



## Floyd George Collins

May 8, 1927 - September 15, 2019

Longtime railroad worker and well-known musician, Floyd George Collins went to his new home in Heaven on Sunday, September 15th. He was 92. Born on Mother's Day, May 8, 1927, in Opportunity to Floyd and Anna (Gruss) Collins, he attended school in Basin and Anaconda. He joined the Army as a teenager and served in occupied Japan following World War II until the untimely death of his father brought him home to care for his mother and siblings.

He married Floy Marie Field on July 17, 1955 in Anaconda. They bought the Touraine Apartments in Butte, later renamed the Collins Apartments in the mid 1960's and ran those until 1992.

Floyd loved music and could fix anything, talents he passed on to his sons. He was the original drummer for the Renegades, a popular local rock 'n roll band in the 1950's that was featured in a weekly newspaper series a few years ago. He also played with other groups including at Journey Church where he and Floy were longtime dedicated members.

He worked for the Butte Anaconda and Pacific Railroad as a machinist for 44 years and maintained membership in its retirees' group until recently.

Also an accomplished cook, his baklava, candies and breadstick were prized holiday gifts. One thing often said about Floyd is that he was truly kind, willing to help anyone, anytime, whether it be a meal for a stranger whose car broke down on the nearby interstate or emergency repairs for a friend.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Floy; sons and daughter-in-law, Dana

Collins, Jory Collins and Todd and Norma Collins; former daughters-in-law, Cheryl Collins and Barb Collins; grandchildren and spouses, Sara and Jason Anderson, Jake Collins, Amber and Layne Denning, Nick and Roxan Collins, Tayler and Jared Murphy, MacKenzie Collins and Allison Collins. Great-grandchildren include Hailee Anderson, Kinzley Collins, Liam Collins, Tucker Denning and Piper Denning. Also surviving are his sister, Laretta Hancock, brother-in-law, David Field and numerous nieces and nephews. Floyd is preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Elain Dalbec, Frances Heaphy, Lucille Collins and Bernadine Thompson and brother-in-law, Bill Field.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **28**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Journey Assembly of God Church  
2081 Florence Avenue  
Butte, MT 59701

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ Hi Todd,  
I was very sorry to hear about the loss of your father. He had a wonderful long life. But that doesn't make losing him any easier. I don't see the Mt. Standard every day & missed the sad news. Please give my condolences to the rest of the family.  
Larry Boksich

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**Larry Boksich** - April 07, 2020 at 02:34 PM

SH

“ Hello Floy and family! Floyd was one of the kindest people I have ever known, what a great husband and father. It seems like only yesterday that we were all together, including my parents. Time has flown, and they are all laid to rest, but the indelible print will always be there. That is how I feel about Floyd, to know him, was to know an exceptional person, incredibly kind! I will see you in Butte somewhere, and look forward to it! May God grant you His richest blessings Floy, in your golden years! Sheila Connell

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**Sheila** - October 04, 2019 at 03:08 PM

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“ I have so many good memories of living in your apartment building as a student medical technologist and later just being friends with all of you. Floyd was a wonderful and talented man. My thoughts and prayers are with you all- Floy, Dana, Todd and Jory. May the Lord's comfort and peace be with you.  
Annette(Jolley) Lawson

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**Annette Lawson** - September 28, 2019 at 12:14 PM

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“ *Almond Roca! I tried and tried to recreate the famous almond roca recipe, even with Uncle Floyd's help. He was the master chef. Thank you for your friendship and kindness. Uncle Floyd you are forever in our hearts.*

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**Cathy Field niece-in-law** - September 27, 2019 at 10:42 PM

JL

“ My deepest condolences to the Collins Family... My love and wishes to Grandma Floy in this time of healing. Grandpa Floyd will be missed...

*My earliest memories of Grandpa Floyd are still sharp. His most friendly approach to help people and now knowing how my family connected with your family is the true definition of family. His selfless character and humor are how I remember Grandpa. I remember sitting on his lap as he let me drive the truck down Harrison Ave on are way back to the Hong Kong Restaurant from the Apartment. I remember him picking me up from Karate practice a few times when mom or dad weren't able to make it. He showed me at the very ripe age of 10, how I wanted to grow up and be a man of honor and legacy. To this day I remember his humor, his music, his garlic pills... lol*

*I remember him showing me and my brother Brian how to build the workbench we used at the restaurant. I remember him attempting to teach us how to fish. Taking us up to Big Sky and the Waterslides for the first time and swimming indoors.*

*Although I wasn't able to visit in person as an adult, I did enjoy the moments we had when we FaceTimed using the apple tablets... when you mistakenly dialed me , but made the time to catch-up.... both you and Grandma Floy side by side for those 64 years of marriage... so inspiring.*

*I was so touched by the fact you were able to meet my two sons Jacob and Jaden when the family visited you a few summers ago on their cross country trip. You were able to see my brother Brian and youngest brother Justin and the both of their families.*

*Grandpa Floyd you will forever be missed... May you Rest In Peace.*

*Love,*

*Jason Locke and Family*

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**Jason Locke** - September 24, 2019 at 01:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Floyd George Collins.*



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September 24, 2019 at 12:50 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss but rejoicing for him. He truly was one of the kindest men I knew. Always willing to help whatever the need.*

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**peggy clements** - September 23, 2019 at 03:50 PM



“ *I am praying for the family as you learn to live without this sweet man in your lives. Make sure you are living your life for our LORD JESUS CHRIST, as Floyd did. So one day you can be reunited with him.*

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**Kay** - September 23, 2019 at 12:29 PM



“ *Oh dear Floyd you will be missed, your smile and joy. Enjoy your time with Jesus now and when we meet again there will be many smiles and laughs.*



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**Sara Rowe** - September 22, 2019 at 10:25 PM

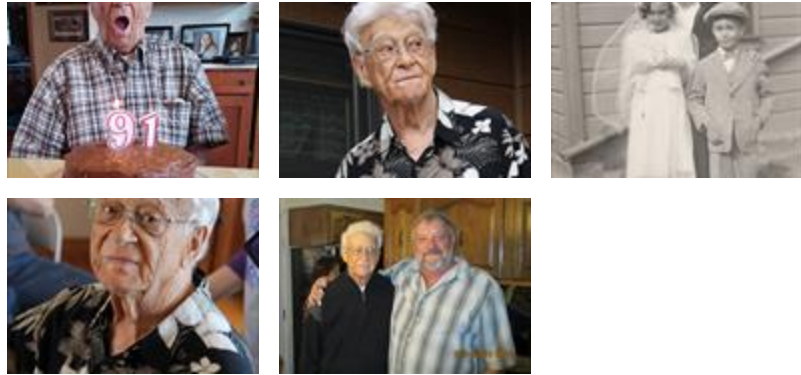


“ i will greatly miss my friend but,I know where he is! May God continue to Bless. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

George Groesbeck - September 22, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home - September 20, 2019 at 11:42 AM