



Maxine Cecilia Collins

December 6, 1939 - March 17, 2024

Maxine Cecilia Collins peacefully transitioned from this world to be with the Lord on March 17, 2024. Born in Washington DC on December 6, 1939, to the late Jeanette and Leon Wiggins. She married Joseph B. Collins, Jr. in 1957 and they shared 67 years of marriage. Maxine was a loving mother to three daughters, Vanessa E. Collins, Maureen E. McDowell (Donald) and Sabrena E. Stokes. Additionally, the couple also accepted the responsibility of caring for their niece and grandson.

In her younger years, Maxine found joy in sewing, roller skating, playing softball, and swimming. She attended school in Washington DC and later pursued her passion for fashion at Martha Washington School of Design. Known for her talent in sewing, Maxine enjoyed creating outfits for her family and friends, leaving a mark of creativity and care in their lives. Legend has it, she once crafted a stunning formal dress for the Marine Corps Ball out of the curtains in her living room.

Maxine started her professional career as a social worker with Prince William County. As a social worker, Maxine was an advocate for the protection of children. This experience influenced her to pursue entrepreneurship and opened an in-home daycare. She also served in several management roles at local retailers like Zayre's, Bradlees, and Wal-Mart where she made lifelong friends that became extended family. Maxine finished her career with Aramark

Food Service, as the lead at the Fairfax County Detention Center supporting the deputy sheriff where she earned a reputation of always having a kind word, advice, and a genuine care for all regardless of status. After 17 years of service, Maxine retired in 2020.

Maxine's magnetic spirit and love for card games was evident in her love for playing her favorite, po-ke-no, with friends and family weekly. She also enjoyed hosting family and friends to celebrate every occasion with Christmas being her favorite. Maxine would often document the memories with her video camera, capturing moments of her grandchildren, nieces, and nephews “dancing on the ceiling” or performing talent shows for the adults. Her zest for life and warm presence will be deeply missed by her many friends and loved ones.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, Leon and Jeanette Wiggins, siblings Barbara Jean Clay, twin Kathleen Moore, and brother Jesse Wiggins.

Maxine's legacy lives on through her family, including her husband Joseph, their three daughters, niece Jennifer P. Clay, grandchildren Elliott (Eileen) Jackson, William Hagans Jr., Lauren Mackey, Ernest T. King, Paul Mackey, Marcus Hagans, Nicole (Kris) Cook, Britteny E. King, Alexander Mackey, Jonathan Butler, Maliq Stokes, great niece Tiffany Queen and great-grandchildren Aaron King, Alexandra Mackey, Donovan Jackson, Kyle Cook, Dominic Jackson, and Madison Hagan.

The family will receive visitors at Miller Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 27th from 9:30 - 10:30, service starting at 10:30 and interment at Quantico National Cemetery at 12:30

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 27. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

MAR 27. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Interment

MAR 27. 12:30 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery
18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172-1636
(703) 221-2183


Tribute Wall

SC

“ My condolence to Sabrina and Family! I pray for the promise of joy in the morning. God I trust in your unfailing love and the hope of new beginnings for the Collins Family. Lord help the family recognize the glimmers of light amid the darkness, the moments of peace amidst their pain. In Jesus name amen! Love you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Sonya Carter - March 26, 2024 at 09:42 PM

SA

Sonya, may God continue to Bless you with such a beautiful spirit of kindness. Thank you for sharing in my mother's services yesterday. You're more than a wonderful friend you're my sisters for life, love you 

Sabrena - March 28, 2024 at 07:09 PM

SC

“ Sonya Carter lit a candle in memory of Maxine Cecilia Collins



Sonya Carter - March 26, 2024 at 09:33 PM

SA

Thank you 🙏

Sabrena - March 28, 2024 at 07:14 PM

RT

“ Ricco Turner sent a virtual gift in memory of Maxine Cecilia Collins



Ricco Turner - March 26, 2024 at 06:20 PM

RT

Love you Aunt Maxine My GOD !! Blessed your Soul!!! IJN!!!

Ricco Turner - March 26, 2024 at 06:22 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Maxine Cecilia Collins.



March 26, 2024 at 12:09 PM

MB

“ My sincere condolences to Sabrena and her family. May you be comforted by the loving memories and the love of family. Malika Brown



Malika Brown - March 26, 2024 at 11:15 AM

SA

Malika, thank you so much for the lovely gift of lighting a candle on behalf of my mother. Your kindness is greatly appreciated 💕

Sabrena - March 28, 2024 at 07:11 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of *Maxine Cecilia Collins*.



March 25, 2024 at 11:33 PM



“ *Earline S Rector* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of *Maxine Cecilia Collins*.



Earline S Rector - March 25, 2024 at 10:56 PM



“ *Your WorkLife Family* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of *Maxine Cecilia Collins*.



Your WorkLife Family - March 25, 2024 at 05:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Maxine Cecilia Collins*.



March 25, 2024 at 03:43 PM

BF

“ *Blackshear Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Maxine Cecilia Collins.*



Blackshear Family - March 25, 2024 at 02:46 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maxine Cecilia Collins.*



March 24, 2024 at 06:01 PM

TR

“ *The Mathews. Karen and Ron planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maxine Cecilia Collins.*

The Mathews. Karen and Ron - March 24, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Maxine Cecilia Collins.*



March 24, 2024 at 10:12 AM

ZF

“ *Zenobia Fuller-Rogers lit a candle in memory of Maxine Cecilia Collins*



Zenobia Fuller-Rogers - March 24, 2024 at 03:31 AM

ER

“ *Evelyn Rainey purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Maxine Cecilia
Collins.*



Evelyn Rainey - March 23, 2024 at 07:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Maxine Cecilia Collins.*



March 23, 2024 at 06:13 PM

RD

“ *Russell Dillard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maxine Cecilia
Collins.*

Russell Dillard - March 23, 2024 at 06:13 PM

LR

“ I remember Maxine through my friend Joyce, who used to care for her girls when they were little. I personally met her many times.
Prayers to the family

LaSaundra "Sand" Robinson - March 23, 2024 at 05:27 PM

FG

“ From the Soul Train Cruise Guys purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Maxine Cecilia Collins.



From the Soul Train Cruise Guys - March 23, 2024 at 05:17 PM

FJ

“ Frankie & Cathy Jackson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Maxine Cecilia Collins.



Frankie & Cathy Jackson - March 22, 2024 at 09:25 PM

CB

“ I met Maxine in 1994 at Walmart in Layaway where we both worked. We became close friends over the years. I helped her get a job with me at Unisys in the parts department. We went to the Bahama and had great time. My husband found pictures we took in the Bahama. Me, Maxine, Vanessa and another girl, but I am sorry I don't remember her name. Some weekends we would get together and place Po-ke-no . We kept in touch over the years. There were times when we went to Philly, or going over to her house, we had great times together. I loved hanging out with Maxine and Joe. Very great friends. I will miss you truly Maxine.

Cynthia Byers - March 22, 2024 at 05:12 PM

CB

Sending my deepest condolences to the family.

Cynthia Byers - March 22, 2024 at 05:14 PM

JA

Sabrena – Extending my deepest sympathies and condolences for the loss of your mother. ❤️ Jade

Jade - March 26, 2024 at 11:16 AM

SC

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Sonya

Sonya Carter - March 26, 2024 at 09:39 PM