

Birth Date ~ December 11, 1931
Heaven Date ~ December 21, 2018

“JD”’s family would like to extend to all of you
our deepest appreciation for the many ways
in which you have been a blessing to us.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS,
THE FAMILY HAS REQUESTED
DONATIONS TO A UCLA SCHOLARSHIP
IN HONOR OF DR. JAMES D. COLLINS

<http://giving.ucla.edu/collinsscholarship>

THE COLLINS FAMILY INVITES YOU TO
Honor and Remember

James D. Collins, M.D.

“JD”

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019

1:00PM

WILSHIRE COUNTRY CLUB
301 NORTH ROSSMORE AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90004

“JD”’S TRIBUTE

OPENING REMARKS
Jelana Bentley

JD’S VIDEO TRIBUTE
Alfred Carnes

OPENING PRAYER
Pastor Belton Chitty III

COLLINS TAPESTRY UNVEILING

MUSICAL SELECTION
Resurrection Life Worship Team “Tomorrow”

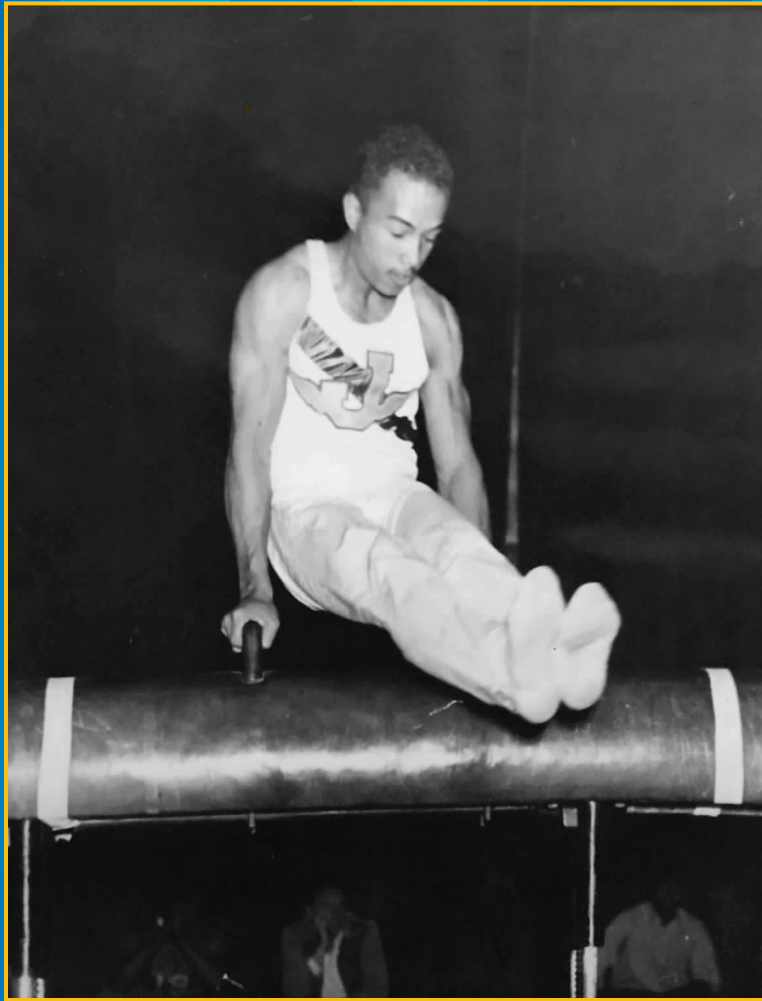
REFLECTIONS
Dr. Marion Bowers
Dr. Barbara Kadell-Wootton~Vice Chair Dept. of Radiological Sciences
Robert Grace~UCLA Black Alumni Association
Friends & Colleagues

MUSICAL SELECTION
Resurrection Life Worship Team “I Can Only Imagine”

MEMORIES
Grandchildren

THE LOVE OUR FATHER GAVE US
Keith, Jelana and Jenine

CLOSING REMARKS
Jenine Boyd



JAMES D. COLLINS, JR. “JD”

James D. Collins, Jr., JD, was born on December 11, 1931, in Los Angeles to the union of James D. Collins, Sr. of Texas and Edna Collins (née O’Bryant) of California. He completed Jefferson High School in 1949 where he lettered in gymnastics and swimming, and hung out with the “Eastside Boys” who remained his lifetime buddies. James entered UCLA where he played football, was on the swim team, and won the Light Heavyweight Boxing Championship.

