



Dean F. Collins

January 16, 1924 - February 4, 2025

Dean F. Collins passed away Tuesday in Citrus Heights. He was born in Evanston, Illinois, grew up in Altadena, California, then resided in San Rafael for several years before calling Benicia his home since 1972.

Dean enlisted in the United States Army Air Forces in 1943, where he graduated from meteorology training school and air traffic school in 1944. He accepted a commission as 2nd Lieutenant, then promoted to 1st Lieutenant in 1945. Later, he was stationed to New Guinea serving first as a weather officer then a flight control officer.

Honorably discharged in 1946, he returned to Pomona College and earned his bachelor's degree. He was on the Pomona College football team and even played a game at the Rose Bowl. Dean went on to receive his MBA in business administration from Stanford University in 1950. He later became active in the post war Air Force Reserve program from 1952 to 1959.

Dean worked as an accountant for more than 50 years, many of those for himself after he established his public accounting business in Benicia, holding several office locations on or near First Street through 1994.

He was an avid walker, often spotted strolling through the streets of Benicia. A dedicated fan of the Giants, 49ers, and Warriors, he also enjoyed playing golf

in his younger years. Dean earned the nickname "The Doctor of Fun" during a group trip, and at 62, he set a record for the fastest pitch thrown in his age group, clocking in at 47 mph in Cooperstown during McCovey's induction to the Baseball Hall of Fame. He had a love for gardening and the beach, enjoyed Dixieland jazz, and attended many Sacramento Jazz Jubilees. Above all, he cherished any opportunity to gather with family and friends.

Dean is survived by Joan, his wife of 61 years; daughter Kelly (Steve) Moulis; son Scott (Lisa) Collins and grandchildren Wyatt (Kendall) Town, Morgan Moulis and Jenna & Sara Collins.

Services are pending. Burial will be private. Please visit the online tribute at www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Green Valley Hospice in Roseville, CA. <https://greenvhospice.com/donate/>, thank you.

Previous Events

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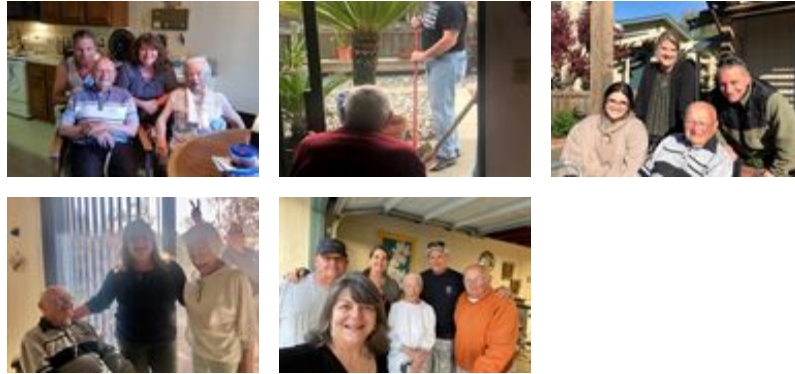
FEB **20**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

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“ *Dean (Doc) was my daughter in laws father, such a gentle man. He always had a smile and interesting things to say, he was full of knowlege. The one thing I remember about him at 5 pm every night was cocktail time, with his wife Joan.. He loved sports, loved to to do the daily word puzzles in the newspapers. But most of all he loved his family . He will be deeply missed.*



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