



Rev. Samuel Herbert Collins

December 14, 1928 - November 5, 2021

Samuel H. Collins was born December 14, 1928, to George Collins and Gary Johnson Collins in Parkdale, Arkansas. His mother later married Willie Reed, the man who raised him as his own blood Son. Mr. Willie Reed didn't believe in stepchildren. In the 1940 census everyone in the Reed household was named as a Reed.

Samuel grew up during the time of sharecropping. They were not allowed to go to school but three months out of a year. They spent the rest of the time working the farm. Although Samuel went to school in a short period of time, he was a quick learner. He learned how to count and do multiplication within those short months. This knowledge would later lead to trouble. Samuel would go with his daddy to settle the yearly account. Samuel noticed that the owner of the farm (Mr. Sam Wilson) would not add correctly and was cheating Willie Reed. Samuel spoke up to challenge the accounting. To this he was not allowed to travel back for accounting the yearly shares. Samuel took it upon himself to call his uncle Jasper to come and get them because they were being cheated. Jasper came and moved them near Pine Bluff where they made money sharecropping and earned money to move Magnolia.

Samuel wanted to attend college and knew he would have come up with the funds to do so. He got a job working in the pulpwood's. At the age of 17 Samuel was hit by a tree in the woods and left for dead. When transported to

the hospital, no one was willing to doctor on him. They said he was going to die and didn't want to waste their time with him. An old White doctor came through and said he would try to help. The doctor told him that if he knew the Lord he needs to talk to the Lord because there was nothing else that could be done. Samuel spent three months in the hospital and came home paralyzed. His brother Otis became his therapist and taught him to walk.

Samuel not only walked but attended college at AM&N where he met his wife Tommie Utsey and they would be married (August 17, 1955) for 45 years and had three children. Samuel decided to enter the workforce in Camden, AR where he functioned as a chauffeur for Mr. Bird and Usher Drug Store as a delivery boy. Later he got a job working for First National Bank.

While working as a delivery boy in the basement of Usher's Drug store, Samuel got a call from the Lord to start delivering the Word of God as medicine for the soul. This call would become the life work of Samuel for the rest of his life.

Samuel was licensed by Rev. W.L. Morris and the St. James Baptist Church on June 25th, 1961, as a minister in training to preach the gospel.

Preaching wasn't a part-time calling but a full-time commitment to saturate himself in the word. Samuel wasn't allowed to preach anywhere until he had spent time studying with his pastor. Although Samuel had a wife and children to feed, he also knew he had souls to feed. Samuel took the command of Paul in 2 Timothy 2:15 to heart. "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that need not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." Samuel received degrees from: Bachelor of Science, Arkansas Baptist College; General Bible Course, Liberty Home Bible Institute, Preach and Teach Certification, Emmaus Bible School; Scofield Bible Correspondence Course, Moody Bible Institute; Jewish Christian Studies, Institute of Jewish-

Christian Studies; Certification of Studies, Understanding the Bible; Certification of Completion, The Basics of the Faith, Dallas Theological Seminary; Certification of Completion, Mini Bible College; Certification of Completion, Scofield Bible Correspondence, Moody Bible Institute; Certification of completion, Living by the Book, Dallas Theological Seminary, Certification of Completion, The Institute of Biblical Studies; The Words and Works of Jesus Christ, Moody Bible Institute; Completion of Certification, Messiah, Zola Levitt. Samuel was also blessed to have two mentors in the ministry: Rev. Roy B. Hilton, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in El Dorado took Samuel through every course in Dallas Theological Seminary, and Rev. Rogers took him through every course in New Orleans Theological Seminary. Over the many years of studies, Samuel accumulated over \$50,000 in biblical literature. With the courses that he has taken, he has accumulated enough courses to have earned three Ph.D.'s. At the age of 92 Samuel was getting up at 6:00 a.m. taking online Bible courses.

Samuel pastored 4 churches in his career: Mt. Willie Baptist Church, Chidester, AR; Rising Star Baptist Church, Amy, AR; Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Camden, AR and Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, El Dorado, AR where he served for 35 years and led the congregation to build a new edifice. Samuel retired from Mt. Calvary but continued to aid churches by serving as an intern pastor.

