

## **David Bailey Collins Obituary**

David Collins, 56, died on Monday, March 14, 2016 following a brief illness.

David was the founder of the Collins Group International (CGI), addressing business development needs of both public and private sector.

Collins maintained a broad understanding of the South Asian trade markets for 20 years and had deep relationships with key leaders in the textile industry worldwide.

David spent 25 years with Cotton Council International (CCI), the international division of the National Cotton Council of America, serving the last 20 years as Assistant Executive Director. David managed CCI's relationships in South Asia and was a respected friend and colleague throughout India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka and in many other countries worldwide.

David obtained his B.A. from Texas A&M University in Political Science and Master's degree in International Affairs with a concentration in Science and Technology Policy from The George Washington University. He was a devoted Aggie fan and active in Democratic politics in the Virginia area.

He was beloved and is survived by his children, Shannon Marie Collins, Meghan Lee Collins, and Bailey Scott Collins, his former wife and mother of his children, Jamie Wilson Collins, and two sisters, Rev. Martha Frances and Elise Collins Shields (Creston Shields). Survivors also include numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Please direct any memorial donations to the Lorton Community Action Alliance, <http://www.lortonaction.org/> or P.O. Box 154, Lorton, VA 22100-0154 in memory of David Collins.