

Robert Leroy Collins

Robert Leroy Collins, Sr., 74, of Colmesneil, passed away Friday, November 16, 2007 at Lufkin Memorial Medical Center in Lufkin, Texas.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Colmesneil with burial at 3:30 p.m. at Tennessee Colony Cemetery in Palestine, Texas. Officiating was Brother Shaun Sifford. Serving as pallbearers were Robert Leroy Collins, Jr., Stephen Delroy Collins, Keith Dwaine Collins, Billy Collins, Nathaniel "Skippy" Collins and Travis Collins. Honorary pallbearers were Jonathan Collins, Nicholas Collins, Matthew Collins and Corey Burson.

Visitation was held on Monday, November 19th from 5 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Robert was born May 27, 1933 to William B., Jr. and Louise McGregor Collins in Washington, D.C. He was a former resident of Pasadena and lived in Colmesneil for many years. He had owned and operated Collins Tire Co. where he was affectionately known as "Tire Buster". He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Colmesneil and was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Glenn Collins and sister, Norma Quin. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Billie Collins of Colmesneil; sons & daughters-in-law, Robert Leroy, Jr & Wanda Collins of Conroe, Stephen Delroy & Roxann Collins of Bryan and Keith Dwaine & Gayle of Sugar Land; brothers & sisters-in-law, Billy & Lena Mae Collins of Gilmer and Nathaniel "Skippy" & Jayne Collins of North Shore; seven grandchildren, one great grandson and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.