

## **Collins**

Funeral services for Mervyn H. Collins, 69, of Dayton, were held on Friday, August 31, 2007 at Calvary Baptist Church in Dayton with Revs. Tony Rogers and Wayne Hardin officiating.

He was born October 26, 1937 in Alvin, the son of Clarence and Ruby Jordan Collins. He retired from Mobil Oil Company after serving 25 years.

Mervyn was a devoted servant of God and to his family. He will probably be best remembered as a music director in the many churches in which he served in the Dayton area. Mervyn has served several churches in our area for many, many years as a music director. The songs that he performed seemed to come directly from his heart as he sang praises to his Lord.

He has also served the people of our community by singing at numerous revivals, weddings and funerals. He was instrumental in the very beginnings of the now annual Easter Sunrise Services held at Palms Memorial Park Cemetery in Dayton.

For many years he would brave the elements and stand and deliver the most beautiful of melodies to all in attendance. He was ordained as a Deacon in the Baptist Church while serving at Trinity Baptist Church in Dayton in the late 1960's and continued in that calling until his death. He had also served the congregations of Calvary Baptist Church, where he was still serving as Deacon and music director, and Grace Baptist Church, both located in Dayton.

He was a loving father and grandfather, affectionately called Pa by his family and lived his life as an example for them and many others of what true Christianity is about.

He passed away on August 28 in Baytown. He is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Ruby Collins and sister, Rita Faye Maddy.

Survivors include his loving wife of over 50 years, Cheri Collins; children, Mervyn H. "Sput" Collins Jr. and wife, Lisa, Chad Collins and wife, Tracy, Beth Kratovil and husband, Dennis, and Bekie Macklin and husband, Danny; grandchildren, Chad "Scooter" Collins Jr., Nikki Collins, Bret Parrish, Sarah Collins, Ashli Parrish, Dustin Collins, Austin "Boone" Collins, D.J. Kratovil, Leah Collins, Steele Macklin, Chance Macklin, Cameron Collins and Ty Macklin; brother, Floyd Collins and wife, Pat; sister, Clarice Tanner and husband, Frank; and numerous nieces, nephews and many friends. His 13 grandchildren served as "Pa" bearers. Burial followed at Palms Memorial Park Cemetery in Dayton, under the direction of Woodforest Funeral Home in Houston.