



Aubbie Leonard Collins

May 24, 1943 - April 21, 2026

The only son of Aubbie and Veta Collins, Leonard went to be with his Lord and Savior on April 21, 2026.

He was born in Paris, Texas. Leonard and his mother moved to Tallahassee in 1953. After graduating from Florida High School he joined the U.S. Navy. Leonard attended the University of Tampa where he played football. After working at FAMU and the Department of Juvenile Justice, Leonard retired from the State of Florida in 2009.

Leonard was a lifelong Seminole and enjoyed watching and playing sports including hunting and fishing. Gardening always brought him joy and he could be found most days working in his beautiful yard. Leonard had the unique ability to make others want to spend time with him through humor, laughter and a welcoming spirit.

The true love of Leonard's life was his family. He is survived by his cherished wife of 61 years, Sue Gary Collins, adored daughter, Stacey Collins Schmidt and husband Bear, treasured twin grandsons Taylor Schmidt (Hannah) and Brandon Schmidt (Sarah), his great grandson, Hudson Taylor Schmidt, his sister-in-law, Sharon Smith Miles (Jimmie), his brother-in-law Richard Gary and his loved nieces and nephews.

Leonard is now in the arms of Jesus where he will spend eternity with loved ones who have gone before him.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 2:00PM on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at Oakland Cemetery in Tallahassee. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in memory of Leonard to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Disease research.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Collins family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

838 N Bronough St
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Leonard was a true friend and will be missed! There are many stories to be told and many events that we shared that i will keep them in my heart ! I will have a Banana sandwich for the good times (he is laughing right now). Love you brother !

James Pace - April 27 at 10:21 PM

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I met Leonard the first day of school at Florida High my freshman year. We dated that year and he and his mother were the best people. There is no one that he wouldn't help. People would reach out for help and I never heard him or his mother say no. We had a great year but I was too young and immature to get into a serious relationship so when he left for the Navy we called it off. Happily Leonard found the love of his life and from what I knew, from the time he met her that was it! He never left her side. The only times we ever spoke again or anything I ever heard about him was that they were devoted their entire life together. And...and...that they absolutely were the best parents and adored their daughter and gorgeous grandsons. They made his years the wonder that they were. Hats off to Leonard. He was a hell of a guy. So kind and I wish I'd gotten to know his family and kept in touch. I know many of you will feel the loss. I pray Asia and his entire family finds peace without him and are blessed with lots of stories about him and lots of belly laughs when thinking about him.

Leila McCraw Shuffler - May 07 at 09:43 PM