



Mr. A. J. Collier

January 18, 1930 - August 20, 2025

A.J. Collier was born January 18, 1930, to the late Ambrose and Ada W. Collier. He departed this life on Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

He accepted Christ at an early age and united with Rock Hill United Methodist Church. A.J. was employed at A&M Dairy Company, Howard Furniture Company, the Cab Company, and Forest Products Lab. He was the Treasurer of the Rock Hill United Methodist Church for 52 years.

His favorite pastime was fishing, and he was always willing to help others. All the children in the neighborhoods where he lived always called him Uncle AJ.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Denise Williams; one play daughter, Terri Whitely; three grandchildren; six brothers; and three sisters.

A.J. leaves to cherish his precious memories: his loving wife of 67 years, Bessie B. Collier; Five children: James "Ricky" Williams, Willie J. Collier (Rita), Keith Collier (Janet) , Delyum Johns (Johnny) of Starkville, MS, and Jeffery L. Collier (Lizzie) of Reform, AL; 20 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; One sister, Jessie C. Young (Cal); two adopted daughters: Helen Smith and Wilda Carpenter; four play daughters: Brenda Jackson (Paul), Beverly Brown (Ray), Linda McFarland, and Lynn Prewitt; Three sisters-in-law: Bonnie Collier, Betty Jean Harris, and Fannie Doss; Two

brothers-in-law: Cal Young and Willie Bedford; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Eulogy Reverend Jerome Wilson

Active Pallbearers Grandsons and Nephews

Flower bearers Grand granddaughters and Nieces

Cemetery Details

Rock Hill United Methodist Church Cemetery

4419-4477 Rock Hill Rd.
Starkville, MS 39759

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Hairston & Hairston Funeral Homes - Starkville
112 Earnest H Jones Jr Dr
Starkville, MS 39759
(662) 323-5854

Funeral Service

AUG 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

Rock Hill United Methodist Church
4457 Rock Hill Road
Starkville, MS 39759

Pastor Jerome Wilson, officiating

Tribute Wall

BF

“ *Bessie Ferguson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier*



Bessie Ferguson - September 07, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ *Lorene Osby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier*



Lorene Osby - September 02, 2025 at 04:22 PM

DS

“ *Dr. Willie Earl & Carrie Thomas, Sr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier*



Dr. Willie Earl & Carrie Thomas, Sr. - September 01, 2025 at 04:27 PM

VW

“ Victor & Lori Evans And Rosie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier



Victor & Lori Evans and Rosie Williams - August 31, 2025 at 03:26 PM

GR

“ Glenda Roberts sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier



Glenda Roberts - August 30, 2025 at 11:29 AM

EI

“ Ella Isaac lit a candle in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier



Ella Isaac - August 29, 2025 at 10:13 PM

TT

“ Tricia Tate lit a candle in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier



Tricia Tate - August 29, 2025 at 09:09 PM

MS

“ Macie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier



Macie Sanders - August 29, 2025 at 09:03 PM

PR

“ A pillar in the community and will be missed. RIP. Condolences to the family.



Peggy Rogers - August 29, 2025 at 08:27 PM

RJ

“ Rita Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier



Rita Jones - August 29, 2025 at 05:33 PM

DF

“ Doris C. Garmon & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier



Doris C. Garmon & family - August 29, 2025 at 03:50 AM

RO

“ My Deepest condolences and prayers 🙏🙏🙏
☁️ to you Colliers Families, may God comfort
and embrace each of you in his abundance
Care always Amen.



rosiesmith - August 29, 2025 at 01:44 AM

JW

“ With our Deepest Sympathy. 🙏🙏🙏 We are
Praying 🙏🙏🙏 you all Strength doing this
Difficult time. John C. & Lula Watson



John Watson - August 29, 2025 at 01:09 AM

FW

“ Our thoughts, prayers and condolences are
with the family. Charles & Frances Wilson



Frances Wilson - August 28, 2025 at 10:18 PM

RL

“ Renee' Lampkin and Family 🙏



Renée Lampkin - August 28, 2025 at 09:40 PM

CW

“ *Charlene Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier*



Charlene Walker - August 28, 2025 at 08:41 PM

JB

“ *John Bevill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier*



John Bevill - August 28, 2025 at 07:28 PM

CB

“ *Charles And Charity Bevill-Lawerance sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier*



Charles and Charity Bevill-Lawerance - August 28, 2025 at 07:27 PM

LN

“ Sympathy to "Crack", Catina & family. Sorry for your loss. Crack- look at different pics of your dad-that's how you look and how you'll look in the future. You're his doppelganger. ~Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV
Linda Nicholson, Memphis, TN



Linda Nicholson - August 28, 2025 at 05:56 PM

ES

“ Eric Ward Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier



Eric Ward Sr. - August 28, 2025 at 02:34 PM

ES

Rickymy family and I are praying for you and you family. I've known your dad practically my whole life.

Eric Ward Sr. - August 28, 2025 at 02:37 PM

JA

“ Jenette Ashford-Peters lit a candle in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier



Jenette Ashford-Peters - August 28, 2025 at 11:41 AM

TB

“ Tonya Bond lit a candle in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier



Tonya Bond - August 28, 2025 at 11:08 AM

PM

“ Priscilla Minor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier



Priscilla Minor - August 28, 2025 at 11:07 AM

NF

“ Natalie A. Collier and family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mr. A. J. Collier.



Natalie A. Collier and family - August 28, 2025 at 10:12 AM

AB

“ Sending my condolences to the entire family



Ann Bishop-Harris - August 28, 2025 at 01:49 AM



“ 54 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hairston & Hairston Funeral Homes - August 28, 2025 at 12:06 AM

ED

“ My condolences goes out to the families with a heavy hearted I pray all is well with you and your families.

Earnestine Davis - August 27, 2025 at 06:15 PM

CO

“ To Ms Bessie and the entire family, I truly enjoyed sharing my last visit to Starkville in early August with you, your son and Mr AJ. He and I laughed and joked and just had a great visit. I will forever remember the shared great times with both of you. Please know that Lynn and I will never forget all the support that both of you provided to our family over the years and we are here for whatever you may need in the future. Loving you always, Lynn, Charles, Deborah Prewitt

Charles Prewitt 219 239 0319 - August 27, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. A. J. Collier.*



August 27, 2025 at 03:55 PM



“ *Helen Glenn lit a candle in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier*



Helen Glenn - August 27, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ *BARBARA WILLIAMS HILL sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier*



BARBARA WILLIAMS HILL - August 27, 2025 at 01:27 PM



“ *James & Barbara Collier sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier*



James & Barbara Collier - August 27, 2025 at 08:54 AM

SW

“ Susie Wynn lit a candle in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier



Susie Wynn - August 27, 2025 at 08:53 AM

CF

“ Cynthia Robinson & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. A. J. Collier



Cynthia Robinson & Family - August 27, 2025 at 01:38 AM

SF

Mrs.Bessie&family, praying for you and the entire family . MR A.J.was a staple here at Rock Hill U.M. Church he will surely be missed
May our God comfort you now with his everlasting love ❤️ The Franklin family

Shirley Franklin - August 28, 2025 at 05:56 PM