



Elmer "Mo" Dominic Collina

March 21, 1934 - January 25, 2024

Elmer "Mo" Dominic Collina born March 21, 1934, passed away peacefully with his family by his side January 25, 2024. Elmer is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Filomena Collina, siblings Frank DiGiacomo, Anthony Collina, Aldrico Collina, Mary Miller and Narina Sheerbaum.

Elmer's parents immigrated from Italy to the US and settled in Martins Creek PA where he was born and raised. He attended Easton High School and was a gifted athlete in both track and football. Following high school, he attended Fork Union Military Academy then the University of Louisville on an athletic scholarship where he excelled in football as a running back and defensive back and at track in the 100, 200 and broad jump. He lettered in both football and track from 1955-1959 and was a member of the Cardinals 1958 Sun Bowl team. Elmer was inducted into the University of Louisville Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000.

After graduating from UofL Elmer became a teacher and football coach at Butler High School. He coached for 13 years winning the state football championship in 1970 as well as runner-up in 1969 and 1972. He also served as Butler's golf and track coach and later became Athletic Director. In 1975 he was elected President of the Jefferson County Football Coaches Association. He retired from teaching in 1991.

Elmer enjoyed golfing with his buddies and attending UofL football games. He had numerous friends and was part of the UofL Breakfast Club which met at Wagner's every Thursday morning. Elmer loved his family fiercely and as he always said "family comes first".

Elmer is survived by his loving children Greg Collina, Nancy Collina Baird (Bruce), Karen Collina Coots (David), grandchildren Ashley Stickrod Dicenso (Mike), Alyssa Collina, Steven Stickrod, Christopher Collina siblings Masalga Schumulgen, Josephine Raulston, Nido Collina, many nieces and nephews and his former wife Elaine Davitt.

The Collina family would like to thank the staff at Symphony Farms and Hospice for their care.

Visitation will be held Thursday, February 1st from 2 PM to 8 PM at Owen Funeral Home 5317 Dixie Hwy. A private family funeral will be held Monday, February 5. Expressions of sympathy can be made to the Dementia Society of America.

Cemetery Details

Cremation to Follow

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Kathy Brawand lit a candle in memory of Elmer "Mo" Dominic Collina*



Kathy Brawand - February 01, 2024 at 05:43 PM

AF

“ *Alex and Sherry Baird and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elmer "Mo" Dominic Collina.*



Alex and Sherry Baird and family - February 01, 2024 at 11:45 AM

BD

“ *Butler High School Athletic Department purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Elmer "Mo" Dominic Collina.*



Butler High School Athletic Department - January 30, 2024 at 03:39 PM

MC

“ *Coach Collina, thanks for the leadership and guidance for me and many more young men needing assistance during are high school days. You were more than a coach. May your family have comfort.*
Mike Campbell

Mike Campbell - January 28, 2024 at 09:22 AM

TC

Thanks Coach Collina for taking me under your wing in high school and during several summers hiring me to work with you in the summer youth program. Rest in peace.

Tnker Chapman - January 28, 2024 at 11:29 AM

JM

*Greg and family,
I'm sorry to learn of your father's passing.
Joe M.*

Joe M - January 31, 2024 at 10:17 AM