



## Jesse Lee Collins

November 22, 1936 - August 11, 2024

Jesse Lee Collins, 87, of Waveland, Indiana, passed peacefully and surrounded in love on Sunday, August 11, 2024.

Jesse is survived by his son Michael (Sheila) Collins, siblings Acie (Mary) Collins and Shirley (Wendell) Craft, grandchildren Matthew L. Nagel, Amy M. Smith, Michael (Brittany) Collins, Jason (Tiffany) Collins, Eric (Kelly) Collins, Aaron Collins, Travis (Kristen) Collins, along with 18 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by Fatima Alice Collins (wife), Patrica Alice Collins (daughter), parents Ambrose and Minnie (Ray) Collins, and Betty Jean Tompkins (sister).

Jesse was born on November 22, 1936, in Hazard, Kentucky. His family later settled in northern Rensselaer, Indiana, where he graduated from Wheatfield High School, Class of 1955. This is where he met the love of his life and married Fatima on May 17, 1955. They began their married life the day he graduated high school and later built their family home in Kniman, Indiana, where they raised their two children. Jesse established his career as a skilled mechanic with Gariop Construction Company where he later retired after 30 years.

Jesse was a very dedicated man to establishing a life for his family and thoroughly enjoyed working on cars and teaching his grandchildren his craft

and passion along with passing on his admirable work ethic. After retirement, Jesse and Fatima relocated to Waveland, Indiana, where he continued his passion of working on just about anything that needed fixed. He enjoyed helping his family with all their projects whether it be mechanical, home renovations, and became a skilled carpenter and enjoyed rehabbing and bringing back to life old furniture pieces. Moreover, he enjoyed spending time with his family and making memories. Whether it be working on projects, family camping trips, or one of the many family vacations that everyone holds dear. Most profound is his love for his grandchildren and great grandchildren and the big smile on his face and laughs of pure joy as he sat back and just took it all in.

Friends may call from 9:00AM to 11:00AM at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. Funeral services will be held at 11:00AM at Jackson Funeral Chapel with Amy Garcia-Smith and Robin Rock officiating. Interment will follow at Memory Gardens of Rensselaer. where Matthew Nagel, Jason Collins, Eric Collins, Aaron Collins, Travis Collins, and Tayton Browning have accepted the honor as pallbearers to bring him to his final resting place.

In Lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations in Jesse's honor with Cat's Limited ([www.catslimited.org](http://www.catslimited.org)) or Lori's Kitty Rescue ([loriskittyrescue.wix.com/loris](http://loriskittyrescue.wix.com/loris)). The family would like to thank all the caregivers and nursing staff who took such good care of him on his final journey with us.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5125  
info@jacksonfuneral.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 16.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 16.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Jesse Lee Collins*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - August 15, 2024 at 07:39 PM



“ *57 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - August 15, 2024 at 03:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jesse Lee Collins.*



August 14, 2024 at 02:29 PM

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“ *Ewasiuk Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jesse Lee Collins.*

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