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The third man

Michael Collins died on April 28th

The pilot of the command module for the Moon landing was 90



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▶ HE MOON that filled the window of the spacecraft Columbia was not one Michael Collins had ever seen before. It was absolutely three-dimensional, its belly

parts were a lot lighter than usual, the jagged mountains darker. It was electrifying. Then the feeling passed. "Hello Moon!" he quipped. "How's the old backside?"

This was the closest he had come, as the Apollo 11 crew on July 19th 1969 scouted out their best landing place. But he knew all about the Moon: dry, lifeless, rough as a

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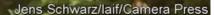
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