



## Joseph "Joe" Patrick Collins

March 4, 1965 - June 5, 2020

Joseph "Joe" Patrick Collins, age 55, of Bowling Green, passed away unexpectedly at his home Friday, June 5, 2020.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at the St. Clement Catholic Church with Rev. Henry Ussher officiating. Burial will be held in St. Joseph Cemetery in Louisiana. Visitation will be held from 10:00 am until time of services Tuesday at the church. Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes in Bowling Green is in charge of arrangements.

Joe was born March 4, 1965, the son of Marlin Leland and Louise Ann Sphan Collins, in St. Louis, MO. Joe Grew up in Hazelwood, MO and attended elementary school at St. Martin de Porres Catholic School until his parents moved to Bowling Green when he was 12 years old. Joe graduated from Bowling Green High School with the class of 1983. After graduating, Joe worked as a laborer. On November 26, 1988 he married Marsha Kay Barr at St. Clement Catholic Church. She survives.

Other survivors include daughter Emily Collins of Bowling Green; brothers Michael T. Collins (Marcia) of Troy and Timothy D. Collins (Kathy) of Troy; Mother and Father-in-Law Jim and Mary Jo Barr; brother-in-law Matt Barr; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents' sister Kathleen A. Collins in 1998 and sister Mary Margaret Collins in 2015.

Joe worked part time for MODOT from 1989 until 1994, when he became full time with the department. Joe had been with MODOT for 26 years. Joe was involved with the Pike County Democrats Club, as well as a weather spotter for the Pike County Fair. Joe was active within the St. Clement Parish, serving as a member of the School Board as well as being a 3rd Degree member of the St. Clement Knights of Columbus where he previously held the office of Deputy Grand Knight.

In his spare time Joe enjoyed golf, camping, fishing and music. He was known to be a pretty good drummer and singer. His musical preference was country and old rock in roll.

Joe had an infectious laugh and always enjoyed telling a joke and having a good time. He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Pat Luebrecht, Paul Luebrecht, Jimmy Collins, Jared Luebrecht, Keith Luebrecht, Nick Armstead, Douglas Armstead and Frank Schockley. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Michael T. Collins, Timothy D. Collins, Bob Tepen, Jim Barr, Jack Collins, and Tra Hudson.

Memorials may be made to the Emily Collins Educational Fund set up at Community State Bank, or to St. Clement Catholic School.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Clement Catholic Church  
21509 Hwy 161  
Bowling Green, MO 63334  
<http://www.stclementmo.org>

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ 146 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC.** - June 08, 2020 at 06:31 PM

CS

“ So sorry for your loss!. Cousin Joe was quite a character. I remember when he grabbed the mic at my wedding reception and sang a song.



**Charles Schroeder** - June 08, 2020 at 11:05 AM

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**Charles Schroeder** - June 08, 2020 at 11:58 AM

FS

*Our nephew, Joe was such a great guy. We have many fond memories. Love & God Bless the Collins family. Uncle Fred & Aunt Ernie*

**Fred W. Schroeder** - June 08, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Patrick Collins.*



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June 08, 2020 at 08:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Patrick Collins.*



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June 08, 2020 at 08:32 AM



“ *Marsha, Emily, and family,  
Our sincere sympathy and prayers are with you during this difficult time. There are many memories of Joe and your family at the parish events and recently with the snow removal crew at MODOT. May the Lord receive him into His loving arms and laugh at his jokes!!!*

*God's peace,*

*Jim, Carmen, and Sal Niemeyer and Blanca A.*

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**Carmen Niemeyer** - June 07, 2020 at 07:53 AM

EO

“ Sending good thoughts to you. This is so heart breaking.



Ellen Orf - June 06, 2020 at 10:37 PM

ZE

“ I was so sad to hear about Joe. He was such a good guy. I would ask about Marsha whenever I ran into him. My prayers and sympathy to you Marsha as well as all Joe's family.

Zella Eliason - June 06, 2020 at 09:35 PM

PP

“ Sincere sympathy to each of you as you grieve this sudden untimely passing of your dear husband and Dad. I am asking for peace and comfort as you go on without this fun loving gentle man. He will be sorely missed by many family and friends!

Paulette Powelson - June 06, 2020 at 08:45 PM

VD

“ Victoria DeClue lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Patrick Collins



Victoria DeClue - June 06, 2020 at 11:52 AM

JC

*I knew Joe from school as a classmate. I was so surprised to hear that he was from Hazelwood and attended the school at St Martin de Porres. My Aunt lived in Hazelwood and attended that very Church. I'll bet that we crossed paths when younger and didn't even know it. So weird that we both ended up in Bowling Green. I remember Joe singing the trucking song one year in HS, it what I remember a lot when I think about him. He was always so kind to me. He will be missed.*

**Joleen Cessna** - June 06, 2020 at 05:29 PM

JC

*I too have lit a candle for Joe and for his family.*

**Joleen Cessna** - June 06, 2020 at 05:30 PM

JE

*Joe was quite a guy. He always had a smile and a story to share. We were friends and attended High school together. I most recently remember visiting with him when he would bring his daughter to the VFW Youth Dances. He was a committed Father and Husband. No doubt, there is a special place in heaven for Joe. He will be missed and the memory of him will be cherished. God Bless.*

**James Epperson** - June 07, 2020 at 11:30 PM

AS

“*Marsha and Emily my thoughts and prayers are definitely with you. i AM speechless and so sorry for your tremendous loss. May God hold you both close to His heart and forever in HIS HOLY HANDS*



**Alice Schuckenbrock** - June 06, 2020 at 11:15 AM

RS

“ Our deepest sympathy to Marsha, Emily, Mary Jo, Jim and the family. So heartbreaking to hear, he was such a kind, sweet, fun loving guy. Joe was a huge STL. Rams's fan as well as us and everyine we met in public he would yell" Go Rams". He always had a smile on his face when he greeted you and sincere. He will be missed. Prayers for confort during this difficult time as you grieve, but peace in your hearts knowing he is with his Heavenly Father.

