



Laura Mae Collins

August 6, 1926 - October 7, 2025

Laura Mae Collins, 99, of Springdale, Arkansas, passed away peacefully on October 7, 2025. She was born August 6, 1926, in Enid, Oklahoma, to Roy and Laura Geist Thurman.

Growing up in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the family later moved to Wichita, Kansas. Laura met her “man,” Dwight Collins, while working the front desk at the Beech Aircraft employees’ club. They built a marriage filled with love and respect that lasted 49 years—a lasting example of devotion. They worked and laughed together and enjoyed traveling, especially with friends on golf trips.

In the early years of their marriage, Laura supported Dwight during his baseball career, traveling with him across Texas, Oklahoma, and Canada. In 1960, they established Dwight’s Clothiers in Springdale, known for personal and friendly service. Husbands especially sought her guidance and special touches for beautiful gifts for their wives.

A faithful Christian, Laura served actively in First United Methodist Church and was a proud member of PEO Chapter G, where she served as Chaplain.

Laura was a devoted mother to Cyndy Spencer Hatfield, who is married to Ken, and Rick Collins, who is married to Brenda. She was a cherished grandmother to Kim Browning (married to Chris), Jim Bob Spencer (married to

Amber), and John Stephen Spencer (married to Amber). Laura found great joy in her role as a great-grandmother to Will, Ellie, Sam, Caroline, Cy, and Winnie. She never missed a birthday.

Laura will be remembered for her faith, kindness, grace, and deep love of family. She had the ability to make everyone feel comfortable and welcome.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Dwight, her parents, and her brother, Russ Thurman.

A service celebrating Laura's life will be held on October 14th at 11:00 a.m. at Sisco Chapel. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 206 W. Johnson Ave., Springdale, AR 72764; LifeStyles, 2590 W. Sycamore, Fayetteville, AR 72703; or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 W Meadow Ave
Springdale, AR 72764

Tribute Wall

LF

“ *Laura Mae was a lifelong school friend with my mother, Frances Burckhalter Mitchell. The two of them and two others stayed in touch for decades. After mother passed in 2020, I was able to find Laura and stopped by to say hello. We corresponded for several months, helping me feel a special connection with Mother. I will cherish the memory of enjoying a small taste of Mother's close friendship with this precious lady.*



Linda Mitchell Fields - December 04, 2025 at 07:09 PM

AJ

“ *Cyndy and Rick, your family is in my prayers.*

Al Jewell

Al Jewell - October 13, 2025 at 06:08 PM

JM

“ *Laura was always such a gracious and lovely woman. How blessed we were to have known her! Much love to all of her family.*

JoAnn McKim - October 13, 2025 at 12:41 PM

KP

“ *Cindy and Rick, you and your families are in my thoughts. I am sorry for your loss. Your parents were greatly respected.*
Karen Wann Parker

Karen Wann Parker - October 11, 2025 at 03:41 PM

KP

Cyndy

Karen Wann Parker - October 11, 2025 at 03:43 PM

AF

“ Avis Bailey and Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Mae Collins.

Avis Bailey and Family. - October 11, 2025 at 02:22 PM

AF

“ Avis Bailey and Family. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Laura Mae Collins.



Avis Bailey and Family. - October 11, 2025 at 02:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Laura Mae Collins.



October 11, 2025 at 11:58 AM

KM

“ Karen M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Mae Collins.

Karen M. - October 11, 2025 at 11:58 AM

EC

“ *Cyndy and Rick.
Any lady who reproduced you 2 must've been
Absolutely the best!
1 million hugs, Ellen Cato*

Ellen Cato - October 11, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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“ *Linda Lowe-Dean & the SHS Class of 1969
purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the
family of Laura Mae Collins.*



Linda Lowe-Dean & the SHS Class of 1969 - October 11, 2025
at 09:25 AM

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“ *Packaging Specialties, Inc of Ga planted a Memorial Tree in
honor of Laura Mae Collins.*

Packaging Specialties, Inc of Ga - October 10, 2025 at 03:00 PM

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“ *Packaging Specialties, Inc of Ga purchased the B
asket Full of Wishes for the family of Laura Mae
Collins.*



Packaging Specialties, Inc of Ga - October 10, 2025 at 03:00
PM