

## Apollo 11

Nearly 55 years ago, Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, and pilot Michael Collins became the first people to reach the moon. The success of the Apollo 11 mission in July 1969 has since gone down in history.

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The successful Apollo 11 mission delivered two American astronauts – Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin – to the lunar surface on July 20, 1969 (while Michael Collins famously remained in orbit).

Another 10 American men walked on the moon, leaving flags and footprints embedded in the lunar dust, but the Apollo programme was prematurely scrapped after the last mission in 1972.

Apollo 11 astronaut Michael Collins dies aged 90: NASA pilot who flew command module Columbia during the Moon landing passes away after 'valiant' battle with cancer.

Unlike Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, Collins did not walk on the moon. He stayed in the command capsule 60 miles above the lunar surface.

Although he travelled 238,000 and came within 69 miles of the moon, Collins was tasked with piloting the command module that orbited above his comrades - and he took home a different and unique experience of the mission.

'As pilot of the Apollo 11 command module – some called him 'the loneliest man in history' – while his colleagues walked on the Moon for the first time, he helped to achieve a defining milestone.

He remained alone for more than 21 hours until his two colleagues returned in the lunar module and lost contact with mission control in Houston each time the spacecraft circled the dark side of the moon.

'Not since Adam has any human known such solitude as Mike Collins,' the mission log said, referring to the biblical figure. When Eagle, the lunar modular, touched down on the moon on July 20, 1969, Collins lost communication with both his teammates and NASA on Earth.