As a pastor, Samuel birth six sons in the ministry: Rev. Johnny Ray Allen, Rev. Archie Easter, Rev. Wallace Montgomery, Rev. Donald R. Dredd, Rev. Larry Brown, and Rev. Edward Staples. There were a host of other ministers who studied under his leadership.

Samuel loved the Lord but also loved his family. Samuel and Tommie Collins were united in marriage until the Lord called her into eternity. To this union

three children were born. Gregory Keith Collins, Samuel Terrance Collins, and Sheila Kaye Collins.

After the death of Tommie, Samuel was married to Margie Nell Cooper until the Lord called her into eternity. In this marriage Samuel gained 3 children: Jimmy Wyrick (Shena), Force Wyrick Jr. (Kizzy) and La Wanda Wyrick.

Those who proceeded him in death are: His parents George Collins, Gary, and Willie Reed. Two children: Gregory and Samuel Collins. Two Wives, Tommie Collins, and Margie Nell Collins. 5 brothers: Ezekiel "Zeke" Collins, Otis Reed, Edward "Tiny" Collins, George Collins Jr., Willie Collins, 3 sisters: Lille Mae Sargent, Hattie Mae Hill, Ollie Collins He leaves to cherish his memories: Devoted daughter Sheila Kaye Hegler (Donnell) and their children (Jerome Wilbourn, Tina Williams, Cassandra (Curlee) Andrews, Sabrina (Bruce) Pierce, Marcus Allen Burrell Tusa, Ok.), LaTasha (Mike) Aragon, daughter of the late Samuel T. Collins) Champaign, Illinos. Three sisters: Sara Calton , Naomia Shepherd and Octavia "Tavie" Revels of Magnolia, AR, one sister-in-law Reba Collins, Two god-daughters Wanda Jones (Deacon) El Dorado, AR, Sue Browder Shreveport, La , three god-sons Rev. D.R. Dredd (Diane) Ruston, La, Larry Wilbourn (Joyce) Arlington, Tx, Rev. Gerald Wilbourn (Robbie) Lawton, Ok, 38 grandchildren, 65 great grandchildren, 13 great great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and family and his best friend Rev. J.H. Hays and others who loved and respected him.

Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, November 13th, at 2:00 p.m. at Douglas Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 969 Smackover Hwy, in El Dorado, AR, with interment to follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park in El Dorado, Ar. Dr. Pierce Moore, Officiant. Dr. D.L. Hegler, Eulogist.

Visitation will be Friday, November 12th, from 12 noon - 2:00 p.m. at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, AR, and walk through viewing 4:00 - 6:00

p.m. at Mt Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 1807 S. West Ave, El Dorado, AR.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, “Everyone Is Required to Wear A Mask While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours”. This ensures safety for you and others. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Cemetery Details

Rest Haven Memorial Park

Hwy 335
El Dorado, AR 71730

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home
100 Hwy 79 North
Magnolia, AR 71753
(870) 901-3536

Viewing

NOV 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Mt Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
El Dorado, AR 71730

Celebration of Life

NOV 13. 2:00 PM.

Douglas Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Tribute Wall

PF

“ Whenever I think of Rev. Collins I think of LOVE. TRUTH, and GUIDANCE. Forever in my heart ❤️❤️💖💖💖

Pateria Finley - May 04, 2022 at 11:37 AM

GM

“ Gail Jordan Marks lit a candle in memory of Rev. Samuel Herbert Collins



Gail Jordan Marks - November 15, 2021 at 12:40 PM

NH

“ Pastor Collins married us almost 50 years ago. He touched each of our children when they were infants, baptized them when they confessed Jesus as Lord and Savior and continued to influence our entire family. I have an original copy of the Mortgage Burning Service for Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor accomplished so much and touched so many lives. Several years ago, when we visited, he met our youngest grandson, Seth Henry. Seth immediately embraced him and called him, Pastor Pawpa. We will continue to treasure the times spent with Pastor and our photos as we thank the Lord for allowing him to be in our lives. Every time we communicated, he always shared something from God's Word. May the God of all comfort continue to be with his family. Grace upon grace.

