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spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the
blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and
watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud
just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then someone at my side says, "There, she is gone!"

"Gone where?"

Gone from my sight. That is all.

She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was
when she left my side and she is just as able to bear the load
of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her.

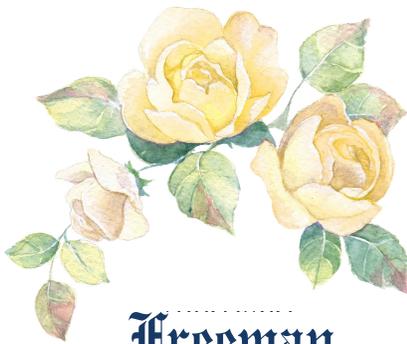
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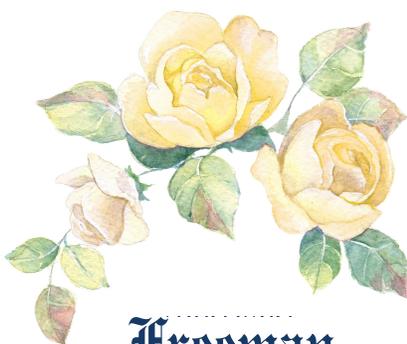
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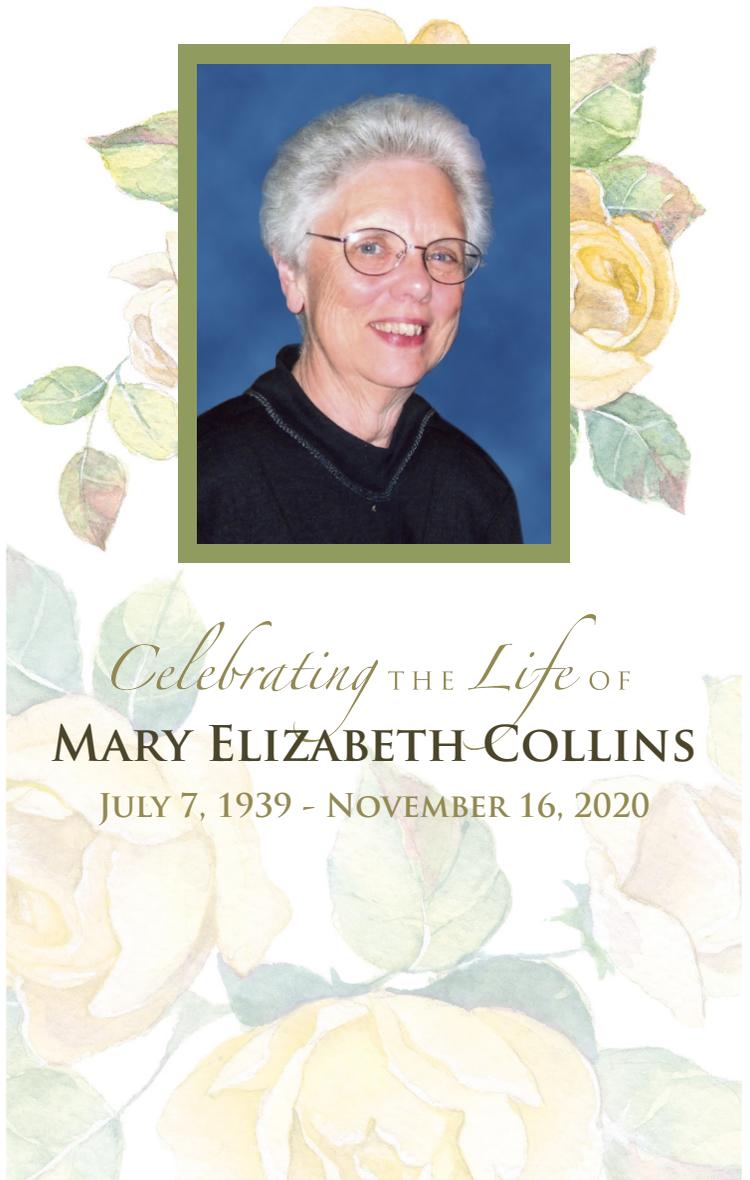
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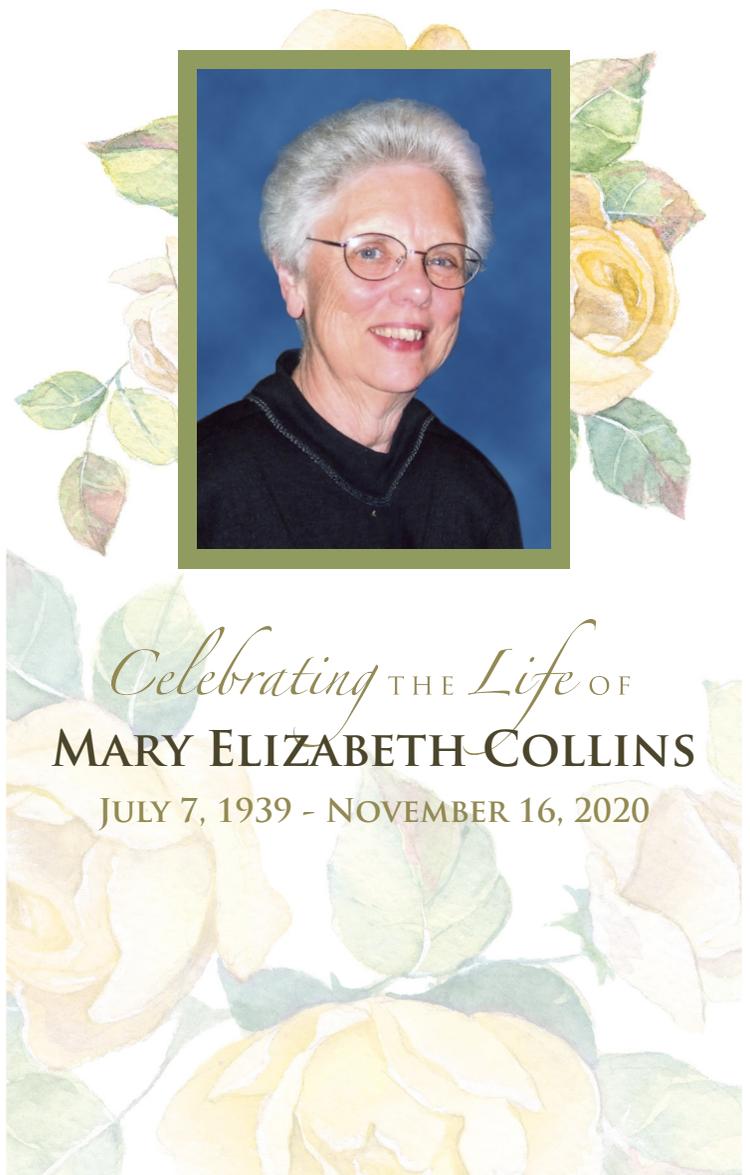


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A lifelong resident of the Central Missouri area, Mary was a 1957 graduate of California High School.

Mary was employed in various positions with the State of Missouri for over 37 years and retired in 1996 as an executive secretary with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Mary loved to keep her mind and hands busy. In her free time, she enjoyed reading and tackling crossword puzzles, was skilled with a sewing needle and cooking for the family. She had a special place in her heart for her granddaughters, whether it was playing dolls with or attending any activities to support them. She cherished time with her family and loved them unconditionally. Mary always put them first in life: attending every event and more importantly, she was there during any struggle to help lift spirits. Many memories include her family and friends - cooking and hosting holiday gatherings and traveling to Boston or the Grand Canyon. Mary was cherished by all who knew her and will be greatly missed by her loving family.

Survivors include: her loving husband of 61 years, Mitchel Collins of Jefferson City, Mo.; daughter, Lori Knaebel (Mike) of Wardsville, Mo.; sister, Donna Daulton (Dan) of Versailles, Mo.; brother, Gene Peoples of Bakersfield, Ca.; two granddaughters, Mikayla Welch (Ben) of Joplin, Mo. and Morgan Knaebel of Columbia, Mo.

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