

Charles Vernon Collins



On 11 September 2022, Colonel Charles V. Collins, USAF (Ret.), died in his home in Aurora, CO, surrounded by his family. He was 84 years old.

“Chuck” was born on 18 April 1938, in Crown Point, IN, to Richard Collins and Martha Collins. He attended the United States Naval Academy, where he graduated with the Class of 1960 and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force. During his 23 years of faithfully serving our Country, Chuck earned his Master of Science degree in Space Science from the Air Force Institute of Technology and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Physics from

Washington State University.

Chuck retired as commander of the Aerospace Data Facility at Buckley National Guard Base (now Buckley Space Force Base). He settled in Aurora, CO, where he held various positions in education and defense contracting. Chuck was an active member at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder and interim executive pastor.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Carron L. (Dille) Collins; three children, Catherine L. Rozmiarek (Lou), Richard V. Collins and Jeanne C. Elder (Russ); and three grandchildren, Katie Carroll Bowlick (Forrest), Christopher M. Elder and Nathan C. Elder. Preceding Chuck in death were his son, Christopher M. Collins, and granddaughter, Jessica JoLinn Collins.

The Collins Family