Abiding in His Love, Norwood and Betty Henry

Norwood and Betty Henry - November 13, 2021 at 10:59 AM

MP

“ *Such a powerful man of God...a Preacher's Preacher!! My sincere condolences to his family. You're in our prayers.*



Mary S. Pickings - November 13, 2021 at 10:55 AM

JW

“ *To Rev. Collin family I'm so sorry for your lost I'm praying for you'll !*

Joann whitaker - November 13, 2021 at 09:58 AM

SS

“ *Such a great man filled with so much knowledge and always so respectful. Truly gifted to share God's message. Home with the Heavenly Father now... home with God. Blessings for strength to the family from Greg & Shelia Smith*

Shelia Smith - November 13, 2021 at 09:46 AM

EC

“ *Erica Critton-White sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Samuel Herbert Collins*



Erica Critton-White - November 12, 2021 at 10:31 PM

RH

“*The Hogan family wishes to send our deepest and sincere condolences to the family of Samuei H. Collins. while attending the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Camden, Arkansas this great man of God and his family blessed us and the entire city of Camden with his preaching, teaching, advice, prayers, work ethics evangelical outreach while demonstrating a life centered in Christian living. He will be missed but he touched so many lives that his work will go on through those who listened and were inspired to reach for Christ in their own lives. So we say thanks to Reverend Collins and his family and continue to be blessed.*”

Rev. Ellis & Beverly Hogan and the entire Hogan family.

Rev. Ellis Hogan - November 12, 2021 at 10:16 PM

FD

“*From John Dale purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Samuel Herbert Collins.*”



From John Dale - November 12, 2021 at 09:49 PM



“*Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Samuel Herbert Collins.*”



November 12, 2021 at 11:20 AM

DN

“ My family and I would like to send our sincere prayers and condolences to Pastor Collins’ family. I am thankful and honored that my family and I were members of Mt. Calvary during his Pastoral-ship! I grew and learned from The Word of God under his preachings and teachings! I was thankful to be able to see and hear him sing Amanda share The Word of Gods. “Nearer My God To Thee” was the hymn I loved to hear him sing! 🙏❤️🕊️ Diane Robinson Newton-Richmond, VA.

Diane R. Newton - November 12, 2021 at 11:09 AM

RG

“ To the Family of Samuel H. Collins

We extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Rev. Collins was a great man of faith who studied, prayed, and dedicated his time with God to deliver God’s word to his people. He was a true warrior and will truly be missed. May God continues to surround you and your family with his many blessings is our prayer.

Rex and Gennette Graham - November 12, 2021 at 10:47 AM

RB

“ 1 file added to the album NJBC



R Browning - November 12, 2021 at 10:14 AM

RB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



R Browning - November 12, 2021 at 10:13 AM

“ Reverend Samuel Herbert Collins

A Tribute

Lewis A. Shepherd, Jr., D.D., Ed.D.

November 13, 2021

“...Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, said the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.” Revelation 14:13

Today we give honor to our Heavenly Father, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and His Holy Spirit, our Comforter. I would like to thank the Collins, Hegler, and all associated families for the privilege of delivering a tribute and specifically in this fashion.

As a boy growing up in rural Columbia County, I knew that Barbara, Stephanie, Cotis Jr., Jason, and Janice were my first cousins, and Aunt Naomi was my aunt. Therefore, I assumed that Sheila, Lillie, Freddie Jr., Randy, and all the others were my cousins as well. Which would mean that all of Aunt Naomi's siblings were my uncles and aunts. Today, I still have to explain it when people ask me if Randy Reed is my cousin.

Through the years, I had always observed Reverend Collins and made sure that when I was around him, everything was just right. He had a certain way of putting things in order but yet doing it in a gracious and kind way. It seems that he was always aware of any situation that people were encountering.

In June of 1974, I became deathly ill and at the Magnolia City Hospital, the outlook for my survival seemed extremely dim. At that time, I was transferred to Warner-Brown Hospital in El Dorado. After a couple of weeks in a coma, by the grace of the Lord, I finally emerged from this illness.

While in the hospital in El Dorado, I had a visit from Reverend Collins. And, if you know Reverend Collins, then you know that he addresses the situation right then and there. He told me, "Boy, the Lord didn't spare you just for you to be walking around, He has something for you to do." And he was right!

