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Elmer E. Collins, 87, of Collinsville, Va., passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2015, at Kindred Hospital of Greensboro, N.C. He was born on January 2, 1928, in Henry County, Va., to the late Joseph Calhoun Collins and Elizabeth Ann Shreves Collins. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister, Josephine Collins Poteat; his brother, Thomas J. Collins; and son-in-law, Steven Wayne Cox.

He is survived by his wife, Faye Ashburn Collins of the home.

Mr. Collins retired after 38 years of service at Stanley Furniture where he served as a Director of Transportation. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Collinsville. He was also a member of the Patrick Henry Rose Society, the West Piedmont Planning Commission and Vice-President of Southern Furniture Manufacturing Association. Elmer was an honorary member of Burlington Men's Garden Club. He played minor league baseball from 1948 to 1949 for Fulton Railroaders, the Washington Senator Minor League team. He was also an avid golfer.

Known as the Rose Man, he gave lectures in Martinsville, Va., and Burlington, N.C., on how to propagate roses.

Mr. Collins is also survived by two daughters, Pamela Collins Albanese of Collinsville, Va., and Penny Collins Cox of Martinsville, Va.; two sons, Joseph Scott Collins of Martinsville, Va., and Victor Tilton Collins and wife, Catherine Shoup-Collins, of Hillsborough, N.C.; seven grandchildren, Jon-Michael Albanese of Martinsville, Va., Joseph Lee Collins of Collinsville, Va., Savannah Caldwell Cox of Roanoke, Va., Ashley Claire Collins of Martinsville, Va., Kaitlyn Elizabeth Albanese of Martinsville, Va., Madison Collins Cox of Martinsville, Va., Hannah Faye Collins of Hillsborough, N.C.; two great-grandchildren, Kaedance Cheyenne Albanese and Gavin Slade Feazell, both of Martinsville, Va.

The Funeral Service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at Norris Funeral Services Martinsville Chapel with the Reverend Larry Cheek and Pastor Mark Ivey officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Burial Park. Visitation will be held from noon to 1 p.m. prior to the service on July 8, 2015,

at Norris Funeral Service Martinsville Chapel and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to Patrick Henry Rose Society, c/o Glen Sellers, Treasurer, 659 Rosewood Avenue, Martinsville, VA 24112.

Norris Funeral Services Inc. and Crematory Martinsville, Va., is serving the Collins family. Online condolences may be made at www.NorrisFuneral.com.