



## James D. Collins

September 1, 1916 - April 4, 2011

### James Daniel Collins

94, a lifelong resident of Emmett, died Monday morning April 4, 2011, at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw following a fall at his home in Prudenville.

He was born September 1, 1916, in Emmett the son of the late Daniel and Euphemia (Cody) Collins.

His marriage of 56 years to Josephine Margaret Shanahan was January 19, 1946, in Smiths Creek. Josephine died Friday, December 6, 2002.

James served his country with the United States Army during WWII from 1942 to 1945.

He was employed by the United States Post office as a rural mail carrier in the Emmett and Goodells areas until his retirement in 1982.

James was a parishioner of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Emmett and member of the former Holy Name Society. He was a member of the Gleason-Butler-Sharpe V.F.W Post #5585, Emmett and former 30-year firefighter for Emmett Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed being outdoors and spending time with his grandchildren.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law James W. and Bernadette of Greensboro, N.C. and Dan and Brenda of Houghton Lake, daughter Bridget M. Collins of Lakewood, Colorado, grandchildren Shane Collins, Casey (Jessica) Collins of Raleigh of N.C. and Hayley (Josh) LaFevre of Madison WI, Michael and Molly Collins of Houghton Lake, siblings, Robert "Grant"

(Ann) of Port Huron, Catherine O'Grady of Sun City, AZ, Jerry (Bonnie) of Centerline, Margaret Hebel of Richmond and Mary Roseanne Lewentz of Port Huron and several nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his sister Eleanor Schaffer and brother Pat. His family honors the memory of James and invites you to visit and share memories Friday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Yale, with rosary devotion/scripture services at 7:00 p.m. Rite of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Emmett, with 10:00 a.m. visiting. Fr. Tom Kuehnemund, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-Kenockee Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

For information and Guest Book  
[kaatzfunerals.com](http://kaatzfunerals.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church  
10828 Brandon Road  
Emmett, MI 48022  
(810) 384-1338

# Tribute Wall



“ We are sure your Dad is nodding his head in approval and smiling down on you all. We wish you all the strength you need to get through these next few months. You should all feel complete in the fact that you have done all you could have possibly done for your Dad on this earth.

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April 09, 2011 at 11:07 AM



“ MY CONDOLENCES TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY.MR. COLLINS WAS A VERY NICE MAN WHO THOUGHT THE WORLD OF HIS FAMILY.MAY PEACE BE WITH YOU DURING THIS MOST DIFFICULT TIME.THE WORLD NEEDS MORE PEOPLE LIKE YOUR DAD AND IT WOULD BE A MUCH BETTER PLACE.##imported-begin##DALE C. MILLS##imported-end##

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April 09, 2011 at 09:35 AM



“ Sorry about your loss. You're in my thoughts and prayers. Aunt Sue##imported-begin##Sue Cameron##imported-end##

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April 06, 2011 at 11:54 AM



“ *Danny T.*

*Sorry to hear about your father's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Ted Nelson##imported-end##*

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April 06, 2011 at 08:55 AM



“ *Dear Dan, Brenda and Family:*

*Our deepest sympathies and condolene in the passing of your dad. He was a wonderful man as evidenced by the legacy found with his beautiful family. I'm sorry that we can't be there with you in during this time of sorrow, but know that each of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jack and Jean##imported-begin##Jack Kramer##imported-end##*

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April 05, 2011 at 10:24 AM