After counseling with my pastor, the late Reverend James P. Story, a date was set for me to deliver my trial sermon. The date that I was given was August 18, 1974, which was our Annual Homecoming. I was scheduled to preach in the morning service. I do not think that it was a coincidence, but rather providence, that the guest pastor and congregation for the afternoon service were Reverend Samuel Collins and the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of El Dorado.

One of the highlights of my young ministry was the invitation to come to El Eldorado and preach for the morning service at Mt. Calvary. I was so excited, and yet so nervous, to preach in front of none other than Pastor Samuel Collins. As always, he was very kind in giving me some pointers. One of those tidbits of wisdom was to get a Scofield Bible. I did and I still have it today. His wisdom helped to shape me and make me a better preacher.

If you can fast forward eight years to 1982 and I was called to pastor the New Haven Baptist Church of Camden. Early on during my pastorate, Reverend Collins came to New Haven on a couple of occasions to lead us in revival. We were always blessed with Reverend Collins teaching and preaching; he was indeed a scholar extraordinaire.

Reverend Samuel H. Collins gave it all and he gave his best. He would do anything to help anyone at any time. His work will continue to live on in the lives of those who remain. I am reminded of the words of the late Senator Gaylord Nelson who said, "The ultimate test of man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard."

Donnell Hegler - November 12, 2021 at 01:52 AM

MH

“ *Our deepest condolences to this family. Reverend Sam was a true soldier of the cross! Rest in Peace and Love my brother!*

Michael B. Harris - November 12, 2021 at 01:21 AM

EB

“ *Sheila, Your Dad's spirit will always be in your heart. I will continue to pray for you and the family in the weeks to come. Mr. Reed is rejoicing, no more pain Love you Soror 🙏*

Ernice Bryant Blann - November 11, 2021 at 08:09 PM

BS

“ *Rev Collins was a true man of God .. so thankful to have been a member of Mt Calvary during his tenure. My sincerest condolences his family and all that are affected by his passing. Take your rest .. Good and faithful servant.. Well Done*



Betty Williams Scott - November 11, 2021 at 07:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Samuel Herbert Collins.*



November 11, 2021 at 06:29 PM

GM

“ To the Family of Rev Samuel H. Collins,
My heart aches for your loss and celebrates for the life given to Rev
Collins for so many years. May God continue to shower you with His
comfort, love and understanding knowing Rev. Collins is at peace.
In my prayers.
Love and Blessings,
Gina Mercer,
Kansas City, Missouri

gina mercer - November 11, 2021 at 03:41 PM

CM

“ My deepest condolences to the entire family.
Rev. Collins was respected and inspired by us
all. You all are in our prayers.

Chanda Shepherd McCall & Family

Chanda McCall - November 11, 2021 at 02:26 PM



ST

“ I thank God that he blessed our family with
you as our spiritual leader/guide. Every niece
and nephew in our family has been blessed to
have you as our Uncle...RIP Uncle Sam 🙏❤️

Stephanie

Stephanie Shepherd Talley - November 11, 2021 at 05:31 AM



GJ

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Family!*



Gladys Talley Jones - November 10, 2021 at 10:35 PM

VJ

“ *Vevelyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Samuel Herbert Collins*



Vevelyn Jackson - November 10, 2021 at 01:01 PM

NS

“ *Norrissa Sharp sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Samuel Herbert Collins*



Norrissa Sharp - November 10, 2021 at 08:25 AM

CT

“ *Claudia Tucker lit a candle in memory of Rev. Samuel Herbert Collins*



Claudia Tucker - November 10, 2021 at 04:00 AM

SH

“ *May God bless and keep the Collins family.
With love Shirlye Scott Hopkins .*



Shirlye Scott Hopkins - November 09, 2021 at 09:39 PM

TS

“ *Terry Scott-Hill lit a candle in memory of Rev.
Samuel Herbert Collins*



Terry Scott-Hill - November 09, 2021 at 03:18 PM

FR

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences are
being sent to the Collins,Heglar and Reed
Families during their times of bereavement.
Reverend Collins was a very dynamic
speaker who expounded upon the Word Of
God. I always loved to hear him preached the Word.*