In 1954, he married the love of his life, Cecilia “Edith” (née Lyons) and in 1955, their son, Keith, was born. JD was drafted by the Army, stationed first in Texas and then deployed to Germany. He was stationed in Ansbach, Germany for 18 months as a First Sergeant Medic where his wife, Edith, and son, Keith, accompanied him. Following Germany, they returned to Los Angeles and in 1957 their daughter, Jelana, was born. JD completed his undergraduate studies at UCLA and then earned a M.A. degree in Zoology from UCLA in 1959. He worked in the UCLA Radiology Department to fund his graduate studies. The family then moved to Nashville, Tennessee where JD attended Meharry Medical College from 1959 to 1963 while Edith worked single-heartedly to support the family.

Following medical school, the family returned to Los Angeles, where JD completed his internship at Los Angeles County General Hospital. JD became the first African American Radiology Resident at UCLA Medical Center in 1964. In 1968, JD was the first African American Professor of Radiology at UCLA and became Board Certified in Radiology that same year. In 1969, their daughter, Jenine, was born.

At the request of Dean Mellenkoft, Dr. Collins formulated a recruitment team for disadvantaged students to enter UCLA School of Medicine and trained medical students, interns, and residents during his tenure at UCLA. As a contributor to the UCLA School of Medicine first year Medical Student Anatomy course, Dr. Collins was also the Director of the Medical Student Teaching Program in Radiology. He served on numerous medical school committees, including the Admissions Committee, the Education Policy and Curriculum Committee, as well as the Dean’s Committee for Veterans Administration. He also served on the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee which gave him great joy as he was once a student-athlete at UCLA.

Throughout his career, Dr. Collins was an innovator, and one of the first clinicians in the Department to perform procedures such as lymphangiograms and image-guided biopsies. He was also one of the first to introduce the modality of ultrasound to the Department. Dr. Collins served as attending physician at Olive View Medical Center, the Veterans Administration Hospital and Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital. Dr. Collins specialized in bilateral 3D MRI/MRA imaging of the brachial plexus, and performed these studies since 1985. The bilateral 3D MRI/MRA has provided anatomic evidence of Thoracic Outlet Syndrome for neurological evaluation and corrective physical therapy and surgery.

Dr. Collins published extensively in journals such as Clinical Anatomy, National Medical Association, and Family Practice Recertification. He was a member of many professional societies including the American Association of Clinical Anatomists (AACCA), the British Association of Clinical Anatomists (BACA), the American Association of Anatomists (AAA), the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA), the California Radiological Society (CRS), the Los Angeles Radiological Society (LARS), the Radiology Section of

the National Medical Association (NMA), and the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society. In 2009, The Section on Radiology of the 108th Convention and Scientific Assembly of the National Medical Association (NMA) surprised Dr. Collins by permanently naming the Annual Resident and Fellows Symposium and Competition in his honor. The Radiology Section indicated they desired to “recognize and celebrate a trailblazer.” Dr. Collins served as the Radiology Editor for the Journal of the National Medical Association and Radiology Rounds Section Editor for the Family Practice Recertification as recently as a few years ago. The American Association of Clinical Anatomy (AACCA) bestowed on Dr. Collins, the 2017 AACCA Honored Member award, for his significant contributions and activities in the field of clinical anatomy.

Dr. Collins was the senior member of the Radiology Department, having worked continuously on the faculty since he completed residency in 1968. During his 55 years of being a physician, 54 years had been spent at UCLA. In fact, with the exception of serving in the military, attending medical school and completing one year of internship, Dr. Collins walked the campus of UCLA since the age of 17 for a total of 62 years. Dr. Collins was a full-time Professor and General Radiologist in the UCLA Department of Radiological Sciences through 2018.

JD was a self-taught piano player and organist. He was also self-taught and proficient in German. Subsequently, he assisted with numerous German-translated journal articles. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, swimming, and cycling. He also had a passion for working on cars. JD was a loving, devoted, and generous husband and father.

JD was preceded in death by his parents, James and Edna Collins; and wife, Cecilia “Edith” Collins. Left to cherish his memory are: his son, Keith Collins; his daughters: Jelana Bentley (Ken) and Jenine Boyd (Charles); grandchildren: Angelena (Dennis), Keith Jr., Alfred, Patrice, Paige (Rodney), Paris, Paula, Preston and Gabrielle; three great-grandchildren: Aaron, Vaughn Jr. and Aurora; his brother, Charles Collins (Wanda); sister-in-laws: Clarita Casey, Mabel Collins and Myrtle Ware; nieces, nephews, cousins, Godchildren, and life long friends. JD made an astounding mark in the world and will be deeply missed. JD will be remembered for his exuberance, his pioneering spirit, and his commitment to education and mentoring. But, rest assured, JD now lives forever in the House of the Lord. John 14:2.

