

## John A. Collings

John A. Collings, 79, of Camdenton died Saturday, Aug. 15, at his residence in Camdenton, Mo. Memorial graveside services were held Saturday Aug. 22, at Memorial Cemetery in Columbia.

The son of Glenn and Loraine Nichols, Collins, he was born on March 30, 1930, in Columbia. On April 25, 1951, he married Maxine Moreau there, marking the beginning of a 58-year union.

Following graduation from Hickman High School in 1947, John went to work for General Telephone Company in Columbia. After brief assignments in Macon and Cameron, he completed his career with General Telephone and Electronics, GTE, in Grinnell, as the network engineering and construction manager outside plant before relocating to Camdenton in 1982. For five years he served as a consultant and installation contractor for two national fiber-optic companies before retiring in 1987. He served in the U.S. Army, was a member of the American Legion, and a long-standing member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge.

When not busy with his and other family members' household projects, property maintenance and landscaping, he enjoyed traveling with his wife to visit friends and family, and playing card games with all. He especially looked forward to visits from his grandchildren and great-grandchild whom he loved dearly and whose lives he followed closely.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine; three sons, David Collins of Little Rock, Ark., Bruce Collins of Overland Park, Kan., and John Collins of St. Louis; four brothers, Gene of Rayville, Donnie of Centralia, William of Naples, Fla., and Mike of Ashland; one sister, Mary Patton of Ashland; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild, along with several other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Ivan.

Memorial donations to Missouri River Hospice are suggested, and may be directed to the Hedges-Scott Funeral Home, 1270 South Highway 5, Camdenton, Mo. 65020. On-line condolences may be sent to the family at [www.hedgesscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hedgesscottfuneralhomes.com).

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