



Dale Lee Collins

February 13, 1945 - June 14, 2026

Dale Lee Collins, 81, passed away on June 14 2026 at Hospice House. Dale was born in Lamar, Colorado on Feb. 13, 1945 to David I. Collins and Gertrude Hull Collins.

Dale is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Jo; daughters Lisa Stumph (Mike) and Michele Collins (Dave); granddaughter Jordan Crane; 4 sisters and 1 brother, and numerous nieces and nephews. Dale was predeceased by his parents, 4 brothers and 1 sister.

Dale moved with his family to Albany, Oregon in June 1954. Dale, Mary Jo and their daughters moved to Philomath in 1972.

He enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, golf and volunteering.

He was a Farmers Insurance Agent for 40 years, winning many service awards. He was a member of the Philomath Lions Club; recipient of the Melvin Jones Award (Lions Club); Philomath Chamber of Commerce President; Philomath City Council & Mayor of Philomath, Honorary Mayor of PYAC Safety Town, First Citizen & Senior First Citizen; Volunteer Fireman; Lifetime member of Oregon Hunters Assoc.; Member of Philomath Downtown Assoc., A Master Gardener and Park Board Member.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Dale's memory to Evergreen Hospice House. We want to thank Evergreen Hospice for their support and care of Dale.

Honoring Dale's request, no services will be held.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dawn Adams lit a candle in memory of Dale Collins* ”



Dawn Adams - 24 minutes ago

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“ Dale was the best boss ever:) He was kind, funny and always had an oldies AM radio station playing in the office. I changed the station once to country radio when he had left for vacation and forgot to change it back. He just giggled, switched it back to AM and soon the sound of oldies was once again playing in the background. I was blessed to work for him from 1999 until about 2005-2006 I believe.

I always enjoyed seeing his smiling face and a few days a week I got to have the company of miss Mary Jo in the office managing our massive stacks of filing that would accumulate during the week. Such an amazing team they made. I still remember when Farmers changed operating systems and MaryJo and I had to remove his old AS400 computer and set up a brand new desk top. The only way to get this done was to do it while he was gone on a hunting trip...

He wasn't a fan of major change or disruption, so the look on his face when he came into his office and saw the new computer setup was priceless! This would be a crash course for him in windows systems and learning to use a mouse to navigate... he hated it but resistance was futile haha! He learned quickly and eventually had to admit he liked the new computer... especially when he found the solitaire icon:)

Dale always told me to someday become an insurance agent and open my own agency. I looked up to him as a bonus dad, so of course at my first opportunity, I opened my own agency in June 2013 and am so thankful he had encouraged me to be brave, take the leap and become my own boss:)

Mary Jo, he is always going to be watching over you and the girls... you have one of the most amazing guardian angels watching over you all. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Sending huge, Velcro hugs from Idaho to you all.

Sincerely,

Dawn M Adams

Dawn Adams - 31 minutes ago