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## Jim Collett

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Jim Collett is a successful businessman who served 25 years with Verizon, formerly Bell System, before retiring in 2000. During his tenure with Bell System/Verizon, Mr. Collett spent 15 years working in Corporate Planning, and an additional 10 years in Corporate Real Estate. Mr. Collett was responsible for securing the building which currently serves as Bell Atlantic Headquarters and led many large-scale planning assignments, including the effort to produce the first ever Business Plan that would come to cover 70,000 employees in 1984.

Mr. Collett earned his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Denison University in 1969, and served as a Captain in the United States Air Force for 5 years before going on to graduate with a master's degree in Real Estate and Urban Land Studies from the University of Florida in 1974.

Jim and his wife of 42 years, Marcia, moved to Hilton Head Island in 2000. Both are very involved in the community in many ways. Jim has been deeply involved in the life of Hilton Head Island. This includes Chairing the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals for 5 years, running as a candidate for Mayor, and leading an effort to improve telecommunications on the Island. Jim has received a number of awards from various organizations as well as serving as Vice Chair of the Island's Orchestra and most recently Chair of the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic for two years.