



## Dr. Herman E. Collier, Jr.

August 8, 1927 - March 28, 2022

Dr. Herman E. Collier Jr., age 94, President Emeritus of Moravian College and Theological Seminary, died peacefully in Hershey, Pennsylvania on March 28. Upon completion of his doctorate in Chemistry from Lehigh University in 1955, he was appointed professor, and later, chairman of the Department of Chemistry at Moravian College. In 1969, he was elected to the role of president of the college, serving in that capacity until his retirement in 1986. In retirement, Herman served as interim president of North Carolina Wesleyan College, Salem College, Chowan College and Lee McRae College. In later years, he worked as a senior consultant for an academic executive search firm, placing presidents and deans at 22 colleges and universities nationwide. Herman and Jerri, his wife of 73 years, were committed to their hometown of Bethlehem, PA, and were devoted to the students, faculty and friends of Moravian College. His enthusiasm led him to additionally serve on multiple hospital and community boards while residing in Pennsylvania and Southern Pines, North Carolina.

Herman is survived by two sons, Edward and Thomas, their spouses, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Jerri, their son Michael and infant daughter Kathryn.

The lives of both Herman and Jerri will be celebrated by an early fall graveside service in Bethlehem.

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ I was a Senior student at Moravian while Herman was teaching analytical, and went on to the University of Wisconsin-Madison where I did very well, followed by a 30 year career at Pfizer Pharmaceutical in which I also excelled. Made possible by good teaching and advice from Dr Collier and Ray Feick (calculus.) I hope Herman got smart enough to accept Christ as his savior so I see him again in heaven. Dr. Jeffrey A. Richards 12-24-25. jeffrey.richards@snet.net.

Jeffrey A Richards - December 24, 2025 at 03:15 PM

FM

“ Herman and Jeri Collier were amazing people. I had the pleasure of working for Herman years ago and learned so much from both of them. Susan and I extend our deepest sympathy to their family. They led remarkable lives.

Frederick V Moore - November 06, 2022 at 06:36 AM

DE

“ Dr. Collier and Jeri were two of the finest people I ever had the pleasure of knowing. Dr. Collier hired me in 1971 and I was so fortunate to have worked at Moravian during his tenure as President. My heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.

Dawn Ketterman-Benner, Professor Emerita - April 18, 2022 at 12:15 PM

DK

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Dawn Ketterman-Benner - April 18, 2022 at 12:18 PM

BF

“ *To The Collier Family:*

*We were very sad to learn of Herman's passing.  
We will certainly miss our wonderful neighbors, Jerri and Herman, in  
Longleaf Country Club, North Carolina.*

*Jerri was so sweet and always maintained positive attitude. Herman  
was a true gentleman and a warm welcoming friendly neighbor.*

*We just don't encounter couples like the Collier's in today's society.  
They were of a different era.*

*God Bless them both and we Thank God for our time with them.*

*Chris and Bruce Fensley - Southern Pines, NC*

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**Bruce A Fensley** - April 17, 2022 at 07:38 PM

LH

“ *My husband, Fred. and I sat behind Herman and Jerri most Sunday  
morning services at Southern Pines United Methodist Church for  
many years before Jerri's health prevented their attendance. They  
always provided a cheerful greeting and some friendly words before  
the service began. What I cherish the most were Herman's frequent  
visits and kind words when he visited us in the hospital during  
Fred's long month before his death.*

*I will miss both Herman and Jerri, but always treasure their  
friendship and kindness.*

*Lin Heimrick*

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**Lin Heimrick** - April 17, 2022 at 05:57 PM

PH

“ I had the joy of knowing both Dr. and Mrs. Collier through The Foundation of FirstHealth. We worked together along with Jean Souweine making hospital visits daily. It was a pleasure to share many wonderful memories! The friendship of these two was amazing, and I am honored to have known them! They taught me appreciation for each and every day and the importance of kindness with a smile!

*My deepest sympathy to all the family!*

*Pam Hudson*

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**Pam Hudson** - April 12, 2022 at 12:07 PM

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“ Pam Hudson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Herman E. Collier, Jr.



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**Pam Hudson** - April 12, 2022 at 12:03 PM