



Mr. Calvin M. Collins

September 27, 1957 - March 18, 2022

Calvin M. Collins, 64, of Merrill, died Friday, March 18, 2022 at his home. Born on September 27, 1957 in Malone, NY, he was the son of William and Florence (Ormsbee) Collins.

Calvin graduated from Northern Adirondack Central School in the class of 1975 and attended Bard College in Annandale on the Hudson, NY. He worked for many years as a caretaker of many camps on Chateaugay Lake. He was an avid outdoorsman. He loved to camp, hike, ice skate and garden. He was a talented artist specializing in watercolors using Chateaugay Lake as his muse. He is survived by two sisters, Peggy Legacy of Chateaugay and Diane Arnesen of Virginia; nieces and nephews, April Hesseltine, Libby Watts, Rebecca Vandyke, Billy Jo Carter and Holden Collins.

Calvin was predeceased by his parents; two brothers, Rodney and William Collins Jr.; a sister, Sue Collins; and a nephew Jerry "J.J." Legacy.

In accordance with Calvin's wishes there will be no services.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Roberta Shutts*

a day ago

Calvin was a kid you didn't often see with the other neighborhood kids. He could be found drawing or sketching. Calvin had a different kind of vision for the world, doing everything he could to make life better for all. He was never extravagant but was extraordinary in my memory. May we carry his message of peace, love, beauty and kindness to all. Sending strength and healing to his family and friends. Until we meet again, R.I.P

Roberta Shutts - March 23, 2022 at 03:11 PM

SF

“ *Wally and I became friends with Calvin when he stopped at our garage sale several years ago. He was like a breath of fresh air! So enjoyed his wit and passion for life. RIP Calvin. You will be missed by many. 🙏*

Sally Farrell - March 23, 2022 at 01:19 PM

EL

“ *I only met Calvin a few times; but I am a great and loving friend of his sister Peggy Legacy. My sympathies to all of the family. May he R.I.P. 🙏*

Eunice LeClair - March 21, 2022 at 01:29 PM

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Roberta Shutts - March 22, 2022 at 05:34 PM

JO

As a Malone native and longtime Chateaugay Lake summer resident, I had heard people speak of Calvin the artist as being someone special, with many loving friends like his neighbors the Clevelands. I met him finally when he came to our camp to consult with me about getting some boat seats re-caned. He seemed like such a refreshing person with the image of a real outdoorsman. Driving by, I'd notice that the front of his historic home, the former Merrill post office, was banked with beautiful summer flowers, hollyhocks, etc. I think Calvin was a memorable and admirable example of the Chateaugay Lake "originals" like Reggie Merrill who lived their lives meaningfully and simply in their beloved environment. I'm truly sorry that he—in my own childrens' age group—is no longer enjoying that wonderful Chateaugay Lake life. He had the wisdom to know what is important in life—love of nature, contributions to lake culture and preservation of what he depicted in his art of the lake environment.

A sad loss! Joanne ORoark

Joanne ORoark - March 27, 2022 at 07:21 PM

BS

Calvin The fun the smiles the caring way about you. I will miss you and yet something inside me says NO. Thinking of you gone... it's place I have only been a few times like when I think of my father, my grandparents, your mom, Aunt Grace and now you... When I think of you I say NO I remember like it was yesterday when we spent the day driving and lunch and talking in your back yard. I hope you are NOW truly happy and politics are not an issue. That seeing family and friends are good. I hope you embraced our loving Savior and all is above good. Miss you

Brenda (VanSant) Smith - May 07, 2022 at 09:38 AM