

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 75 Space: C

Find A Grave # 11904485

Name: **Collins, Gerald Dye**

Birth date: May 17, 1928 Death date: December 16, 1947 Burial Date: December 18, 1947 Age: 20

Spouse:

Children:

Child of: George B. Collins (1884-1963) and Mary H. *Reed* Collins (1892-1971)

Siblings: Aurantha M. V. *Collins* Sharp (1910-1997); Elizabeth Josephine *Collins* Lake (1912-2002); Viola M. *Collins* Carty (1915-1995); Helen H. Collins (1920-1920); George Brown Collins Jr. (1922-2011); James D. Collins (1925-1939); Joseph Edward Collins (1929-1947)

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: accidental gas poisoning; see next page

Service/occupation information: WW II, 121 Seabees, Saipan

Officiate: Rev. Paul A. Kellogg

Lot Owner: George Collins, A - E

Inscription:

Gerald D. Collins
1928 - 1947



DIMENSIONS: H 7" x 20" x D 10"

STYLE: footstone + veteran's marker

No repairs needed



Inventory date: March 26, 2020 Recorder: Ellen Richardson

News J. Tues. Dec. 16, 1947

Gas Is Fatal To Apprentice

Dover Youth, 20, Dies In Hospital Following Mishap Last Saturday

DOVER, Dec. 16—(Special).—Gerald D. Collins, 20, an apprentice plumber of Dover, died early today in the Kent General Hospital without ever regaining consciousness after being felled Saturday by gas fumes escaping from a pipe he had apparently cut by mistake.

Collins was working in a vacant house in Clayton owned by James Donovan, when the accident occurred. He was to install a water valve before the house was occupied, and cut open a pipe carrying illuminating gas instead of water.

When he was found slumped over the pipe Saturday about 11 a. m., he had been attempting to plug the escaping gas. He was taken to the hospital in Dover where he died shortly after 1 a. m. today, 62 hours after he was found unconscious.

Collins, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Collins, of 435 South Governors Avenue, was learning his trade with Daniel P. Finnegan, plumbing contractor of Dover. He was off regular duty when the accident occurred.

Collins served nine months with the SeaBees on Saipan after the close of the war. Besides his parents, he is survived by three sisters: Mrs. Edward Sharp and Mrs. R. A. Carty, of Dover; and Mrs. C. W. Lake, West Middleton, Ind.; two brothers, George C. Collins, Jr., of Milford, and Corp. Joseph E. Collins, now stationed in Osaka, Japan, with the Army Air Forces.

Friends may call at the Ferguson and Hayes Funeral Home in Dover tomorrow night. Services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Christ Church, with the Rev. Paul A. Kellogg, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Christ Church Cemetery.