



Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins

March 10, 1970 - January 15, 2016

Deidre Leigh "Dede" Collins, 45 of Albany died Friday January 15, 2016 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday January 21, 2016 at Kimbrell-Stern with interment to follow in the Crown Hill Cemetery. The Rev. Sterling Jones will officiate.

Dede was born on March 10, 1970 in Albany, GA. She graduated from Byne Christian School and attended Bauder College in Atlanta. Dede was employed with Commercial Shuttle Service where she worked as a dispatcher. She was always a larger than life person and loved animals, especially horses and her dogs, Harris and Horatio.

Survivors include her parents, AJ and Melba Collins of Albany; brother, Brett Collins of Albany; nieces, Brantley and Alexandra Collins.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Kimbrell-Stern.

To share your thoughts with the Collins family please visit our website at www.kimbrellstern.com

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-6600
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Brett, AJ and Melba I just found out about this today, I am so sorry my heart goes out to you and your family. Dede was a great person and we shared many laughs at the "Old Byne" God bless you and yours you're in my thoughts and prayers*

Jason McConnell class of 87

Jason McConnell - February 04, 2016 at 04:34 PM

AB

“ I don't think I have one single memory of my life, from the age of 15 - 17 that does not involve DeDe. There was never a dull moment, when we were together. Some of my funniest memories were when we were doing nothing at all, just hanging out together. One time that stands out is when we were grounded on a Saturday night and had to come up with ways to entertain ourselves. We settled on some really mature stuff; hair mousse fights and letting DeDe put her contacts into my eyes! Crazy times that still bring a smile.



To this day, I am not certain how Mrs. Collins had the patience to take us, on a trip to Las Vegas when we were 21, but it is something that I will never forget. Dede was a beautiful person, inside and out, and the world is a much duller place without her. Much love to the Collins Clan.

Amanda Lee Bridges

Amanda Lee Bridges - January 21, 2016 at 10:47 AM

MM

“ Mel and Jose' Montalvo purchased the Lovely On e Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins.



Mel and Jose' Montalvo - January 21, 2016 at 10:19 AM

CH

“ Dede was a special friend to know, always having a sweet smile to share. Although our paths have not crossed in several years, she and her family have always held a special place in my heart.

My prayers and thoughts go to Mr. AJ, Mrs Melba, and Brett. I pray the Lord will give you all the grace and peace you need each day.

*Love and Prayers,
Crystal Houston Hatfield
Mishawaka, IN*

Crystal Houston Hatfield - January 20, 2016 at 09:34 PM

KN

*DEDE will be missed,I can't believe the news I heard of her passing just a few days ago and it really saddened me.She and I really got along and laughed so much in school ! We talked but had been some years I hate that,how I enjoyed her!
KIM Nelms *Weston*

Kimberly nelms - January 25, 2016 at 01:02 PM

KN

I pray for peace that only God can give u all during this difficult time.

Kimberly nelms - January 25, 2016 at 01:04 PM

WP

“ Melba I just found out about your daughter and I am so sorry. My heart breaks for you and your husband. I will pray for God to give you strength in the days and weeks to come.
Love & prayers, Wanda (Olivent) Proctor

Wanda Proctor - January 20, 2016 at 06:32 PM

DR

“ Dede was my childhood friend. We loss touch through the years . I will never forget you and me on the three wheeler. When we hit the tree and you said don't tell my Mama. We were chaching the boys to keep up with them. Always loved your spirit . Till we meet again my dear friend. Rest in peace in gods arms.

Donna Ritacco - January 20, 2016 at 06:04 PM

BE

“ she loved to laugh and have a good time! beasley will always keep his friend in his heart!

beasleyl - January 20, 2016 at 05:31 PM

SS

“ Dede was alway smiling and laughing.. As a school mate she Never let there be a dull moment- she will be missed.

Sherri Williams Schwind - January 20, 2016 at 03:00 PM

 Lelanya Singer

“ Dede-always funny and energetic in school-good memories!

Lelanya Singer - January 20, 2016 at 09:32 AM

BC

“ Bill and Maurice Clark purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins.



