



## Mr. Steven "Reno" Dwan Collins

January 19, 1956 - September 12, 2025

Mr. Steven "Reno" Dwan Collins, 69, of Peoria, IL, passed away peacefully at 5:55 pm on Friday, September 12, 2025, at his residence surrounded by his family.

Steven affectionately called Steve by his family and Reno by his close friends, was born on January 19, 1956, in Dyersburg, TN to James and JoAnn (Welch) Collins.

Steve's family moved to Flint, MI when he was a young child and he went on to graduate from Flint Southwestern High School in 1974. He later moved to Peoria, IL where he met the Love of his life, Brenda Tracy and started a family. He worked at Caterpillar, Inc. as a laborer; retiring after 41 years of service in 2015. He was a chef at Bradley and St. Augustine Manor during layoffs at Caterpillar. He loved to barbeque and was known for his famous ribs and delicious caramel cake. Steve was a smart, funny, generous and loving father. He was also a brilliant business man. He loved to sing. Steve had many friends and was well loved. He also made everyone around him feel like family.

Steve leaves to cherish his most precious memories, his lifelong partner of over 52 years, Brenda Tracy; four daughters, Shontay Venise Collins, Shannon Shanise Collins, Stephanie Danese Collins and Sierra Alise Collins

all of Peoria, IL; one brother Jeff Luckado of Waldorf, MD; two sisters, Nancy Luckado and Paula Luckado both of Flint, MI; 4 grandchildren, Jayden Dwan Collins, Remidee T. Collins, Reign T. Collins and Messiah Steven Collins; life-long best friends, Gary Dunlap and James Scott and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who adored him. He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Garrison "Butch" Collins.

A memorial service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at Gilkesson Mortuary Chapel with a gathering at 10:30 am. Pastor Alvin Riley, Sr. of Sovereign Grace M.B. Church will officiate.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Gathering

SEP **20**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gilkesson Mortuary and Cremation Life Center  
428 W. McClure Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61604

## Memorial Service

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Steven "Reno" Dwan Collins*



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**Simons Mortuary** - September 19, 2025 at 11:44 AM

SH

“ *I miss you so much daddy 🥺*

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**Shontay** - September 29, 2025 at 12:50 PM

CP

“ *My sincere and heartfelt prayers and condolences to the entire family of Steve Collins. We were classmates from Junior High School (Whitter) through High School (Flint Southwestern) Fond memories of fun times shared. Steve was "cool", a smooth operator. The last time I saw him was at our class reunion, I believe it may have been our 40th year reunion. Cherish and visit often the fond memories you have shared. Blessings of peace and comfort to you all. Love,  
Cerese Simpson Pennington*



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**Cerese Simpson Pennington** - September 22, 2025 at 04:23 PM

KC

“ Keith C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Steven "Reno" Dwan Collins.

Keith C. - September 20, 2025 at 09:31 AM

DF

“ Deshe, Drea and the McClain/Garry Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Steven "Reno" Dwan Collins.



Deshe, Drea and the McClain/Garry Family - September 19, 2025 at 07:42 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Steven "Reno" Dwan Collins.



September 18, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ Man Ole Man My cousin Stevie wht can I say but rest up cousin and give my Old Man a Hug for me ☐



Latrika Cagle - September 16, 2025 at 08:06 PM

RH

“ Rachel D Hearn lit a candle in memory of Steven "Reno" Collins



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Rachel D Hearn - September 16, 2025 at 07:14 PM

RH

“ You will be affectionately miss cousin, and we send condolences and prayers to you family 🙏

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Rachel D Hearn - September 16, 2025 at 07:14 PM

DD

“ My most heartfelt and sincere condolences and prayers to the family. Reno, was a great guy. Always fun. I will always remember the spade games with him and Scott and his great barbecue! Good times, good memories. May God provide the family with peace, strength and comfort today and in the days ahead. God bless. Rest easy my friend.

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Dyan Duncan-Tyler - September 16, 2025 at 06:58 PM