Order of Program

Paul McNeill	Musical entrance prelude
Introductory Video	
Stacey Woelfel	Friend & Colleague
David Kurpius	Dean, School of Journalism
Adrienne Laurent	Friend & Business Partner
Kellie Stanfield	Student & Colleague
Lisa Collins	Mentee & Daughter-in-Law
Lucy, Kate, Austin, Evie	Grandchildren
Paul Collins	Brother
Summer Collins	Daughter
Jeremy Collins	Son
Justin Collins	Son

Remembrances from those gathered

Kent's Final Message

Our father is gone. Kent Stowe Collins died July 13, 2022.
Dad often said, "Journalism is my religion." He learned this religion by "osmosis at the dinner table." Both his parents were newspaper journalists.

And they seemed modestly proud that one of their children caught the excitement of it and understood the worth of it.

Dad loved the Missouri School of Journalism — and the places it took him, like newsrooms and college classrooms in Russia, China, Europe, the Middle East, and all across the U.S.A. His favorite newsrooms were KOMU-TV and KBIA-FM at the Journalism School. And he found great satisfaction encouraging the students.

Dad came to believe with all the fervor of a zealot that good journalism made for good government, which in turn contributed to a good society, which made for a happy and healthy citizenry.

But if journalism was his religion, family was his greatest pleasure. Family made his good spirit. Family was the peace in his heart. Over the years, he kept — and treasured — files of notes and letters, anniversaries and events that contributed to his rich family life. We will be finding those things in the weeks to come. And each one will remind us that he was a usually good and always a well-meaning brother, father and husband. He came to marriage at a young age, but came to be a good husband later, as he understood the rich personality and wholesome spirit of his wife, Bee.

Our father figured out some time ago that Heaven is not a place, or something mystical. Heaven for Kent Collins is in our hearts — and in your hearts. He left here hoping that in our hearts and yours we will all recall the spirit and the lessons of our time with him.

Obituary

Kent Stowe Collins

February 5, 1948 – July 13, 2022

Kent Stowe Collins, 74, of Columbia, passed away on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at the University of Missouri Hospital. He was born on February 5, 1948, in Des Plaines, Illinois, the son of Thomas Hightower and Beulah (Stowe) Collins.

Kent graduated from Chapel Hill High School in 1966 and went on to obtain his Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri. His career started with TV stations in Quincy, Illinois; Charleston, West Virginia; Denver, Colorado; and New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1984, he joined the faculty of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, which launched his second career in academics and consulting.

Among his endeavors were the continuation of his parents' nationally syndicated column "The Senior Forum," his founding of the companies MediaLine and Producer Search, and his consulting work. He was particularly proud of the assignments that took him to newsrooms and classrooms throughout the world, where he taught journalists in China, Kenya, Russia, the Middle East and Europe to report on government issues with a critical lens.

Kent is survived by his wife Belinda "Bee" Collins of Columbia; children: Justin Collins (Lisa) of New Orleans, Jeremy Collins (Ashley) of New Orleans, Summer Collins (Nick Young) of Knoxville, TN; brothers Paul Collins (Linda Huggins) of Tiger, GA, Todd Collins (Susan) of Philadelphia; grandchildren: Lucy, Kate, Austin, Evie. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Carol Collins.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to: Kent Collins Student Enhancement Fund: https://mizzougivedirect.missouri.edu

Celebration of Life

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Kent Stowe Collins

(February 5, 1948 – July 13, 2022)



Journalist. Educator. Family Man.