



## Mr. Lonnie Collier

March 9, 1943 - November 15, 2023

On Wednesday, November 15, 2023, Mr. Lonnie “Red” Collier was called home at Baptist Medical Center surrounded by his loved ones.

Lonnie was born to the late Harvey and Bertha Collier on March 10, 1943. Three brothers and three sisters preceded him in death: his brothers, Harvey “Bill” Collier, Earnest “Pete” Collier, and Jerry Collier, and his sisters; Velma “Moe” Lock, Harvie Lee “Fris” Lofton, and Eva Mae Mangum.

On July 31, 1965, Lonnie married the love of his life, Betty Jean Davis. To this union, six children were born: (Yvette, Trina, Reginald, Melissa, Wanda, and Lonnie Christian.) One of whom preceded him in death (Yvette). He was also blessed to have two additional children, Benard Collier and Bridgette Smith. Lonnie was called to Christianity at an early age. He was a dedicated lifelong member of the Mt. Ridge United Methodist Church until his health failed. He served on the cemetery committee, finance committee, canned drive committee, and billboard announcements, as well as many other titles.

Lonnie was no stranger to hard work. He farmed with his parents every weekend as a child and an adult. He started driving trucks at an early age as well. He was a long-haul truck driver for various companies such as Pizza Hut, PFS, Tri-State Brick, and Jackson Door & Sash. “Red” went on to start his own trucking company L&R with his son Reginald, he also helped start BIS, Inc. with his sister Ruegeaner and brother Walter.

His love of GOD and his zest for life shall long be remembered by his loving wife of fifty eight years, Betty Jean Collier and seven children Trina (Jerome)

Dobson, Reginald Collier, Melissa (Gabriel) Jackson, and Wanda Collier of Brandon MS, Lonnie (Nikita) Collier of Brandon, MS, Bernard (Pearl) Collier of Cedar Hill, Texas, Bridgette (Jeffery) Smith of Ridgeland MS; One brother Walter (Hazel) Collier; three sisters, Earlene (James) Redd, Carrie Jean McCollum, Ruegeaner (James) Longino of Brandon MS. One brother gained his wings on November 20, 2023, Earsell Collier of Gulfport MS.

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

NOV **24**. 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

"Lovie" Dean Memorial Chapel  
745 Hwy 468  
Brandon, MS 39042

## Visitation

NOV **24**. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home  
745 Highway 468  
Brandon, MS 39042  
(601) 825-3884  
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Condolences to the family Brother Lonnie Collier, we are sorry for your loss. We are praying much for you all. He was a true man of God. Lonnie was always kind, and he never met a stranger. He will truly be missed.*

*With deepest sympathy, Bonni and Robert Blackmon*

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**Bonni & Robert Blackmon** - November 26, 2023 at 06:32 PM

BB

“ *Bonni Robert Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Collier*



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**Bonni and Robert Blackmon** - November 26, 2023 at 06:13 PM

MM

“ *He sat in my office and talked...he was so funny... we had a talk about his 50th wedding... he said he was crying because the prettiest girl on the world was marrying him twice... now that is true love... truly a wonderful man ... to grateful to know the entire family*

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**Mickie May** - November 26, 2023 at 05:20 PM

YR

“ *Yolanda Randolph lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Collier*



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**Yolanda Randolph** - November 25, 2023 at 12:53 PM

AS

“ *My sweet uncle may you rest in peace  
.....love you* 🍷🙏



Ashonda - November 24, 2023 at 08:36 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Magee lit a candle in memory of  
Lonnie Collier*



Barbara Magee - November 23, 2023 at 08:35 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased  
for the family of Mr. Lonnie Collier.*



November 22, 2023 at 03:57 PM

RM

“ *Uncle Red was that uncle that made everybody feel welcomed! It  
didn't matter that you weren't family, according to my circle of  
friends, they felt like family after an encounter with him. Thanks  
Uncle Red, I will cherish the memories!!*  
-Rev. Dr. Benetra Mangum-Johnson

Rev. Dr. Benetra Mangum-Johnson - November 22, 2023 at 04:50 AM

ET

“ Evelyn Tillis lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Collier



Evelyn Tillis - November 21, 2023 at 11:59 PM

RO

“ My Deepest sympathy to the Collier family and friends. My prayer is that God will comfort and strengthen you during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏



Robbie - November 21, 2023 at 10:40 PM

GJ

*My Father in law taught me so many things about family, faith, and life that he never new because I was observing him and following his lead when he didn't even know it. He is one of the best men I have ever known. He will be sorely missed by many who encountered him.*

Gabriel Jackson - November 22, 2023 at 12:05 PM

EA

“ Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Collier



Eddie Ainsworth - November 21, 2023 at 09:00 PM

RC

*Everytime I saw Lonnie he was smiling. I will always remember his kind & uplifting spirit. Lean, i'm praying for you and your family. 💜*

Regina Coleman - November 26, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Lonnie Collier.*



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November 21, 2023 at 08:59 PM



“ *Wayne McGee lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Collier*



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**Wayne McGee** - November 21, 2023 at 06:33 PM



“ *Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Collier*



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**Evelyn Young** - November 21, 2023 at 10:22 AM