



Retta Jo Collins

August 30, 1936 - March 11, 2019

Retta Jo (Farrington) Collins, 82, of Anadarko, Oklahoma, was called home by the Lord on Monday, March 11, 2019 at her home in Anadarko. Retta was born August 30, 1936 in Anadarko to Otis W. and Henrietta J. (Damm) Farrington. She attended school and graduated from Anadarko High School with the class of 1954 as Valedictorian. She then attended college at OCU and received her Masters Degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. For 24 years, Retta Jo taught many courses in grades 1-12, positively affecting the lives of many children in Anadarko, Broxton and Oklahoma City as well as Eugene, Oregon, Tyler and Athens, Texas. After her retirement, she continued as a substitute teacher in the Anadarko School system well into her 70's. Retta Jo was also a long-time member of the Oklahoma Retired Educators Association who attended meetings regularly and served as the organization's Archiver. Retta Jo is survived by her husband, Tom Collins; her sons: Forrest Brock and wife, Lori, Mark Brock-Farrington and wife, Stephanie; daughters: Jo Atwood and husband, Patric, Julie Gardner and husband, Kelly; 20 grandchildren; 31 great grandchildren along with other relatives and friends. Retta Jo is preceded in death by her parents, Otis and Henrietta (Retta) Farrington; brothers: Otis and Olin Farrington; sister, Louise Smith; husbands, Dale L. Brock and John Trescott and one grandchild, Kelli Anne Gardner. Services were at 1:P.M., Friday, March 14, 2019 Memory Lane Cemetery, Anadarko, OK Officiating: Rev. Felicia Hensley Services under the direction of Smith Funeral Home,

Anadarko, OK Condolences may be sent to the family at www.smithfuneralservices.com

Tribute Wall

GB

“ *Just heard about Aunt Retta's passing. So sorry for family. I always thought she was so pretty, gene ruth brumback*

GENE RUTH BRUMBACK - March 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *We loved studying scripture with Retta on many Sabbath occasions,,she will be missed but we will meet again in the Kingdom..May the Elohim of Abraham Isaac and Jacob comfort the family during this time of loss...Shalom Donald and Monica Chrismon*

Donald Chrismon - March 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“*Retta knew the Scriptures! In addition to teaching, she was in a constant state of learning, reading, listening, and searching scriptures. I could ask her a biblical question, and she was always ready with scriptural references, background on the subject, how the old testament and new testament agreed, with historical, political, and current events aspects of the subject. It is safe to say she was a wealth of knowledge!*

Retta spent decades working with her husband John Trescott in their radio program and ministry encouraging Bible study and adherence to Sabbath and other biblical laws. They traveled and studied with brethren around the world. Later, married to Tom Collins, she continued as a helpmate to observe Sabbath and participate in Biblical Holy Days and spread biblical truths.

Retta helped publish a monthly magazine, "The Light of Truth". In an article Retta authored, she concluded:

"THERE IS HOPE!" You can be forgiven by God if you renounce these acts, turn away from them, never do them again! And then ask God to forgive you and to apply the shed blood of His only begotten Son, Yashua Messiah, to wash away your sin and make you white and clean, a NEW CREATURE in Messiah.

" Then be baptized by a true minister of Yashua and have hands laid on you to receive the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit will then come and live inside you and enable and empower you to continue to live a pure, Christ-like life in full obedience to all God's commandments and statutes.:

"Remember, Yashua did not put to death the woman caught in adultery, but when He saw she had repented, He forgave her and then said, 'Neither do I condemn you, but GO AND SIN NO MORE.'" (John 8:11)

Rest in peace, Retta!

Sally Spivey - March 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *The Farrington family were long time friends of my grandparents. Retta Jo's father and my grandfather graduated high school together in Anadarko, lots of memories with her late parents and brother. Her brother Otis, lived on my grandparents property in Edmond when he was attending college. Retta Jo has lived a long life, was a member of a talented family and has contributed to her home town in many ways. Rest in peace talented lady.*

jane cox martin (minnie and manfrod wallace's granddaughter) - March 14, 2019
at 12:00 AM