Rhonda Stumbaugh - June 06, 2020 at 09:30 AM

JR

Marsha and Emily, So sorry to hear about Joe! He will be missed by lots of people! He always had a smile and a hug for me! So many times we talked about our trout fishing stories! I pray for comfort and peace as you grieve! I know he is wrapped in God's loving arms! God Bless!

Jane Reid - June 06, 2020 at 02:14 PM

KO

“ Kathy Orf sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph "Joe" Patrick Collins



Kathy Orf - June 06, 2020 at 09:11 AM

KS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. He was a wonderful person and will be missed.

Cleties and Kay Sparks

Kay Sparks - June 06, 2020 at 08:25 AM

CB

“ *Cathy Bibb sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph "Joe" Patrick Collins*



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**Cathy Bibb** - June 06, 2020 at 01:33 AM

CM

“ *Cheryl McMillen lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Patrick Collins*



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**Cheryl McMillen** - June 05, 2020 at 11:09 PM

PP

“ *So sorry for your loss! My deepest sympathy to the family!*



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**Peggy Perkins** - June 05, 2020 at 10:54 PM

LM

“ *LuAnn Meyer lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Patrick Collins*



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**LuAnn Meyer** - June 05, 2020 at 10:53 PM

LM

*Joe was always happy & was a B buddy to many. He never met a stranger. Rob & I extend our sorrow & prayers to Marsha, Emily, Jim & Mary Jo.*

**LuAnn Meyer** - June 05, 2020 at 10:57 PM

LP

“ *Joe, you will be missed, but you're reward is great. Marsha And Emily, Mary Jo and Jim, our hearts break for you. Sending our love, Chris and Lori Lewis Pratt*



**Lori Pratt** - June 05, 2020 at 10:48 PM

EG

“ *Praying for comfort for the family. Joe always had a smile and something to say whenever we would see each other.*

**Ernestine and Howard Grimmatt** - June 05, 2020 at 10:47 PM

EG

“ *Evelyn Graham lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Patrick Collins*



**Evelyn Graham** - June 05, 2020 at 10:14 PM

CL

“ Cheryl Litton lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Patrick Collins



Cheryl Litton - June 05, 2020 at 10:06 PM

DH

“ We have fond memories of Joe singing an ole time favorite Garth Brooks song, "Friends in Low Places" at family gatherings. Every time we hear that song, we think of him for always and forever, thank you Joe for those good, fun memories.

Dana L Hagan - June 05, 2020 at 10:02 PM

AR

“ Angela Roan lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Patrick Collins



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MH

“ Marilyn Hubert lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Patrick Collins



Marilyn Hubert - June 05, 2020 at 09:47 PM

AR

“ So many memories of Joe! He always made me laugh and was always joking around! A wonderful neighbor and friend of our family that will be forever missed. Marsha and Emily my thoughts and prayers are with you! Love you!

Angie Richardson - June 05, 2020 at 09:26 PM

MK

“ So sorry to hear about Joe! Quite a shock! Joes was such a nice guy. My sympathies to Marsha, Emily and all of Joe's family. I know how much he will be missed!

Marian Kuntz - June 05, 2020 at 09:05 PM

TG

“ Marsha and Emily, We are heartbroken. Joe loved you both so much. He was simply the best. Always stopped to talk and tell us how you two were or what you were up to. We are so sorry for your loss. Joe will be so missed. God Bless. Tony and Amy

Tony and Amy Grote - June 05, 2020 at 09:02 PM

MD

“ Margaret Dunn sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph "Joe" Patrick Collins



margaret dunn - June 05, 2020 at 08:33 PM

JM

“ Joe was a valued Friend. Two weeks ago my sisters and I were having a burger at the B & B. Joe came in, grabbed a chair turned it around and looked at me and said, "Ms. Jude what are we going to do with our Country?". He was so concerned. I just loved the young man. His sincere love for our Country was absolute. I am thankful for Joe Collins.

Judy Moss-Niemeyer - June 05, 2020 at 08:21 PM

RG

“ Joe is one of the sweetest people I knew. He will be truly missed. I am sorry for your loss Marsha.

Robert and Robin Graver



Robert Robin Graver - June 05, 2020 at 08:01 PM

MR

“ My condolences to Joe's family. I was a colleague of Joe's at MoDOT in a different department, so I did not work with him daily, but on several occasions throughout the years I would run into him and enjoyed talking with Joe. When I was a new employee, Joe was one of the first maintenance workers at MoDOT that I got to know. He always had a good story to tell. Again my condolences.

Macy Rodenbaugh - June 05, 2020 at 07:54 PM

JH

“ We enjoyed joking around with Joe at the bnb..he was a talker

We will miss him!!!

Jan Hume - June 05, 2020 at 07:25 PM

DE

*My deepest sympathy to the family*

**Deanie Ebers** - June 05, 2020 at 07:32 PM

PB

“ *Paulette Bruch lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Patrick Collins*



**Paulette Bruch** - June 05, 2020 at 07:22 PM

PB

*What a shock! My sympathies to Marsha, Emily and all his MODOT crew.*

**Paulette Bruch** - June 05, 2020 at 07:24 PM