



## John L. Collins

January 17, 1930 - October 2, 2023

John L. Collins, 93, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Monday, October 2, 2023 at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

He was born January 17, 1930 in Kingsford, son of the late Joseph and Lillian (Fillion) Collins. John graduated from Kingsford High School in 1947 and was a lifelong resident of the area. He served his country for two years in the United States Navy. John married Shirley Haines on March 31, 1951 at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. He worked at the Niagara Paper Mill for 38 years, retiring in 1985. John enjoyed coin and stamp collection, hunting, fishing and spending time with family.

He is survived by three children, Susie (Frank) Derouin, Tom Collins and Jerry (Tammy) Collins, all of Iron Mountain; nine grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, John was also preceded in death by one brother, Robert Collins and two sisters, Marion Collins and Anita Carollo.

A Memorial Mass will be offered at 11:00 am on Tuesday, October 10 at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Msgr. Joseph Gouin will officiate. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park. The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will conduct military graveside honors.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of John Collins online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church  
908 W. Sagola Ave.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ Tom and family. I am so sorry to hear of your father passing. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jim Peterson - October 10, 2023 at 12:57 PM

LK

“ Rest in Peace, Dear Uncle. You were also so fun to talk with. Your intellect and talents were incredible. Our deepest condolences to Susie, Tom, Jerry, Frank, Tammy and all the grandkids. You will be missed.--Lynn and Al Koivisto

Lynn Koivisto - October 10, 2023 at 09:40 AM

GN

“ What a great hard working man. Our hugs and sympathy to all the family. I remember John and his boys always building a new house, what a talent to pass on to the boys. Your mom and dad were good friends to our family too  
You had the best , you were blessed. Craig and Gayle Nault

Gayle Nault - October 09, 2023 at 09:21 AM

PJ

“ Sending prayers for the loss of John. He was a wonderful hard working family man  
May God grant you peace.

Paula Johnson - October 05, 2023 at 10:10 PM

BC

“ Wonderful Uncle, Friend to many, and beloved father. Rest peacefully Uncle John.



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**Brad and Cathy** - October 05, 2023 at 11:10 AM

SH

“ Our sincere condolences at the passing of your beloved father.

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**Sally and Dean Heidtke** - October 04, 2023 at 08:33 AM