



John C. Collins Jr.

February 17, 2025

John Christopher Collins ("Jc") was born in Charleston, South Carolina on September 4th, 1960 to John and Patricia Collins. At a young age, his family moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma where he lived until he went to college in 1978. He graduated in 1982 from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in electrical engineering.

After college, he moved to Denver for his first job as a pipeline engineer with Texaco. It wasn't long before he met his future wife, Missy Severance who taught Spanish at a high school in Loveland. The two would be married for over 40 years.

Jc moved from being a pipeline engineer to working for Platte River Power Authority in Fort Collins where he enjoyed a long, successful career and was highly respected by city owners and other regional utilities. As a Design Electrical Engineer, he was responsible for designing and commissioning the Richard Lake Substation.

For several years, he served as a Planning Engineer and was responsible for upgrading and enhancing the Platte River transmission system which entailed a great deal of coordination with neighboring utilities in the Front Range area. He served as the Manager of Engineering before becoming the Director of Power Delivery.

While working hard for his family, Jc and Missy lovingly raised their daughters in Loveland, CO near family and friends. They attended Grace Community Church where Jc served as an Elder for several years and was the pitcher of the church's softball team. He also taught children's church and served as a Bible Study Fellowship Leader. Jc dedicated his life to living out his faith and honoring God.

Jc loved playing sports as well as attending his daughters' sporting events. He taught them to love God's creation and frequently took them camping, hiking, backpacking, and mountain biking. He was the leader of the train every Saturday morning at Skate Castle. Each summer, the family would load up the van and drive to his favorite place: Tug Lake in northern Wisconsin. This is where he had spent his childhood summers with family and friends, such as the Nicklaus family, helping out on their family farm, fishing, and water skiing.

John "Jc" passed away on February 17, 2025 surrounded by his family. His death was the result of a five year courageous battle with two types of dementia. Jc had been diagnosed in 2020 with early onset Alzheimer's disease and Pick's disease which is a rare form of frontotemporal degeneration.

Jc is survived by his wife, Missy, and three daughters Joey, Molly and Darby. He is also survived by his loving mother, Patricia, and his precious grandson, Matson Christopher Blank.

The memorial will be held Saturday, March 1, 2025 at the Agave Room at 149 W. Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80524 from 1 to 4 PM.

Donations can be made to one of the following charities in honor of Jc's legacy:

- Respire Haiti at www.respirehaiti.org
- Casa Tabito at www.casatabito.org
- Pathways Hospice at www.pathways-care.org The staff at Pathways Care Center lovingly cared for Jc during the last week of his life, and the family is grateful to its devoted staff.

Tribute Wall

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“ JC symbolized John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, then to lay down his life for his friends. He did that for me. One could not have asked for a better friend and I never liked ND. I regret not being able to go Flyfishing with him. Sterling Myers

Sterling Myers - August 13, 2025 at 04:41 PM

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“ I just learned belatedly about JC's passing. We lost touch over the years, but we were roommates sophomore year at Notre Dame. I regret that I lost touch with JC because he was a good friend and a really good down to earth person. He was lighthearted and consistently friendly, and a really good person. It doesn't surprise me when I read his obit the path he took and the positive life he led. Though belated, my heart felt and sincere thoughts, and prayers, extend to Missy and JC kids. I was fortunate to get to know him, and I have warm memories of his friendly, loyal chill way and laughter and studies. May God continue to embrace him.

William D. Kolb - August 03, 2025 at 03:41 PM

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“ I was so sorry to hear of the loss of JC. JC and you, Missy, were such good friends to my Mom and Dad, Wally and Shirley Brian. Take comfort knowing that JC is with my Mom and Dad praising our Saviour . Linda Leonard

Linda Leonard - March 01, 2025 at 12:33 PM