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Bennie Bernard "B.B." Collier, 94, passed away on Thursday, September 3, 2015, after a brief illness. Funeral Services will be held on Sunday, September 6, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel at Watson-Hunt Funeral Home. Interment will be in Perry Memorial Gardens immediately following the service. The family will visit with friends on Saturday, September 5, 2015, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Watson-Hunt Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Heart of Georgia Hospice Inpatient Care, 1120 Morningside Drive, Perry, GA 31069.

Mr. Collier was born in Crawford County to the late Tommie B. and Effie G. Moody Collier. After graduation from high school in Crawford County, he proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. West Point. During his service, he was proud to have been honored as his Captain's aide after their courageous journey to deliver a ship full of Germans back to Germany just after the start of World War II. While he was stationed in Key West working on sea planes, Mr. Collier met and married the love of his life, Edna Pearl Spencer. After his honorable discharge from the Navy, the couple returned to Perry to make their home and start a family. He accepted a position as an Aircraft Specialist with Civil Service at Robins Air Force Base, from where he retired 33 years later. Upon his retirement from RAFB, his strong desire to ride tractors led Mr. Collier to begin doing what he loved - farming. Through the years, he was fortunate enough to create the Collier Soybean, one that grows to be twice the size of a normal soybean plant. Later in life, he "dabbled" in horse racing, owning several horses that raced in Birmingham and Cincinnati. Mr. Collier always enjoyed riding in a classic car in any parade in Perry waving to the many friends and family as he rode the route. He was a former member of Salem Primitive Baptist Church in Crawford County. His family was his passion in life, treasuring every moment spent with them, never missing a birthday party or special event for his children, grandchildren, and even his great-grandchildren, who will all miss him dearly. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Edna Spencer Collier, and 3 brothers.



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Left to cherish the memories of Mr. Collier are his children, Carol Norris (Steve) of Warner Robins, Catherine Rentz of Columbia, SC, Caran Sherwood (Don) of Lilburn, Tommie Collier (Jane) and Bennie B. Collier, Jr. (Cindy), both of Perry; his sister, Lula Batchelor of Perry; a brother Johnnie Collier (Velda) of Lovejoy; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

I just found out about Mr. Collier's death and wanted to convey my sympathy to all of your family. The loss of a parent is so difficult, and my heart really goes out to you. We will keep you all in our prayers.
Barbi Flournoy

October 13 at 8:00 PM



Deborah And Ronnie Blalock posted:

We were so sorry to hear of your Fathers passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of your family at this time of loss.

September 11 at 8:00 PM



Janet Heuer posted:

Sending love and prayers to the Collier family during this time of loss of their dear father, grandfather and great grandfather. I was fortunate to have had the pleasure of meeting him and he was a true southern gentleman and stood strong and tall. His daughter Cathy is a dear friend and is an inspiration to me every day. I see where she gets her strength and determination. May you all find comfort in your wonderful, cherished memories of this special man.

September 10 at 8:00 PM



Delana Field posted:

I am a CNA at Summerhill rehab working the midnight shift. I'm going to miss him very much. He was a very sweet man. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family

September 8 at 8:00 PM



Alan Everidge posted:

So sorry to hear of your family's loss. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

September 7 at 8:00 PM



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WT

Wayne And Kathy Talton posted:

To all of Mr. Bennie's family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through the days, weeks and months without him. He was a wonderful man, Wayne and I thought so much of him. Praying for you all today!

September 5 at 8:00 PM

TH

The Staff Of Watson-Hunt Funeral Home posted:

Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

September 4 at 8:00 PM

KJ

Kerry And Susan Jackson posted:

Heavenly Father, we come together in prayer for Bennie, Cindy and all the family, friends and loved ones. Lord, you see their pain, their hurt, their tears. They shared so much love, made many special memories that will last them a life time. We ask Father, that You will bring strength and comfort to this family. Let them relive the moments in Mr. B.B.'s life that gave them joy and happiness. In The Mighty Name of Jesus we pray. Amen. Our love and prayers are with all of you. Love, Kerry, Susan and family

September 4 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We will miss Bennie so much, we all loved him! Our hearts are broken. Our thoughts and prayers for all his family.

September 4 at 8:00 PM

GB

Gayle, Frank And Brandon Borah posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Gayle, Frank and Brandon Borah Byron, Ga

September 3 at 8:00 PM

KB

Kirk Berry posted:

So sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Collier. My thoughts are with the entire family and especially my dear friend Cathy.

September 3 at 8:00 PM



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Ralph & Liz Hawthorne posted:

We will miss this wonderful man we have had the privilege to see on many occasions, and we will remember him fondly. God be with his family God Bless,

September 3 at 8:00 PM



Shelia (Todd) Laws posted:

So sorry for your loss. Praying for God's comfort at this time.

September 3 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bennie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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