



## Annie Lois Collins

October 6, 1936 - December 1, 2021

Annie (“Ann”) Lois Thornton Collins, 85, entered her eternal heavenly home on December 1, 2021. She was born October 6, 1936 to Bilbo and Lois Thornton in Walnut, Mississippi and was the oldest of seven children. After graduating from high school, she moved to Memphis, Tennessee. She met and married Bobby Collins in September of 1964 and was a devoted wife until his passing. She was a loving mother to her two children. She worked as a secretary at Stratton Warren and Sears Crosstown, before going to work as the office manager for Dr Robert McBurney and later, for Dr Christine Mroz where she remained until her retirement at the age of 70. She had a strong faith in Christ and was a dedicated member of Leawood Baptist Church for more than 55 years.

She is preceded in death by her father, Bilbo Thornton, her mother, Lois Lanier Thornton, her sister Janice Thornton, her brothers Perry Thornton and Billy Thornton, her husband Bobby Collins and her daughter, Audrey Collins. She is survived by her son, Jeffery (Blair), her sister Linda Hunt, her sister Shirley Ham and her sister Nell Stewart, and by her grandchildren Tyler Collins, Kaitlyn Collins, and Raymond Collins.

Ann’s life was marked by her selfless sacrifice on behalf of her family and by her service to her friends and to the members of her church family up to the final days of her life. She loved those around her by doing for them, whether driving people to appointments, volunteering in her church’s mission center, or in any number of other ways that she ministered to the needs of those around her. She was engaged with the senior adult ministry at Leawood, with her family, and with her neighbors. When she wasn’t serving others, she enjoyed tending her flowers and her garden and being outside. We rejoice in our confidence that she is with her Lord and Savior now and that she has finally entered into her rest. She touched so many lives. She will be sorely missed by those of us who remain.

# Cemetery

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## Memorial Park Cemetery

5668 Poplar Ave

Memphis, TN, 38119

# Events

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**DEC** **Visitation** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Leawood Baptist Church

3638 Macon Rd., Memphis, TN, US, 38122

**DEC** **Funeral Service** 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I always enjoyed visiting with Ann when I walked down the street--she kept me up to date with events on her end and I told her what I knew about my end--she was always so generous with giving me flowers when I commented on how pretty something was--she was a true joy to be around and will be missed.  
Janet Little

Janet Little - December 08, 2021 at 02:30 PM

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“ I was saddened to hear of Ann's passing today. I lived across the street from her for 12 years. Although I moved away many years ago, I would continue to catch up with Ann when I was back on the street tending to my property. Ann was the neighbor everyone needed. She knew exactly what was going on at all times and was quick to check-in on neighbors. My condolences to her family.

Laura Glenn - December 07, 2021 at 11:52 PM

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“ Ann stopped to welcome me to the neighborhood on my move-in day Oct 31, 2018. I am 72 and she said she was glad to see an older person moving in. We talked fairly frequently since that time mostly while I walked my dog...but occasionally in Kroger on Summer. I lost my dog in mid May and haven't see her during walks but she did stop her car if see as she drove down the street and I was outside. I was blessed to have known her.

Patsy Dougherty - December 06, 2021 at 11:16 AM

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“ Anne visited my mother faithfully until her passing. I appreciated her many phone calls, cards, and visits. She was an inspiration to me for her never ending kindness and service to others. She will be missed

Beverly Flippin - December 04, 2021 at 11:10 PM