



Eric Collins

November 25, 1981 - January 4, 2024

Eric was born in Trenton, New Jersey on November 25, 1981. He grew up enjoying watching and playing football and hockey. He was also an avid car enthusiast, especially Mustangs. Eric was also passionate about radio and podcasts.

Eric is survived by his mother and stepfather, Pam and Bill Novakowski; brother, Michael Novakowski; sister, Kimberly Collins; nephew, Tyler Collins; and aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A memorial service will be conducted on Friday, January 19, at 1 pm at Gentry Morrison Southside Chapel, 1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **19**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel

1727 Bartow Road

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Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Eric Collins



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - January 18, 2024 at 08:38 AM



“ Ghirardelli Galore Gift Tin was purchased for the family of Eric Collins.



January 19, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ Enrico Mastrangelo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Collins.

Enrico Mastrangelo - January 19, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eric Collins.



January 18, 2024 at 09:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eric Collins.



January 18, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ Southmost Drywall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Collins.

Southmost Drywall - January 18, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eric Collins.



January 18, 2024 at 12:18 PM



“ My heart is completely broken Eric I will always remember our friendship favorite times and when the damn Eagles played my favorite Giants you loving the hell out of Slash you will be missed and I will love you forever your my boy blue love you Allison Akins your AAADD💕💕

Allison Akins - January 14, 2024 at 10:34 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eric Collins.*



January 14, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ *Mike and Tracie Preston purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Eric Collins.*



Mike and Tracie Preston - January 10, 2024 at 08:55 AM



“ *Brad & Jaime Garrett purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eric Collins.*



Brad & Jaime Garrett - January 09, 2024 at 01:23 PM



“ *Brad & Jaime Garrett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Collins.*

Brad & Jaime Garrett - January 09, 2024 at 01:23 PM

BP

“ Brad & Mike (The DailyBM Podcast) purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Eric Collins.



Brad & Mike (The DailyBM Podcast) - January 09, 2024 at 01:19 PM

BP

“ Brad & Mike (The DailyBM Podcast) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Collins.

Brad & Mike (The DailyBM Podcast) - January 09, 2024 at 01:19 PM



“ Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Eric Collins.



January 09, 2024 at 12:56 PM

WC

“ With all our love, Barry and Cynthia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Collins.

With all our love, Barry and Cynthia - January 09, 2024 at 12:56 PM

JW

“ Eric, I hate this! I hate it so much. You always told me you had borrowed time, but I am so thankful for knowing you, for being friends. Your laughs, your voice impressions, our outings when I lived in Florida. The last time I saw you and the hug you gave me, you thanked me for not giving up on you and for encouraging you to keep fighting. You gave me memories to help me keep smiling. Thank you for being you. You will always be my “Jersey Boy”. Love you forever my friend ❤️🙏



Janet Wheeler - January 09, 2024 at 10:01 AM

JT

“ My heart breaks so much. I miss your smart mouth and jokes. Go Eagles !!



Jamie Tanner - January 09, 2024 at 09:51 AM

BG

“ Eric buddy, I love you man, and thank you for always just being YOU! We will miss you on the podcast and we know you're looking down laughing with us each morning! Pam and family Mike and I at The DailyBM send our love.

Brad Garrett - January 09, 2024 at 09:48 AM

CP

“ We love you Eric with all our hearts and the love you shared with us will never be forgotten. Until we meet again my dear nephew.

cindy piatt - January 09, 2024 at 09:47 AM