



## Richard Dale "Dickie" Collins

September 18, 1962 - October 8, 2020

Richard Dale "Dickie" Collins, 58, of Nitro, WV, passed away Thursday, October 8, 2020.

Dickie was a beloved member of the community and was very passionate about helping children and young people, especially in local sporting groups.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harvey Collins, and a brother, James "Chipper" Collins.

His memory lives on with his three children, Molly of Morgantown, Kevin of Nitro and Jane of Melrose, MA; granddaughter, Lucia, who he lovingly called "Little Foot"; his mother, Wanda M. Collins; brothers and their wives, John and Linda, Harvey "Monk" and Barbara; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends.

"Dickie" impacted the lives of many, not only the youth but their families as well. To know him was to love him. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Memorial service will be held at the Nitro Little League Baseball field on Saturday, October 17th at 11:00 a.m. Family and friends are invited to come an hour before the service to greet the family. Bring a chair as we will actually

be sitting in the field.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Nitro Little League or any youth sports organization of your choice.

You may visit Dickie's tribute page at [BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com](http://BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com) to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Collins family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Nitro Little League Baseball Field  
1675 Park Ave.  
Nitro, WV 25143

## Memorial Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TG

“ I find myself with tears of sadness finding out about your passing, but also with tears of joy at having known you, Dickie. Baseball and basketball in the area will not be the same. But I know you were much more than just an official. You always had a smile and brightened the days and lives of those around you. Sending prayers and thoughts to your family, and friends closest to you. We all have lost one of the great ones, and God has received back one of his blessed souls. Until we meet again on that baseball diamond or basketball court in the sky.

*Todd Grindle*

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**Todd Grindle** - October 18, 2020 at 12:59 PM

LF

“ My husband, Rob, and I shared a wonderful Thanksgiving 2019 with Rick, Wanda, Molly, and Lucia. We caught glimpses of the Macy's Day parade and a couple of football games. It was a great grateful time to share with family members.

*In 21 Rob and Rick attended a Liberty game in Lynchburg, VA and Wanda and I "chilled" and talked and watched a movie, "Unplanned", that is so pertinent to our times.*

*I was so looking forward to getting to know Rick better.*

*It was not for me to say though.*

*Rick was a kind soul and EVERYWHERE we went together more than one person stopped Rick and spoke to him.*

*It was a pleasure to spend time with you and I thank you for watching a John Wayne movie during my first visit.*

*R.I.P.*

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**Laura(Annie) Ferguson** - October 16, 2020 at 02:13 PM

TK

“ So many memories umpiring together.. so many funny stories but more often than not a serious conversation. I loved you brother and miss you like crazy. We had so much more to do and to laugh about. My heart hurts. I will never forget our times on the field together.. I am sure when you entered heaven you yelled “ Play Ball” tell my dad hello and keep smiling down on us. Until we meet again!! RIP Dickie!!  
Tater Knox

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**Tater Knox** - October 15, 2020 at 07:58 PM

VS

“ Wanda, Rob and I are so very sorry to hear of Dickie's passing. Our condolences to you and your family. We will be praying for you all.  
Love, Rob and Viv



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**Vivian Siders** - October 15, 2020 at 04:53 PM

AB

“ Dickie was one of a kind! A great guy always smiling and joking around. He was so great with our boys and all the kids in Nitro sports. He will truly be missed!

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**Amanda Buckalew** - October 14, 2020 at 10:04 PM

NI

“ Rick was such a sweet soul, he was so kind and caring. I am so sorry for the families loss, Thoughts and prayers.

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**Nikki** - October 14, 2020 at 08:48 AM

JO

“ He was the best umpire ever I can believe he’s gone you taught me a lot and I’m so great full to have none you you got me my first belt lol I’m so sad about your passing

Jordan - October 13, 2020 at 03:04 PM

KS

A great basketball official seen him a lot also at travel ball in different cities where we played will miss him

Kenney Sutton - October 17, 2020 at 05:51 PM

LP

“ Dickie was the man!! My kids Alyssa and Jay loved him and were heartbroken when they heard of his passing. Dickie was a huge supporter of our communities athletes and children in general. All who met him loved him. He was a rare positive influence on every kid. He also followed every kid he ever met in all aspects of their school careers and could be seen at many sporting events rooting them on. A HUGE loss for our community. Rest HIGH on that Mountain Sir because you will definitely be missed.

Les Poindexter - October 13, 2020 at 02:23 PM

DH

Dickie was also one who worked with special needs adults and they too loved him tremendously. He spent at least 20 + years along with a host of workers who lived him as well myself included and will be gone but not forgotten. Prayers for his family. RIP my friend

Debbie J Holmes - October 14, 2020 at 06:06 PM

TJ

Prayers for the family. We will miss DICKIE he was a good man and a great person. I’m sure he will be so honored by all the nice things people have said about him. DICKIE was a one of a kind. When he was around he could make you laugh. I’m sure he and Ben-o will have a good laugh again. Rest In Peace DICKIE.

Trish Johnston - October 18, 2020 at 01:04 AM

KR

“ *It doesnt seem real even though we only met a year ago i felt like you were family to me going to miss you big guy until we meet again*



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**Kim robida** - October 13, 2020 at 02:12 PM

RW

“ *Dickie, You were one of my most favorite people! Not just a friend, but FAMILY! The countless adventures you and my family had together will be treasured forever! The world lost a beautiful soul the day you passed and our lives will never be the same! Eric and I will continue to look out for your mother, children and Little foot (Lu) just as you would have... I'll love you forever! Until we meet again..* 💙💜 #RIPDickie



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**Rhonda Wilson** - October 13, 2020 at 12:09 PM