Frances Ella Roberson - November 09, 2021 at 12:57 PM

CW

“ *My most sincere prayers and condolences to
Sister Shelia Hegler and family. Rev. Collins
was truly a great, spiritual father to me. God's
Peace and Comfort.*



Carla Williamson - November 09, 2021 at 06:30 AM

BW

“ Our prayers are with the family of Rev. Samuel Collins. He was a dynamic speaker and was always very inspirational. God bless and keep his family is our prayer.
Billy and Patricia Williams



Billy & Patricia Williams - November 08, 2021 at 11:55 PM



“ Pamela Shaw lit a candle in memory of Rev. Samuel Herbert Collins



Pamela Shaw - November 08, 2021 at 09:14 PM

MC

“ Michael Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Samuel Herbert Collins



Michael Clayton - November 08, 2021 at 04:22 PM

MC

“ Our Condolences goes out to the Hegler, Collins and Reed families. I was afforded the opportunity to visit with Rev. Collins a few times and each time I was better when I left due to the Wisdom that he left me with. A remarkable Man Of God.

Michael Clayton - November 08, 2021 at 04:21 PM

EM

“ My deepest condolences to the Hegler and Collins family for your loss. Praying for God's embrace and peace.



Esther Murray - November 08, 2021 at 11:16 AM

EM

My prayers are extended to the entire family of Rev. Samuel Collins. May God bring comfort and peace to you all.

Esther Murray - November 09, 2021 at 03:16 AM

BJ

“ My husband, Pastor Rickey Joe, and I met Rev. Collins when he was called to Pastor Jones Chapel. Rev. Collins was such a paramount blessing to us and such a wealth of wisdom and biblical knowledge. We enjoyed frequent visits to his home and cherished each opportunity to sit at his feet as he expounded on the truth of the Word of God. So blessed that God allowed our lives to cross paths with Rev. Collins and the Jones Chapel Church Family. My deepest condolences to the Hegler and Collins families in the transition of a life well lived....now in the eternal presence of our Lord!
Much love,
Sis. Barbara Joe

Barbara Joe - November 07, 2021 at 10:41 PM

GT

“ *Gracie W Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Samuel Herbert Collins*



Gracie W Tucker - November 07, 2021 at 09:23 PM

GT

My prayers and deepest condolences to the family of our dear friend, Reverend Samuel Collins. What a mighty man of God. Reverend Collins was the epitome of a man after God's own heart. His life exemplified that of a special calling from God. There are so many memories of his life spent here with you that you can hold dearly and close to your heart. Just the other day, the Savior he has served so diligently, called him from his work here on earth and gave him sweet peace. We thank God for such a living example. We pray you will be able to find solace in the legacy he left. May God bless you and keep you is my prayer.

Gracie W Tucker - November 07, 2021 at 09:33 PM

FR

My deepest condolences are being sent out to the Collins, Heglar and Reed Families during their Hours of Sorrows. He was a very dynamic Minister of God.

Frances Ella Roberson - November 09, 2021 at 12:55 PM

VB

“ *Prayers of comfort to the family of Rev. Samuel Collins. May God grant you peace, strength, and a source of understanding.*



*Love and prayers,
Victor and Shawn Bean*

Victor and Shawn Bean - November 07, 2021 at 02:55 PM

SF

“ Praying for God to give comfort to the family of Rev. Colins. Praying for Soror Sheila Hegler 🙏

Sharon Ford - November 07, 2021 at 12:16 PM

JW

“ Praying for the family God bless you'll

Joann whitaker - November 06, 2021 at 10:54 PM

LH

“ Randy, your mom and the entire family are in my prayers. May the Lord strengthen you in your time of sorrow.

Louise Harden - November 06, 2021 at 05:28 PM

LH

“ My prayers and sympathy is extended to the family.



Louise Harden - November 06, 2021 at 01:27 PM

Jennifer White

“ Jennifer White lit a candle in memory of Rev. Samuel Herbert Collins



Jennifer White - November 06, 2021 at 06:04 AM

MS

“ Ril Uncle Sam you will be truly missed I love you I will remember your preaching and singing days you were a powerful man of God and you made sure your family knew about it also and when you saw me you would say there go my girl this hurts but I know you were tired and God loved you and wanted you more get your rest now
❤️😞😞



Mary Strickland - November 06, 2021 at 02:37 AM