



## Alfred J. Collins Jr.

February 14, 1930 - April 30, 2011

Albany-Alfred J. Collins Jr. of Harris Avenue passed away suddenly Saturday, April 30, 2011.

Mr. Collins was born in Whitehall, NY on February 14, 1930, son of Alfred and Dorothy Collins. He graduated from Whitehall High School Class of 1948 and the Albany College of Pharmacy class of 1953 with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy Degree and then returned to Whitehall to practice community pharmacy at Woodcock's Pharmacy.

On September 5, 1953, he married Marie C. Ross, also a member of the Whitehall High School Class of 1948.

In 1955 he purchased a 50% partnership in the Woodcock Pharmacy. He remained there until 1958 at which time he accepted a sales position with the Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Company. During the next eleven years, he held positions of increasing responsibilities and in October 1969 he was appointed Sales Manager for the North East Region of the Country. He held this position until July 1994 when he retired from the Parke-Davis then a division of the Warner-Lambert Company now Pfizer Inc.

During this time he also became very involved with the Albany College of Pharmacy Alumni Association and was elected to the Board of Trustees of the

College in 1972. In 1975 he was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board and remained in this position until elected Chairman in 1985. In 1991 Mr. Collins received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from the College and University. He retired from the Board in 1993 after twenty years of continuous service. He was elected Trustee Emeritus in 1994. Mr. Collins was asked to return to the Board and was once again elected Chairman in October 1997. Upon his retirement as Chairman, Mr. Collins was elected Chairman Emeritus at the annual meeting of the Albany College of Pharmacy on October 24, 2003. During his tenure as Chairman he was also a member of the Board of Governours of Union University. He was re-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees in 2009 of the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and served until his death.

On October 23, 2003, the Albany College of Pharmacy dedicated the Trustee Board Room in his honor. It is now named the Alfred J. Collins Jr. Board Room.

Mr. Collins was an initial member of the University Heights Association Board of Directors formed in 1996. He continued to serve on this board.

Mr. Collins was a longtime member of the University Club of Albany.

He is survived by his wife Marie of fifty-eight years; his son Alfred III, his wife Ruth and two grandchildren, Alfred James Collins and Brendan Collins and his two children, Nathan and Tyler. His son James predeceased Mr. Collins in 1993. He also is survived by his sister Marjorie Collins Gandron of Whitehall and his brother-in-law John A. Ross and wife Hazel of Greenwich, NY; his nieces Elizabeth, Lori, Amy Brogle, Marie Gandron, Deborah Baumann; nephews Robert Brogle, Mark, Paul, Andrew Ross; cousins Marcia and Edgar Touchette.

Contributions in Mr. Collins' memory may be made to the Alfred J. Collins Jr. Scholarship Fund, care/of The Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, 106 New Scotland Ave., Albany, NY 12208.

Funeral services Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 9:45 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to Mater Christi Church (formerly St. Catherine of Siena Church) Albany at 10:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Relatives and friends are invited and may call Wednesday, 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home. Interment will be in the family plot at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Whitehall, NY at 3:00 pm Thursday.

To leave the family a special message on their guest book; obtain a prayer card or directions; or share a photo or E-card with them, please visit [www.McVeighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McVeighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)  
Albany, NY 12208

# Tribute Wall



“ Alfred J. Collins Jr.

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Dear Aunt Marie -

*You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I will never forget Uncle Al and the wonderful times we shared through the years. He was an amazing individual who was admired and loved by so many people. I consider myself blessed to have had him in my life all this time. I will cherish those memories and his spirit will live on forever. I know he is watching over you with strength and courage for you. Love to you,*

*Amy xo*###imported-begin###Amy Brogle-Hoagland###imported-end###

May 13, 2011 at 08:46 AM



“ Dear Marie,

*I am so sorry to read about your loss of Al. He was a wonderful person. You are remembered in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Marilyn*###imported-begin###Marilyn Daly###imported-end###

May 04, 2011 at 08:02 PM



“ Dear Marie,###imported-begin###Marilyn Daly###imported-end###

May 04, 2011 at 07:57 PM



“ AI,  
*We are sorry to hear about your father. I lost my mother just about a year ago, and I know it is not easy. Please know our prayers are with you and your family.*  
*Ken & Rose##imported-begin##Kenny & Rose Smith##imported-end##*

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May 04, 2011 at 08:28 AM



“ *We will miss you and pharmacy has lost a great friend Lew and Ellen##imported-begin##Lewis and Ellen Sturgess##imported-end##*

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May 04, 2011 at 08:03 AM



“ Marie,  
  
*Words can't begin to tell you how much I owe Al. From that first interview in Plattsburgh, NY in 1973, long hair and all. He gave me my first job right out of college and for the next 20 years he was my boss, mentor, and friend but, most of all he was like a father to me helping me become who I am today. We had many great memories and experiences together and I will be forever grateful for all he gave me. I will never forget you and Al.*

*Tom##imported-begin##Tom Cummm##imported-end##*

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May 03, 2011 at 04:54 PM



“ My uncle was a very special one-of-a-kind man. He was our rock, especially in the 10 years since my father passed away. He will always be my mother's "baby brother" ... but oh, so big in our eyes and in our hearts.##imported-begin##Marie Gandron##imported-end##

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May 02, 2011 at 06:49 PM



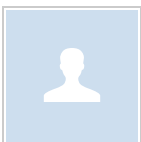
“ Mr. Collins was a true inspiration of perseverance. He was truly dedicated to his family and his alma mater. I had the pleasure of working with Al during his tenure as Chairman of ACP. He was passionately devoted to making ACP excellent excellent institution. He was a throw back to yesterday but keenly understood modern society. ACP lost a good man...

*Marie & Family...our prayers are with you.*

*Chris & Sara DelVecchio##imported-begin##Christopher DelVecchio##imported-end##*

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May 02, 2011 at 05:22 PM



“ Hi Al, Sorry to hear about your Dad, I know you were close. I lost my Dad twenty years ago so I know what it is like. it will get better with time.

*Mary Anne Akey##imported-begin##Mary Anne Akey / ACPHS Bookstore##imported-end##*

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May 02, 2011 at 03:41 PM



“ To Al and all of the Collins Family, my deepest sympathies during this hardest of times. I know your father was a great man and he will be sorely missed. We at the bookstore have you in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Lynn Mele / ACPHS Bookstore##imported-end##

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May 02, 2011 at 03:25 PM



“ My sincere thoughts and pryaers are with all of you. I am going to miss that friendly smile.##imported-begin##Bob Kern##imported-end##

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May 02, 2011 at 03:06 PM



“ A great man and one of the strongest advocates for the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. He will be remembered for his devotion and reletless support of the students at ACPHS.

To Marie and family, we send our thoughts and prayers. There are so many fantastic memories to keep our focus.

On behalf of all of our students,

John J. Denio

Associate Dean for Students##imported-begin##JOhn J.

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May 02, 2011 at 12:21 PM