



## Helen J. Collins

July 17, 1931 - April 29, 2020

Helen Jean Collins (nee Meyer) died peacefully on April 29th, 2020 in Aurora, Illinois at the age

of 88. Helen was born on July 17 th , 1931 in Joliet, Illinois to George and Helen

Meyer. She graduated from Madonna High School. She married Robert Collins Sr, her high

school sweetheart. They spent the next 56 years together until his passing in 2008. Helen and

Robert started their family in Aurora Illinois and eventually moved to Mattoon Illinois to open and

operate their own McDonald's franchise.

Helen is survived by her children, Patrick Collins, Brian Collins, Kathleen (Jim) Nass III, John

(Eva) Collins and daughter in law Mary Jane (Escobar) Collins. She was a proud Nana to Sean

(Katie) Collins, Michael Collins, Courtney (Andy) Wright, James (fiancé Lucy) Nass IV, Spencer

(Jennifer) Nass, Matthew (Katie) Nass, Keilani Collins, Ivy Collins and 5 great grandchildren.

She is also survived by brother in law Dean Hamingson as well as many loving nieces and

nephews She is preceded in death by her parents George and Helen Meyer,

husband Robert

Collins Sr, son Robert Collins Jr, granddaughter Holly Collins, her brother, John Meyer and sister, Patti Hamingson.

Helen & Bob loved to travel the world upon their retirement. She was proud of her time on the

local board with Ronald McDonald House Charities. She was also an active and dedicated

member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Mattoon and often volunteered to be a

Eucharistic Minister. She was also well known for the outstanding cupcakes she would make for every occasion.

Due to the current restrictions, Helen's funeral Mass will be private at Holy Angels Church on

Monday, May 4th, 2020. Her burial will also be private at Mt Olivet Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements are being handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora,

630-631-5500. Please visit our website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may leave

condolences for Helen's family.

Memorial contributions may be made in Helen's memory to Ronald McDonald House Charities

RMHC) [www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org), Holy Angels Catholic Church "Capital Campaign" 180 S. Russell Ave.

Aurora, IL 60506 [www.holy-angels.org](http://www.holy-angels.org) and Immaculate Conception Church, 320 N. 21ST Street

- Mattoon, IL 61938 [www.mattoonimmaculateconception.org](http://www.mattoonimmaculateconception.org)

A celebration of life will be held later when conditions permit.

The family would like to thank the caregivers/staff at Bickford of Aurora and

Angels Grace

Hospice for their care and compassion.

# Cemetery Details

## **Mt. Olivet Cemetery**

278 Ashland Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60505

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Patrick, Brian, Kathleen & John--

*I was so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a spectacular aunt to me and I am fortunate to have been her nephew. Christmases at your home on Downer Place are one of my favorite memories. We always had the best time and her cooking was terrific.*

*Love, Andy*

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**Andrew Hamingson** - May 01, 2020 at 06:11 PM

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“ *Hamingsons & Craner Families purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Helen J. Collins.*



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**Hamingsons & Craner Families** - May 01, 2020 at 09:22 AM

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“ *Patrick, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. She was a beautiful woman and I know she will be missed by all who knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very sad time.*

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**Debi Boyne Nolte** - May 01, 2020 at 07:43 AM



*Thank you Debi.*

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**Pat Collins** - May 28, 2020 at 11:55 AM