



## Barbara Jean Collins

May 12, 1929 - September 30, 2021

Frankfort – Barbara Jean Smither Collins, age 92, passed away on Thursday, September 30, 2021. Graveside services will be held on Friday, October 8, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at Camp Nelson National Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 7, 2021.

Barbara was born in Dayton, Ohio on May 12, 1929, to the late Will Andrew Smither and Mary Stinson Smither. She retired in 2000 from Kentucky State University and was a faithful member of Bethesda Temple. In her spare time, she enjoyed writing and playing piano.

She is survived by her children, Celina Bean (George), Maria Collins, and Roderick Collins; and brother, Dubois Smither (Sharon). She was also blessed with a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Sherman Esten Collins; children, Sherman Esten Collins, Jr, Cerdan Collins, and Teresa Moss; and siblings, Billy Smither and Mary Gladden.

Serving as pallbearers will be family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Bethesda Temple on Glenn's Creek Road.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Cemetery Details

## Camp Nelson National Cemetery

6980 Danville Road  
Nicholasville, KY 40356

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home  
312 Washington Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
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## Graveside Service

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Camp Nelson National Cemetery  
6980 Danville Road  
Nicholasville, KY 40356

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Jean Collins*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Desiree Howard & Family lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Collins*



**Desiree Howard & Family** - October 10, 2021 at 09:27 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Collins family. The Marevelous Matriarch and Quintessential Queen, Barbara Jean Collins, I affectionately know as Aunt Barbara, has touched many of our lives in many ways. My favorite memories of Aunt Barbara is as a child. I remember sitting with her at the piano to show her my skills, then eventually she would handle the black and white keys herself and show me how it's really done...having "church" in the living room. I will always cherish those precious memories of my Aunt Barbara from my youth. Aunt Barbara has left a legacy for each one of us, who had the honor to be in her presence. Her smiles, her hugs, and her encouragements will be with me always. Aunt Barbara is forever in my memories. The Collins family will be in my thoughts, prayers, and meditations. Peace and comfort to the family. With love, Kenyatta D. Smither, Sr. and family (Richmond, Virginia)*

**Kenyatta D. Smither, Sr.** - October 06, 2021 at 03:04 AM

KG

“ I am the oldest of all the grandchildren and I have very fond memories of spending time with my grandmother as young child. We would have very interesting conversations about life and spirituality (as well as other things). I didn't get to spend a lot of time with her during the later years of her life, but it does not negate the fact that she has always been dear to my heart. While she is affectionately known as “Nanny” by all of my siblings and cousins; I am the only one who called her “Grandmama”. We don't get to choose the families we are born into, but it's up to us to choose how we respond and treat the families we have been blessed with. I choose to be thankful for Barbara Jean Collins and grateful for the relationship we had. Rest easy “Grandmama”.

Kevin Gibbs - October 04, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - October 04, 2021 at 12:18 PM

WS

“ As 'Barbara Jean's' younger brother, I'm forever grateful for her life journey, especially when she became my 'legal guardian', more like a mother, during my last few years of high school. Her battles on earth are over. But her spiritual journey begins anew. May God's grace, mercy and everlasting peace continue to bless the Collins and Smither family, as well as my hometown of Frankfort. W. DuBois and Sharon Smither - Richmond, Virginia



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**William D Smither** - October 04, 2021 at 10:20 AM

TB

“ I will always keep the memory of Barbara. She was truly a woman of God. She and my mother were friends when we all lived in South Frankfort. We pray God's comfort and blessings on the family.

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**Toni Brooks** - October 02, 2021 at 02:22 PM

LC

“ Mrs Barbara and my Mom were great friends. She would come to the house and have bible study with my Mom. She was honestly one person I could say was on the battlefield for the Lord! Bless her memory and her family.

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**Leslie Chisley** - October 02, 2021 at 12:19 AM

SY

“ I will forever be grateful that I met this woman. She became my friend, surrogate grandmother, prayer warrior, and sister in Christ. I feel honored to have met her daughter and granddaughter. She was a sweet reminder that family isn't always blood! Rest In Peace sweet friend.

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**Shala Young** - October 01, 2021 at 09:41 PM

MR

*I met Mrs. Collins some 50 years ago as a student at KSU. Later we served together on the music staff at the First Corinthian Baptist Church (when it was on Mero Street) where she served as musician for the Children's Choir and the Male Chorus. Sis. Collins was devout woman of God. While she is now enjoying eternal praise with the Father, may we look forward to the day of sharing in the great celebration with her. To her children, grandchildren and family continue to trust God for His promises which are yes and amen!*

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**Marion Rogers** - October 02, 2021 at 12:18 AM

JB

*My condolences to the Collins Family. Mrs Collins was one of the most sweetest and caring person that I have ever met. She always had encouraging words and kindness to young, scared and lonesome students at KSC. Her family was just as warm and welcoming as she was. May God give you peace and comfort.*

*James Barber*

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**James Barber** - October 08, 2021 at 10:03 AM