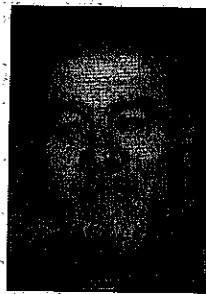


## Robert Collins

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Robert Eugene Collins was born on July 28, 1940, in Putman County, Missouri, the son of Hartley and Nona Patton Collins. Bob began his schooling in Missouri and his parents then moved to Iowa where he graduated from Colfax High School in Colfax, Iowa with the Class of 1960. During high school Bob played football. On June 25, 1963, he was united in marriage with Eloise Arlene Van Gennep at the Sully Christian Reformed Church in Sully, Iowa. To this union four children were born: Duane Robert, Lynnette Sue, Vicky Jo and Timothy Eugene. Following their marriage Bob and Eloise and their family lived north of Sully for 43 years. Bob was employed at the Sully Cooperative Exchange and Creamery in Sully and later for Lubbers Dairy in Pella, Iowa where he had a milk route. He also worked construction for Carpenter local 106. His last employment was driving truck for Krusemen Fertilizer during the spring planting and fall harvesting, and since 2006 he and Eloise have lived in Lynnvile, Iowa. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and restoring old cars. He attended many, many car shows. Bob had been a member of the Sully Lions Club where he enjoyed dressing up as Santa Claus during the Holiday Season, and had been a cadet leader at the Sully Christian Reformed Church in Sully where he was a member at the



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time of his death. He was also a member of Outdoors Without Boundaries. On Wednesday morning, August 18, 2010, Bob passed away at the Skiff Medical Center in Newton, Iowa having just celebrated his 70th birthday. Bob is survived by his wife, Eloise, his four children and their spouses and 10 grandchildren, whom he dearly loved. They and their families are:

Duane and Joni (Brand) Collins of Lynnvile, Cayla, Coltin and Cheyanne.

Lynnette and Bruce Dunsbergen of Sully, Shannon and Ellie.

Vicky, David and Jacob Bell of Geneva, Minnesota.

Timothy and Samantha (Taylor) Collins, Isaac, Elijah, Abram and Esther of Lynnvile, Iowa.

Bob, the oldest of his family, leaves the following brothers and sisters and their spouses: David and Myrna Collins, Marion (Buck) and Shirley Collins, Roger and Tena Collins, Sara Cones, Sharon and Donald Samson all of Newton, Iowa; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ronald and Doris Van Gennep of Kellogg, Iowa. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Hartley and Nona Collins and his parents-in-law, John and Dreika Van Gennep and their daughter, Doris Jean Van Gennep.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 21, 2010 at Sully Christian Reformed Church.

Memorials may be given for the Sully Christian Grade School.

Arrangements were handled by Van Dyk - Duvon Funeral Home.