



GARS Board Member Philip Collins



*Representative
Philip Collins
June 24, 1931 to
April 29, 2013*

Retired Representative Philip Collins was a long-serving trustee of the GARS Board, serving for 20 years until his death on April 29, 2013. His dedication and service to the Board of Trustees will always be remembered.

Representative Collins graduated from Notre Dame University in 1955 with a degree in business. He served his country with pride in the U. S. Navy during the Korean War.

He was a member of the House of Representatives for 16 years until 1982 and later worked four years as the Director of Corporate Tax Collection for the Department of Revenue and as the Director of Business Services for the Secretary of State for eight years.

Representative Collins is survived by his wife, four children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Active Member Benefit Statements

Enclosed with this edition of the Solon is your annual Benefit Statement if **you are an active member of the General Assembly**. Your Statement shows any reciprocal service you may have, along with a retirement benefit estimate at your normal retirement date using the Reciprocal Act. To determine your total benefit, add the projected GARS benefit to the amount from the reciprocal system(s).

If your statement shows reciprocal service but no amount, you either don't have enough service to use the Reciprocal Act, you have concurrent service with GARS and another system, or you don't need the service to qualify for the maximum benefit. Although we make every effort to provide you with an accurate benefit estimate, it is only an approximation. If you have questions, contact our office at 217-782-8500.

*Benefit Statements
for retirees &
survivors are NOT
included with this
Solon. These state-
ments will be mailed
in March, 2014.*

1-on-1 Counseling

Below are the dates and locations for the remaining 2013 1-on-1 counseling sessions. If you are interested in meeting with Jayne Waldeck regarding your benefits, please call her at 217-782-8500 to schedule an appointment.

September 12
Rockford in the morning

September 13
Waukegan in the morning

September 27
Danville in the morning
Charleston in the afternoon

October 3
Ottawa in the morning
Joliet in the afternoon

October 4
Kankakee in the morning

November 14
Rolling Meadows in the afternoon

November 15
Skokie in the morning

GARS FACTOID
*There are 9 retirees and
23 survivors who
are age 90 or above*

MEMBER'S NOMINATION OF BENEFICIARY(IES) FOR DEATH BENEFITS

This form is to be used to nominate the person or persons to receive any death benefit payable by the General Assembly Retirement System. A member desiring to change beneficiaries at a later date must complete a new Nomination of Beneficiary form. The form on file with GARS that has the most recent date, located above the member's signature, will take precedence.

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this form using ink or typewriter. You may nominate one person, as many as you wish, or your estate. Benefits will be paid in the numerical order you indicate. Two or more persons with the same order number will receive equal shares. When this beneficiary nomination is accepted by the General Assembly Retirement System, an acknowledgment will be mailed to the current address on file with GARS.

NOTE! Persons nominated as beneficiaries without order numbers will be considered after persons nominated with order numbers. Two or more persons nominated without order numbers will receive equal shares.

EXAMPLE

Order Number	Name	Address	Relationship
1	John A. Doe	123 West Main, Chicago, IL 60601	Father
2	Jane B. Doe	123 West Main, Chicago, IL 60601	Mother
3	David C. Doe	123 West Main, Chicago, IL 60601	Brother
3	Nancy D. Doe	44 South 2nd, Springfield, IL 62708	Sister
3	Mary E. Doe	123 West Main, Chicago, IL 60601	Sister
4	Frank F. Smith	9876 E. 99th St., Peoria, IL 61605	None

In the event the member dies, any excess contributions will be paid as follows:

- All the money will be paid to John Doe.
- If John Doe is not living when the member dies, all the money will be paid to Jane Doe.
- If John and Jane Doe are not living when the member dies, the money will be divided equally among David, Nancy and Mary Doe. (If only two of these three persons are living when the member dies, each will receive one half of the money. If only one of these three persons is living when the member dies, he/she will receive all of the money.)
- If John, Jane, David, Nancy and Mary Doe are not living when the member dies, all the money will be paid to Frank Smith.
- If none of the nominated beneficiaries are living when the member dies, all of the money will be paid to the member's estate.

NOMINATED BENEFICIARIES

Order Number	Name	Address	Relationship
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

This form must be witnessed by two people who are not named as beneficiaries.

Member's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Member's Social Security Number: _____ Witness: _____

Member's Address: _____ Address: _____

_____ Witness: _____

_____ Address: _____