



## Ronald Wayne Collins

January 2, 1956 - October 26, 2018

Ronald Wayne Collins, age 62 of Merrillville, passed away October 26, 2018. He was a graduate of Merrillville High School, Class of 74. Ron was a former employee of Picker, and he retired from Ford Motor Company, Stamping Plant in 2016. He was a member of the UAW Night Owls Bowling League and a member of the 300 Club.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents- Robert and Doris. He is survived by his twin daughters- Amber and Amy Collins, both of The Lakes of the Four Seasons; grandchildren- Destiny and Ava; significant other- Debbie Westbury of Merrillville; siblings- Robert "Corky" Collins of Hobart, John (Sherry) Collins of Florida, Cathy (Mark) Sandoval of Kokomo; many nieces and nephews; stepdaughter- Miranda of Texas.

Friends may visit with Ron's family from 2 p.m. until time of funeral service at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30, 2018, at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The thing that I will miss most is his loud and unique laughter. You could hear it from across the house 😊* ”



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**melissa sealey** - October 30, 2018 at 04:00 PM

“ Amy, Amber, and Debbie: Ron was 11 years older than I was, and I was always the dorky kid that, occasionally, he had to watch. We didn't really connect until I was grown and out on my own. I came back for a family reunion (every year, Hidden Lake). Aunt Do was still alive, and I think I was in my early/mid 20's. Which means you girls were toddlers.

Somehow, we got on the subject of music, which your dad loved, and I told him the only two Led Zeppelin albums I didn't have, in one form or another, were Presence and Coda. He chuckled, said he had both albums (which meant vinyl, back in that day) and he would record them for me and send it to me. I gave him my address in Indy and didn't think much more than that. A week later, I got a tape. Side A, Presence. Side B, Coda, which is the shortest album Zeppelin ever produced. Good, but short. I listened to side A, then flipped the tape over to side B. And listened again. The album stopped, and I can still hear his voice:

"Oh, yeah! Didn't that shiver your timbers? I know it did mine. Anyway, we have some tape left, so I thought I would fill it up with some Foghat. We love you down there. Take care, and we'll see you soon. Now, let's get ready for a slow ride..."

The tape is long gone (and really, what would I play it on now?) but his voice still remains in my head to this day. Zeppelin should always be followed up by Foghat. Period. I've played them back to back in my car since I heard he passed.

Ron loved fiercely, and family was always family to him. It didn't matter if it was some dorky kid, 11-years his junior, or not. He took the time to care about me, and he loved you both. He was proud of you both. And Debbie, he loved you, and was proud of you, too.

I'm sorry I can't be there, but, when you get in that limousine, after a rough day, make the driver play Wearing and Tearing by Zeppelin and then Slow Ride by Foghat. And remember his words:

*"We love you down there. Take care, and we'll see you soon. Now, let's get ready for a slow ride.."*

*I hope that helped remind you of the better times, Love to all three of you.*

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**Linda Weir** - October 29, 2018 at 09:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Wayne Collins.*



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October 29, 2018 at 12:51 PM



“ *Richard J. Sebastian (cousin Rich) and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald Wayne Collins.*



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**Richard J. Sebastian (cousin Rich) and family** - October 29, 2018 at 12:43 PM



“ *On a personal note. . . Thank You Ron for saving my Life. You knew when I was hurting and stepped right in. I will never forget that day.*

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**Joe N Christine Chavez-Mosqueda** - October 29, 2018 at 11:43 AM



*Sorry to hear about Ron's passing, was a good man, hard worker, ❤️❤️*

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**ken kuc** - October 29, 2018 at 07:56 PM



“ *There are so many Memories that Ron and our families had. The most memorable ones are the camping trips he and our Children shared. We could spend hours just on that alone sharing the fun times we experiences, rain or shine. . There were so many. Amber & Amy. . . We are with you with treasured memories, Thought and Prayers during this time.*

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**Joe N Christine Chavez-Mosqueda** - October 29, 2018 at 11:41 AM



*Those camping trips are some great memories*❤️

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**Amy Collins** - October 30, 2018 at 10:34 PM



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October 28, 2018 at 05:19 PM