



Dorothy Nell Collins

July 8, 1943 - April 23, 2025

Mrs. Dorothy N. Collins age 81, was born on July 8, 1943 in Danville, Alabama and our Heavenly Father called her through the gates of heaven on April 23, 2025. Dorothy moved to Toledo, Ohio in 1960. She was a long-time member of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Samuel Coleman. She sang in the No. 2 choir.

Dorothy worked at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center for 31 years, first started out working in the burn unit department, then worked on 3B, ICU and Nephrology unit department. Dorothy also worked at the Toledo Adult Probation Department as well. Dorothy was also known to serve as a mother figure to many throughout her life. She was active in the community as the Director of the Girl Scouts.

Dorothy loved watching her westerns, soap operas, and she was a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers, and loved having card parties on the weekends with her husband Stanley Collins who preceded her in death in 2006. Dorothy had overcome many obstacles in her life, one being a cancer survivor. Not only a daughter and a sister of seven siblings, Dorothy was a loving mother to her only daughter Tonya (Armond) Young, and a grandmother to her three grandchildren, Dontae Elliott, Tiara Jones, and Tiana Jones.

Preceded Dorothy in death her parents, Daniel and Odessa Elliott, brothers

Daniel Elliott Jr., James Elliott, sisters, Virginia Elliott and Ophelia (Elliott) Lewis.

Surviving besides her daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren to keep the family strong are her sister Doris (Elliott) Atkins, and brother Carl Elliott, many nieces, nephews, cousins and special dear friends Mary Kelly and Margaret Wiggins.

Special Thank You to Spring Meadows Villa, and Heartland Hospices for their loving care.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dale-Riggs Funeral Home
572 Nebraska Avenue
Toledo, OH 43604

Funeral Service

MAY **23**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dorothy Nell Collins.*



May 22, 2025 at 12:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Nell Collins.

May 22, 2025 at 12:23 AM



“ *Danna & Joey Blackburn purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dorothy Nell Collins.*



Danna & Joey Blackburn - May 19, 2025 at 12:59 PM



“ *Danna & Joey Blackburn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Nell Collins.*

Danna & Joey Blackburn - May 19, 2025 at 12:59 PM

TE

“ Dorothy was a very special person to the Ezell/Burton family. Dorothy would call and check on the family often. She was happy that she shared birthdays with my mother. Dorothy shared her daughter (Tonya) with the family. Dorothy will be missed. Heaven is her new home. Love and miss you Dorothy.
The Ezell Family

Taundra Ezell - May 17, 2025 at 07:09 AM

GJ

“ May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord
Love Gwendolyn E.March Jones and Family



Gwendolyn E.March Jones - May 14, 2025 at 03:00 PM

AY

“ I remember the precious times I sat with her, drinking Pepsi and Sock It To Me cake. I spent many afternoons after work on her front porch. The peace she created for any visitor was priceless. Mom, you're in a better place. Stay put because one day we'll have to catch up on that front porch in heaven. Until we meet again, your memory will continue to live and touch lives everywhere. Love you Mom. You will be truly missed.

Armond L Young - May 14, 2025 at 12:52 PM

MK

“ Dorothy was such a great friend; I always said she was the big sister I never had with all her wisdom and advice on life. She was devoted to her daughter Tonya and so proud of her grandchildren. Dontae who was her protector after she lost her husband and her right arm when she needed anything. Her granddaughters who achieved and succeeded in their chosen profession who were also her pride and joy. Dorothy was excellent in her care of patients at St. V's and always gave 100 percent. She will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved her.

Mary Kelly - May 13, 2025 at 09:08 PM

ML

“ On Dorothy your presence on this Earth will truly be missed. I can remember the first day I met you taking you to the store and you asked me what my name was. I simply said Monica and you like no no no. You told me that I needed to stake my claim and from that day 4th I was Mrs Lewis. Though I knew to Stand My Ground you taught me a better way to do it. I love you Aunt Dorothy and you will definitely be missed. Until we meet again rest well. My deepest condolences to the family.

Monica Lewis - May 13, 2025 at 08:39 AM

TJ

“ I miss you so much granny. I miss your smile, laugh, and your presence. I know you're watching down on the family and providing us the strength we need to get through this tough time. I'm at peace knowing you're at peace. I love you so much. ❤️

Tiara Jones - May 10, 2025 at 09:29 PM

TJ

“ I’m going to miss you sooo much granny! I think about you everyday!! I miss your smile and the way you laugh. Most importantly how caring you were to anyone you knew and watching you show love to others is one reason why I continue to be who I am today. I’m going to miss watching your favorite tv shows on the couch with you and talking about how your day went. I know you are watching over the family and I know you are at peace now. I love you forever...until we meet again.

Tiana Jones - May 09, 2025 at 08:52 PM

TY

“ Dear Momma, Lord knows, mom you were the best, but the lord whispered, come home my child, and rest. The lord knows, mom I don’t want you to go, but you’ve paid all these earthly dues you owe. At the time of my birth, your eyes lit upon me. You taught me my destiny, was the world to see the best of me. When you left, a part of me left with you, but unlike myself, you’ve had angel wings to lift you. To the far and beyond this hard life of pain, my heart is a cloud, the sorrow is the rain. But you rose to Heaven, and left us behind, now and forever will your essence continue to shine. Dear Momma, I’ll miss you, my guardian, my friend, and prepare for time that we all meet again. I LOVE YOU MOMMA!!
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Tonya Young - May 09, 2025 at 08:29 PM

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Beautiful ❤️

Armond L Young - May 14, 2025 at 12:54 PM

MW

“ *TO the family. With heartfelt sympathy. So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers that Our Heavenly Father will ease your pain and give you strength too meet each new tomorrow. Rest in peace my dear friend..Deepest condolences. Margaret McCoy Wiggins..*

Margaret wiggins - May 09, 2025 at 12:03 PM