



Wanda J. Collins

September 22, 1956 - March 7, 2026

Wanda Janelle Blake Collins was born September 22, 1956, in San Angelo, Texas, to James “Jim” and Paulyne (Johnson) Blake. Wanda was carried home by the angels to be with the Lord on March 7, 2026, in Willow Springs, Missouri. She was 69 years old.

Wanda worked at Rawlings until they closed. She then pursued a successful career at Willow Care Nursing Home. As a small child into her teen years, Wanda moved around with her father and mother, James and Marty Blake, during her father’s military career. As an adult, she settled in Missouri where she met and married Tim Collins on April 5, 1975. To this union, five daughters were born. Wanda and Tim were further blessed with 30 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Of course, there are so many she loved and claimed as her own. Her pride and joy, the apples of her eye. Wanda spent her time doing puzzles, crocheting, sewing, playing cards, and fishing. However, her greatest joy was spending time with her family the most. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Wanda was preceded in death by her father, James Blake; brother, Bobby Blake; and grandson, Austin Lee Shaul.

She is survived by her children: Wendy Collins and partner, Chad Coble of Willow Springs, Tracy and her husband, Eric Velarde of Pomona, Melissa and

her husband, Jason Boyer of Willow Springs, Marsha and her husband, Chris Dickerson of Bozeman, Montana, and Laura and her husband, Cody Harrington of Willow Springs. She is further survived by her brothers and sisters: Danny and Billy, Vanessa, Glenda, Marsha, Jymi, and her mother, Marty Blake as well as 30 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation for Wanda will be held Friday, March 13, 2026, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Willow Funeral Home. Services will be held Saturday, March 14, 2026, at 10:00 AM at Westside Family Life Center with Pastor David Lovan officiating. Interment will immediately follow at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Willow Springs, Missouri. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home, LLC. Online condolences may be left at www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Pine Grove Cemetery

Pine Grove Church
2095 County Road 5800
Willow Springs, MO 65793

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Willow Funeral Home, LLC
106 E 3rd St
Willow Springs, MO 65793
(417) 469-3141

Service

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

Westside Family Life Center
1274 County Road 5270
Willow Springs, MO 65793
(417) 469-3360
office@wflc.net
<http://www.wflc.net>

Tribute Wall



“ So sad to hear this. I worked with Wanda at Willow assistant living. Her and Tim always giving good advice. Definitely like another mom to me. You will be missed, RIP Wanda



Kimberly Ellis (Cauldwell) - June 03 at 09:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wanda J. Collins.



March 13 at 10:44 AM



“ Jean Worley lit a candle in memory of Wanda J. Collins



Jean Worley - March 10 at 03:57 PM



“ Wendy and family, I'm sorry for the loss of your mother.

Dustin Mahan - March 10 at 12:11 PM

SA

“ *Sun Valley Cinema, Mountain Home, AR purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Wanda J. Collins.*



Sun Valley Cinema, Mountain Home, AR - March 09 at 11:06 PM

KR

“ *There are no words . . . I had the privilege of meeting Wanda when I married her brother. She was welcoming, kind, loving and witty! She will be missed but never forgotten. Keeping all her loved ones in my prayers.*



Kathleen Blake Ritchie - March 08 at 10:37 PM

LH

“ *You were the one I called for everything. My accomplishments and my failures and even the moments I thought were pure signs from the lord above. You may not be spiritually here but I know your in the best place ever. I will still call you even though I cant hear your answer right now, one day I will. I love you ma I never did tell you that enough.*

Laura Harrington - March 08 at 10:33 PM

KD

“ Nina, I will forever cherish each memory we have made. I will forever be your Sister Sally and you will always be My Nina. I love and miss you even more and find it hard to believe you are gone. I know you are in a better place and not in this horrible world anymore where everything is getting scary. I can't wait for the day I get to run to you and hug you again



Kasey Dole - March 08 at 07:51 PM

MB

“ Marsha, Mark and Barbara planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wanda J. Collins.

Marsha, Mark and Barbara - March 08 at 07:44 PM

MB

“ Marsha, Mark and Barbara purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Wanda J. Collins.



Marsha, Mark and Barbara - March 08 at 07:44 PM

MM

“ My beautiful baby sister, you took my heart with you when you left this troubled world. I know you are in a better place now and you got to meet God face to face. I wish with my whole heart we could have made more memories together. I am looking forward to when we are together again. I love you and will miss you everyday.

Marsha McKeown - March 08 at 07:37 PM