



# Alfreda Janet Collins

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## A lfreda Collins Obituary

Alfreda Janet Collins (nee Lechene), 91, of Wellington, surrounded by her loving family, passed away at home, Friday, April 4, 2025 following a brief illness. Alfreda, affectionately known as “Fred” to her friends, was born February 20, 1934 in Saint Lawrence, Pennsylvania to Angeline Lechene. Her father, Alfred, passed just months before her birth. Alfreda married James Collins September 17, 1949 at the age of 15, and together they raised their 7 children. Always a hard worker, Alfreda enjoyed growing the largest of gardens and canning an abundance of vegetables. Along with Jim, you’d find her in the woods hunting or at the lake fishing, always filling the freezer with meat. An avid baker and cook, Alfreda made sure her home was always open to family and friends for a treat or an amazing home-cooked meal. “Fred” had different jobs along the years, from a nurse’s aide, to a school bus driver, to an activities assistant in a nursing home. Of course, raising her 7 children kept her busy, too! She was also an everdoting grandma, teaching her grandchildren her survival, gardening, and cooking skills to last their lifetime! Through all this, her full-time focus was serving Jehovah God as a faithful follower. Baptized 69 years ago on March 24, 1956, she continued to share the Bible’s teachings through her last days. She was a member of The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Wellington for 67 years!

Alfreda is survived by her children, Patricia (Ronald) Smith and James (Carol) Collins of Lagrange, Michael (Deborah) Collins of New London, Karen Smith of Wellington, Timothy (Laurie) Collins of Medina, Randall (late Lori) Collins of Wellington and Beatrice (Eric) Krieg of Wellington; grandchildren, Karri, Dale, Michael, Paul, Kathy, Annette, Kristin, Thomas “TJ”, Erica, Charity, Andrea, Kenneth, Cody, Kyle, Cameron, Wesley, and Kayti; 34 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren (with another on the way!) Fred loved telling people of her large family!



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She was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, James in 1984; grandsons, James “Jimmy” Collins and Ronald “DJ” Smith; great grandson Jonathan Moore; parents; brothers, Albert, Wilfred, Patrick, Jules and William and a sister, Mary.

A memorial service will be at 3 pm, Sunday, May 4, 2025 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 615 W. Herrick Ave, Wellington, Ohio 44090 with Larry Young officiating.

To send flowers  
to the family or plant a tree  
in memory of Alfreda Janet Collins, please visit our floral store.

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## Tribute Wall

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AC

**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Alfreda Janet Collins** posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Alfreda Janet Collins We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

January 29 at 9:42 AM

TD

**T.J. & Niki Denes** posted:

Medium basket garden was purchased for the family of Alfreda Janet Collins by T.J. & Niki Denes. Send Flowers Collins Family - The life that your mother/grandmother lived is admirable. May the lessons she taught never be forgotten and her memory always be with you. We send our sincere condolences. T.J. & Niki Denes

January 29 at 9:42 AM

BO

**Bill And Gloria Overstreet** posted:

Designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Alfreda Janet Collins by Bill and Gloria Overstreet. Send Flowers Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family during this difficult time. Bill and Gloria Overstreet

January 29 at 9:42 AM

GO

**Gloria Overstreet** posted:

Alfreda was one of the greatest people I ever met. I feel fortunate to have known her. I will always remember her beautiful smile and hugs. She would open her arms and give me the BEST hug. Anyone who knew her will never forget what a wonderful person she was. I am keeping all her family members in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

April 14 at 3:12 PM



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LC

**Linda Collins** posted:

I loved my Aunt Fred and thought of her as a second Mother to me. When I was seventeen or eighteen, I went and lived with my Aunt, Uncle Jim and family for several months. My Aunt treated me like one of her own. I will always remember our late night talks sitting at the kitchen table after my Uncle who worked third shift left for work. We would sit and talk about different things like when she was young, when she got married, about God and about what was going in my life at that time. She was a good listener and caring and felt comfortable sharing my thoughts with her. Not to mention she had a great laugh and good sense of humor. Even though we had only seen each other once in ten years and unfortunately spoke only once, she was always in my thoughts and prayers and know I was in hers. I know that she will be greatly missed as a Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, neighbor and all those who knew her through the years at the Kingdom Hall. She was a woman of faith and now she is in the hands of the Lord.

April 14 at 11:23 AM

LC

**Linda Collins** posted:

I loved my Aunt Fred. I thought of her as a second Mother because she treated me like one of her own when I lived with her, my Uncle Jim and family for several months when I was 17 years old. I will always remember our late night talks together at the kitchen table after my Uncle Jim who worked 3rd shift left for work. We would sit there having a glass of wine and talking about different things. I always felt comfortable telling her how I felt inside at that time as a 17 year old because she was a good listener and caring. I felt in a sense she took me under her wing. Plus, I cannot forget her great laugh and good sense of humor. I know that she will be greatly missed by many who knew her as a Mother, Grandmother, Aunt and all that knew her at the Kingdom Hall through the years.

April 14 at 10:39 AM

MF

**Marilyn Walter And Family.** posted:

A candle was lit in remembrance

April 14 at 8:09 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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