



## David Winchester "Lil Dave" Collins

October 15, 2010 - March 7, 2014

David Winchester Collins "Lil Dave" was born in Gillette, WY on the Fifteenth Day of October in the Year of our Lord 2010 to David R. Collins and Kristina M. Collins. He resided near Weston, Wyoming with his loving father, mother and baby sister Liberty AnnaMay Collins. Lil Dave left us unexpectedly at the young age of 3 to be with the Lord as an angel on March 7, 2014.

Lil Dave was cherished by all and he enjoyed working on the family place with his dad taking care of daily chores, helping his mom and being a big brother to his little sister. Lil Dave never knew a stranger, was a light in the life of any person with whom he came into contact with and was very connected to Christ as he would always say his prayers loud enough for all to hear ending with a "grizzly" AMEN, which would make everyone smile and laugh! Lil Dave attended pre-school at the Campbell County Children's Developmental Center and asked everyday if he was going to go to school to see his teachers. When at home he loved to (play blocks) with his dad and mom, dance to music as well as watch movies. He would watch The Magic School Bus with his mom and The Lone Ranger with his dad (while donning a pair of silver pistols on his hips). He also enjoyed watching the movie Cars with his parents and would act out the race scenes with his Tonka dump truck all throughout the house wanting his parents to say (ready, set, go). When working with his dad he was always his dad's "pard" and would not leave his dad's side always wanting to know what his dad was working on and (why). He would consistently ask his dad (why)

throughout the day as the chores progressed, when he became tired of asking (why) he would take his dad's answer and proudly repeat it as if he already knew the answer. He loved to ride on the four-wheeler always wanting to go faster, when his dad told him that it was fast enough, he would say (why)? He would always ask to ride on the tractor, when his dad said that the tractor was not needed for the job, the (whys) would start all over again. He would always want to go out and fix fence with his dad; they would often find a section that was in need of dire repair, when his dad would throw in a "quick repair" and say that we will repair it on a better day, he would say (why)? When he got back to the house, he would tell his mom all about how dad just fixed the fence and would have to fix

it again later and ask (why)? When riding to town with his mom he would see a train and ask his mom if he could ride the train, to his disappointment his mother would have to tell him no, maybe another day, once again the (whys) would begin. He loved to help feed and water the livestock; he was always concerned that they had plenty of water. After his dad would say that they were good, he would respond with (why) as he was already walking to the tanks to check for himself before he was content that they were taken care of. On the coldest and windiest days he would want to go for a horseback ride, when his dad said no it is too cold, the (whys) would begin again right before wanting to go back to the house to see his mom because he was cold.

Lil Dave's casket was handcrafted with the greatest love and care by his Grandpa Mike and his dad, for a True One Of A Kind Wyoming Cowboy.

Lil Dave is survived by his loving parents David and Kristina; his sister, Liberty AnnaMay; paternal grandparents, Dave and Betsy Collins; maternal grandparents, Larry and Kathy Miller; great grandmothers, AnnaLea Miller and Barbara Ellis along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins as well as outstanding extended family and friends throughout the entire country. All of which had great influence in his life.

Please come and share in the remembrance of his life with the family on Saturday, March 22nd

Presbyterian Church in Lingle, Wyoming. A small lunch will be served at 11:30 AM, and service to follow at 1:30 PM with a reception to follow after graveside services.

In memory of Lil Dave a memorial fund has been established to assist parents who cannot afford to send their child to pre-school. If your heart compels you to do so, in lieu of flowers please send donations to the following address:

Lil David Winchester Collins Memorial

12 Lou Road

Rozet, WY

82727

Matthew 9:14 But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Thank you so very much to all of the family, friends and neighbors who are praying for us and helping us through this very difficult time in life!

Best Regards, Dave, Kristi and Liberty Collins

# Events

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**MAR**   **Service**      01:30PM

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Community Presbyterian Church  
Lingle, WY, US, 82223

# Comments

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“ So sorry Dave, I can't imagine the heartbreak. I wish I could have met your lil man...  
Bridgett & Family

**bridgett** - April 03, 2014 at 09:02 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you I feel honored to have known lil Dave. he was all boy and could light up a room. May he rest in peace.

**Tiffany Hunter** - March 22, 2014 at 06:04 PM

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“ My heart aches for your loss. Hold onto your precious memories finding comfort in them and those closest to you.

"The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."  
Psalm 34:18

Catharine (Williams) Slavens  
Crawfordsville, Indiana

**Catharine Slavens** - March 21, 2014 at 03:29 PM

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“ Our prayers are with you all!  
Don & Kim (Fisher) Cason

**Kim Cason** - March 20, 2014 at 07:28 PM

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“ Gayle Hascall lit a candle in memory of David Winchester "Lil Dave" Collins



gayle hascall - March 20, 2014 at 05:15 PM

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“ He was such a cutie. Played for hours with the big kids and never knew he was a little guy. He loved the rabbits and the beach ball in winter. Lots of hugs and prayers to our friends, now and always.

Chris, Crystal, Shayla and Kole Wrenn - March 20, 2014 at 04:01 PM

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“ Pam Fratini lit a candle in memory of David Winchester "Lil Dave" Collins



Pam Fratini - March 18, 2014 at 10:24 PM

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“ Eagle Wings Frame was purchased for the family of David Winchester "Lil Dave" Collins.



March 18, 2014 at 10:24 PM

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“ I feel a bit like an intruder because I never met Lil Dave but I feel like I knew him, and I feel his wings flapping in my heart right now. Reading this makes me appreciate and love him even more. The “why” parts made me smile, every single one. I have no words that could possibly ease your pain so I’m hoping that telling you all that I’m holding you very tightly and closely in my heart, where Lil Dave’s wings are flapping, brings you some tiny bit of comfort. I don’t pretend to understand WHY. But I’m relying on my prayers to bring you comfort, and to understand more. Please know that I am terribly and wretchedly sorry for your loss. –Pam Fratini

**Pam Fratini** - March 18, 2014 at 10:14 PM

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“ Virginia (Reed) Stevens lit a candle in memory of David Winchester "Lil Dave" Collins



**Virginia (Reed) Stevens** - March 18, 2014 at 08:15 PM

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“ I never got to know him or his parents. His Grandpa David and Grandma Betsy are my cousins. I last saw them when Lil Dave's Dad was a little boy. I have always loved all of my family members. I am heart broken to hear that God has taken an "Angel" Home at such a young age. I am praying for and lighting a candle in memory of Lil Dave. May God Bless and keep you all. Lots of Love Always, Cousin Virginia Reed Stevens  
Uncle Charles Reed's Daughter.

**Virginia (Reed) Stevens** - March 18, 2014 at 08:14 PM

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“ Prayers to the family during this difficult time. So sorry for your loss -Carrie Ricketts Shillings

**Carrie Shillings** - March 18, 2014 at 02:25 PM

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“ What a precious child. Just know that we at Roachdale Christian Church are continuing to pray for the entire family. You are going to make it because of your great faith in God. Feel His presence.  
Mary and Bob Stockwell

**Mary Stockwell** - March 18, 2014 at 11:03 AM

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“ Thinking of you & your family. May you feel God's love wrapped around you! Remember all the good times, sounds like there are many to remember! Prayers your way!!

Malachi Vaughan (Taylor)



**Malachi** - March 18, 2014 at 10:35 AM