Bill and Maurice Clark - January 20, 2016 at 06:22 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins.*



January 19, 2016 at 08:42 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins.*



January 19, 2016 at 08:38 PM



“ *It is sad to lose a friend that was a kindred spirit to me. Didn't know Dede very long but she was a great person to know. Dede will be missed , but not forgotten. I know we will all see her again . With love and sympathy to all family and loved ones. Lori Pilkinton*



Lori Pilkinton - January 19, 2016 at 06:53 PM



“ *Kevin, Kelly, Davis Rogers and Maxine & Emory Roberts purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins.*



Kevin, Kelly, Davis Rogers and Maxine & Emory Roberts -
January 19, 2016 at 04:57 PM



“ *May your faith, family, and friends see you through this difficult time.
So very sorry for your loss.*

Kevin & Deb (Larew) Westfall

Deb Larew Westfall - January 19, 2016 at 04:03 PM

LG

“ *Leslie Dollar And Jeff Glass lit a candle in
memory of Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins*



Leslie Dollar and Jeff Glass - January 19, 2016 at 03:05 PM

LD

*Like a butterfly in flight, you drifted off to paradise.
A journey to the rainbow's end, leaving broken hearts to mend.
I will always love you! Leslie Dollar*

Leslie Dollar - January 19, 2016 at 03:24 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins.*



January 19, 2016 at 02:03 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins.*



January 19, 2016 at 01:46 PM



“ *Kelly Rogers lit a candle in memory of Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins*



Kelly Rogers - January 19, 2016 at 11:37 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins.*



January 19, 2016 at 10:30 AM



“ *Melba, AJ, Brett, Brantley, Alexandria and Family Members, My thoughts are with all you at the loss of your beautiful girl. I pray for peace to surround each of you provided by our Heavenly Father.*

Vickie Lewis

Vickie Lewis - January 19, 2016 at 07:58 AM

MC

“ I first met Dede & her family through Kathy Albriton's family when Shakley products were circulating way back in the day of middle school. We later became good friends in high school & graduated together at Byne, 1988". We recently reconnected through facebook. My heart aches for you all, Melba, AJ & Brett. I am deeply sorry for the loss of your beloved daughter & sister. Dede will be missed by so many, and I pray that God comfort you all & surround you in His peace. Your family will remain in my thoughts & prayers. Until we meet again, Dede...in the presence of our Heavenly Father.

Marnie Cooper - January 18, 2016 at 09:18 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins.



January 18, 2016 at 07:54 PM

GM

“ Ginger Martin-Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins



Ginger Martin-Mitchell - January 18, 2016 at 07:11 PM

GM

“ May your warm memories give you comfort in the days ahead. We are so sorry for your loss. Gary& Kay Mincer

Gary Mincer - January 18, 2016 at 04:49 PM

SL

“ Sean Littlejohn lit a candle in memory of Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins



Sean Littlejohn - January 18, 2016 at 11:14 AM

AC

“ Amy Crumley lit a candle in memory of Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins



Amy Crumley - January 18, 2016 at 10:27 AM

TM

“ Dede i can't believe you are gone. Oh the memories we share. Riding slappy, our beach trips, living in Atlanta and just recently reconnecting after many years. My heart breaks that you are gone. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Rest on peace my friend.

Tandre' Holland Moody - January 17, 2016 at 09:19 PM

AJ

“Dede, you were my first friend when I moved to Albany and my best friend for many years after that. So many great memories like sharing clothes, many weekends riding horses, lots of ice cream from DQ, and many sleep overs. We lost touch after we became adults when our lives took us in different directions but I always considered you a dear friend and thought of you often. I will remember those years spent being your friend and those many freckles! I will take comfort in knowing we will see each other again one day. Rest in peace beautiful soul!
Anne Montalvo Jackson

Anne Jackson - January 17, 2016 at 02:47 PM

YK

“Your loving Aunts & Uncles The "Collins Kids" purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Deidre Leigh "DeDe" Collins.



Your loving Aunts & Uncles The "Collins Kids" - January 17, 2016 at 10:21 AM

PS

“Dede, I love your Impish grin, the way your eyes crinkle when you smile, your quirky sense of humor, your love for animals (especially horses & dogs), your feisty spirit. You're gone too soon, but this isn't good-bye. Rest easy, love, be at peace. We will meet again on that far shore- Aunt Pam

Pam Stephens - January 17, 2016 at 09:06 AM