NJ. He married the love of his life, Teresa Mary Collins (nee O'Rourke) in 1964 and they were blessed with four children, Brian, Kevin, Michael (Connie), Suzanne and one grandchild, Emma. After raising their children in Dumont, Paul and Terry split their time between northern New Jersey and the shore.

Among Paul's greatest pleasures were traveling with his wife, rooting on his favorite sports teams, spending time at the ocean, bird watching, appreciating all kinds of music from classical to Frank Sinatra, and reading multiple newspapers from cover to cover every day. He volunteered as a Eucharistic Minister at his local parish and for over fifty years he worked as a referee and umpire across various youth sports.

Paul was a lifelong educator beginning his career as a history teacher at Holy Family in Union City before moving on to a career in guidance counseling. He retired in 2011 as Director of Guidance from Dumont High School. Paul was a graduate of Seton Hall University where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees and of Fordham University where he earned his doctorate degree in education.

Paul was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Terry, his parents, and younger sisters Jane and Nancy. He is survived by his children Brian, Kevin, Suzanne, Michael and wife Connie and their daughter Emma.

Visitation will be Monday, November 6th, 2023 from 3-6 pm at the Barrett Leber Funeral Home in Tenafly, NJ. Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 at 10 am at St. Therese of Lisieux in Cresskill, NJ. Burial will follow in George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Paul's name to the Parkinson's Foundation.

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

NOV 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Collins.*



November 06, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Collins.*



November 05, 2023 at 11:09 PM



“ *Paul was a great man and I had the opportunity to first meet him 40+ years ago as he was a CYO basketball official and I along with Jim Robinson Tony Pena and Jack Cahill coached at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Tenafly
Later on I served as a Eucharistic Minister with at St Therese in Cresskill
May he rest in peace
Peter J DeVries*

Peter J DeVries - November 05, 2023 at 09:34 PM

CB

“ Many knew him as Doc Collins but I knew him as Uncle Paul. He was my grandpa’s cousin and best friend. He always had a bright smile and quick wit. When my family had their annual Christmas party, you could always count on Paul and Terry to bring the popcorn tin. He will be missed dearly but I know how happy he is to be reunited with his beloved Terry, sisters, parents, and cousin and best friend Charlie again. My deepest condolences to Brian, Michael, Kevin, and Suzanne. He will be greatly missed.

Colleen Booth - November 05, 2023 at 09:03 AM

AL

“ He lit up the halls of Dumont HS! Always pouring into each and every one of us - I am a college counselor now myself, so that I can do the same for my students. Sending love to his family and friends during this very difficult time.

Adrienne Lampe - November 04, 2023 at 10:49 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Collins.



November 04, 2023 at 04:59 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Collins.



November 04, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Collins.*



November 04, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *The Tuper Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Collins.*

The Tuper Family - November 04, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *Enduring Light Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Collins.*



November 04, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *Michael C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Collins.*

Michael C. - November 04, 2023 at 04:43 PM

JF

“ I’m so deeply sorry to read this. Your Dad was a wonderful man, always ready with a smile, a quick quip and a good story. After my parents moved down the shore, it was always a special treat when we would bump into your parents & sometimes Suzanne too, on the boardwalk. It was a nice catch up with lovely friends. Your parents were such a great couple & they were so proud of you kids. My sincere sympathy on your loss. I will remember both your parents fondly. 🙏 Joni Fiore

Joni Fiore - November 03, 2023 at 10:36 PM

CW

“ I cherished my time with Paul at Arbor Terrace in Norwood. Talking with him each morning and afternoon was one of the highlights of my day. He loved to bust chops and I will miss him dearly. May he Rest In Eternal Peace. My prayer are with all of you at this time.

Chris Winnie

Chris Winnie - November 03, 2023 at 09:02 PM