



Russell Ward Collard

November 30, 1920 - February 6, 2020

Collard, Russell Ward, age 99, passed away on February 6, 2020, in Palm Beach Gardens at the Brookdale Assisted Living Facility, with his family by his side. He loved well and received the same in return by a host of family and friends. Russ was born in Wooster, Ohio in 1920. He was a survivor of the Great Depression and a Naval Veteran of World War II (South Pacific: LST-809). One of his most emotional and meaningful journeys was flying to Washington, D.C. as part of the SE Florida Honor Flight at the age of 96. Even though he lived with several serious health issues, he lived life every day without complaint. Russ was determined to make age 100, but God had other plans for him.

He is survived by daughters, Judy Chefan and Cindy Dryden; son, Gary Collard; son-in-law, Mark Dryden; sister, Jean George; a host of grandchildren and greatgrandchildren; and his caregiver Olive Grizzle. He was predeceased by his wife, Wilda Mae; daughters, Jean and Connie; and son, Terry. He loved each of them dearly and had a little story to tell about each and every one.

His loves in life included family-first, boating, fishing, golfing, playing cards, and fixing anything. Russ was a long-time, dedicated employee for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft in Palm Beach County. He was loved and respected by all of his co-workers and anyone that crossed his path.

Russ lived for his family and he and his late wife Wilda hosted many family get-togethers, where food and four generations of card playing ruled the day. Russ and Wilda never wanted you to leave, especially in their later years; it meant the world to them for the visits. Russ was the soul and heart of the family and will be missed greatly. His humor, great love for life, and a positive attitude that was unwavering will be remembered for generations.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Trustbridge Hospice Foundation (<https://TrustbridgeFoundation.org/ways-to-give>).

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Celebration of Life

FEB 15. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Ward Collard*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *James sent a virtual gift in memory of Russell Ward Collard*



James - February 14, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ *Part 2 Grandma Collard raised four wonderful sons and a daughter. Every time I have been around Uncle Russ he enjoyed life and being with people. He had a wonderful personality and also wanted to help others, especially his family and all his brothers, sister and their spouses Uncle Russ loved playing cards and he was sure good at winning. He was so close to all his brothers, sister and brother in-law. I will miss Uncle Russ and Aunt Wilda. They sure cared a lot about each other and he sure was proud of his daughters. I prayed everyday, once I heard he was ill, that God would heal him; but it appears God wanted him home to be with his mom, dad and brothers. It is so awesome that he did not suffer; I give thanks to God for that blessing. God Bless Uncle Russ and his wonderful family. You all have to be proud of having a wonderful father and friend. His great life and wonderful memories will be with all of us forever.*

James - February 14, 2020 at 06:33 PM

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“ *Uncle Russ will always be remembered and in our hearts for his loving and caring ways for all those he knew through so many years. He now gracefully joins the many other family members that he loved so very much. We are so thankful for knowing him in this life. Sandy (Collard) And Bruce Spiller.*

Sandy (Collard) Spiller and Bruce Spille - February 14, 2020 at 12:45 PM

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“ *An amazing man. I am so honored that i got to call him grandpa. I have so many wonderful memories. I love you grandpa*

Dawn Farnham - February 07, 2020 at 07:39 PM