



Philip S. Collins

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Philip S. Collins, World's Fair Architect, dies at 86 Philip S. Collins, an architect who launched his career by designing the New Jersey State Pavilion for the 1964 World's Fair, died at his home near Princeton NJ on October 29th. He was 86. His final illness was Multiple Systems Atrophy, a rare neurodegenerative disorder that eventually kept him from continuing a lifelong athleticism in running and cycling. Mr. Collins was born in Philadelphia in 1929 and grew up in Rydall, PA, with his sister, artist Lucinda Collins.

He went to Williams College, and he was fresh out of architecture school at Princeton University when he entered and won the State of New Jersey's open competition to design the New Jersey Tercentenary Pavilion, to be constructed at a prestigious location adjacent to the Unisphere at the 1964 World's Fair at Flushing Meadows, NY. The ambitious pavilion won several awards, including the Architectural Award for Excellence by the American Institute of Steel Construction and a Citation for Excellence in Design by the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Collins was the founder of the architecture and engineering firm CUH2A, in Princeton NJ. The firm would grow into the largest science and technology design firm in the world, employing hundreds of architects and engineers in several international offices.

Mr. Collins was predeceased by his son Christopher. He is survived by his wife Elinor Whitney Collins, his sister Lucinda Collins of New York City, his brother Alan Pomeroy Collins of Trego, Montana, his daughters Jennifer Collins, Elizabeth Tade, Dorothea Collins and Eliza Eager, and his six grandchildren.

Private services will be held by Hopewell Memorial Home & Cremation Services in Hopewell, NJ