



## John Collier

November 29, 1951 - May 29, 2009

John William Collier, 57, of Fort Collins died Friday, May 29, at the Pathways Hospice Care Center in Loveland. John won his year-long battle with lung cancer - his reward is Jesus Christ. Born November 29, 1951, in Cincinnati, Ohio, John was a son of the late Robert Nelson and Lottie Pendergraft Collier. He was a Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force, serving his country as a security policeman at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii. John had a long career as Executive Director and Consultant for several government housing agencies across the U.S. Upon his retirement and relocation to Colorado, he managed self-storage units in Grand Junction and Fort Collins. One of John's greatest passions was photography. He had a love and great talent for capturing landscapes, especially the Rocky Mountains and Autumn in New England. His photography has won numerous awards and has been included in several publications. John is survived by his daughter, Regan (Eric) Nichols of Lexington, Kentucky, and his granddaughter, Elizabeth. He is also survived by five brothers, three sisters, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers. A gathering of friends and family will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 7, at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Fort Collins. On Monday at 1:00 p.m. a memorial service will be held at the church led by Rev. Sharon Benton. Expressions of sympathy are suggested to the following: Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ Attn: Memorial Garden Fund 916 West Prospect Road Fort Collins, CO 80526 -or- Pathways Hospice Attn: Memorial Donations 305 Carpenter Road Fort Collins, CO 80525

# Comments

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

**Saralyn Laughlin** - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Regan, you know how I felt about your father; he was a lovely man, who lived life to the fullest and he lived it his way. John was extremely talented in so many ways, and he was great company; I so cherish the opportunity in having met him last December -- we had a lot of fun. I know Jesus will greet him with open arms.

With deepest sympathy,  
Love,  
Karin

**Karin Kuntz** - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ John,  
We will miss your kind and gentle heart. Your photography will continue to bring joy to those of us privileged to own such a wonderful piece of art. We will always remember you for your beautiful smile.

Ernest and Curt

**ERNEST AND CURT** - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ He was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. He had a winning smile and a charming personality, too.

**Jill Linger** - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ To The Family of J.W.Collier, I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing. I went to Hustonville High School with him. He was a really nice and friendly person. I just wanted the family to know you have my most sincere sympathy. May your precious memories of him help comfort and ease your sorrow and pain in these most difficult days ahead. God Bless you all. Sincerely, Kathleen

**Carlisle Snow** - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Peace of the Lord be with you for ever and ever.

**Jack Collier** - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry about John's passing. I didn't know him well, but knew that he was a talented and unique man. My condolences to Regan the rest of his family.

**Jack Walker** - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Farewell Friend - Great memories now. May Johns soul be in Bliss!

May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Regan my condolences are with you always remember how wonderfully talented your father was and how he passed his talent to you. May peace be with you and him. Much love.

**Ketia Zuckschwerdt** - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Regan, I was so sorry to hear of your fathers' illness and passing. He was a wonderful man and a wonderful friend. I feel blessed that Adam and I were able to know such a great, kind man and that he was a part of Adams' life for so many years. As a mother, I Thank You for sharing your father with Adam, I feel he was able to shape the person my son has become. John,in many ways was like a father to him. Just know your father was greatly loved and will be missed.

**Patty Gabbard** - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Reagan and family, I was saddened to hear of John's passing. He and I had been friends for over twenty-five years.

You have my deepest sympathy. May God continue blessing each of you.

**Bobby Trumbo** - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ J. W. was my childhood friend. We went to school at Hustonville and rode bicycles in the summer. We've hiked the hills, played in the creek and camped out, which usually consisted of staying up most of the night and telling ghost stories. I have not seen J. W. for many years, but have a lot of good memories. Deepest sympathy to Regan and Elizabeth and the rest of the family

John Miller - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ John, I did not know I would miss you so much. You changed the course of my life forever. You had such a warm and kind sprit. I find peace in knowing that you connected and embraced your spirtuality. Peace be with you my friend.

Dave Whitlow - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I love u John. God used u to teach me many things in life. Earthly loss, is Kingdom gain! Can't wait to see you again in that glorious place :) Thank you God for preparing us a place and high five Jesus for making the way.

David Duncan - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ John was a wonderful man, father, partner, and greatest friend you could ever ask for.

You left this earth long before your time and I feel miserable that I didn't have a chance to say goodbye. You hold a special place in my heart John and you will never be forgotten. May the lord take good care of you.

Rest in peace dear friend,  
I love you

Mel Dominguez - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM