



## Donald Edward Collins

September 15, 1942 - May 22, 2022

Donald E. Collins lost his battle to cancer at home with his family by his side on May 22, 2022. Don was born on September 15, 1952, in Lyons Ga. He graduated high school as all American in both baseball and basketball. He chose to attend South Ga College and then went on to play MLB as starting "lefty" pitcher with The Atlanta Braves and Cleveland Indians. After retiring from baseball, he became a successful business entrepreneur. He is best known for The Barber Shop of Newnan. The shop was his happy place. He loved to just hang out and chat with all the clients and be around all the employees that he felt were family.

Those left behind to cherish his memories include his wife Sheila Freeman Collins; stepdaughters, Heather Freeman and Jenny Meiller; grandchildren, Gage Meiller, Dalton VanEgmond, Joie VanEgmond, Abigail and Jayden Villarce, and his "little buddy", Jonathan Freeman; great-grandson, Lucas Villarce; all of Sharpsburg, Ga; his sister, Rebecca Rollins; brother-in-law, Tommy Rollins; and his niece, Betsy Rollins of Lyons, Ga.

Don wishes were to be laid to rest in the family cemetery plot in Senoia, Ga. The family is planning a Celebration of life at a later date.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)  
McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory 770-253-4580



# Cemetery Details

## **McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory**

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Don many years ago at NB Handy Co. We kept in touch through out the years until work and family kept us both busy and we went our separate ways. Don recently let me know he was ill which really saddened me. Through out the years Don was a great friend and mentor. He had a great sense of humor. Don often spoke about his family. I know he loved them dearly. Don will be missed. I offer my sincere condolences to his family.

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**Jeff Desper** - June 14, 2022 at 09:06 PM

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“ I enjoyed my time getting to know Don at The Barber Shop. He was a fun and intelligent gentleman. My sincere condolences to all of his family members.

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**Kirk Stevenson** - June 02, 2022 at 04:17 PM

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“ Don was a great person & he sure did love his barber shop. I am so happy to have spent the years that I did working for him and with the ones I called my “shop family.” I will always remember him by his funny sense of humor and the way he cared for those around him. I am praying for the family during this tough time, but also reminding those that through Jesus, we will ALL be reunited again some day.

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**Ada** - May 25, 2022 at 06:10 PM