



Mr. Dwight L. Jenkins

July 19, 1936 - December 20, 2018

Obituary for SMSgt (MS ANG Ret.) Dwight “L” Jenkins

Born: July 19, 1936 Died: December 20, 2018

Dwight “L” Jenkins of the Spring Creek community, Philadelphia, Miss., departed this earthly realm Thursday, December 20, from the University of Mississippi Medical Center and now resides in Heaven with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was 82.

A 1955 graduate of Longino High School, Dwight joined the Army shortly after graduation, attending basic training at Fort Polk, LA and assignments to Fort Devens, MA and Ankara, Turkey. Upon discharge, he and family moved to Leland/Greenville, MS where he worked as a route salesman. In 1966, the family moved to Meridian where he continued working as a salesman. Later he was an auto mechanic before becoming a fulltime technician with the Mississippi Air National Guard’s 238th Combat Communication Squadron. He spent 23 years in the Air Guard, retiring in 1996 as a Senior Master Sergeant.

Outside affiliations included being a deacon; a member of the Hamasa Shrine Temple; a driver for children seen at the Shriners Children’s Hospital Texas Burn Unit; serving as aide to several Shrine Potentates; and meeting with the “old timers” at Bobby’s Grocery on Highway 16 East, Philadelphia.

Dwight is survived by his wife Carroll; son Bob Jenkins (Cheri), Nashville, TN; daughter Terry Anderson, Pearl, MS; stepdaughters Donna Maloney (Jerry), Meridian, MS; Terry Fortenberry (Lee), Philadelphia, MS; Deda Moore (Chris), Meridian, MS and Nancy Cox (Jimmy), Philadelphia, MS; brother Jack Jenkins (Joan), Keene, TX; and sister Judy Nicholas (Jimmy), Vicksburg, MS. He had nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents J.L. and Mae Jenkins.

A private family graveside farewell at Spring Creek Cemetery will be held at a yet-to-be determined date Remembrance donations can be made in his name to the Shriners' Children's Hospitals, The Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi and/or The American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Dwight L. Jenkins*

November 16, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ *I will always remember when we were kids, Mr Jenkins worked at Brookshires Dairy. Every day after school, Terry and I ate chocolate chip cookies and drank Brookshires lemonade. We also ate lots of Brookshires ice cream. Mr. Jenkins was always so sweet and so nice. Even after all of these years, no matter where or when I ran into Carroll and Mr Jenkins, he always had a smile on his face and never, ever forgot who I was. He always called me by name and asked about my family. I loved Mr Jenkins dearly and am so saddened by his passing. Terry, Bobby and Carroll, please know my prayers are with y'all and so is my love!*
Sysan W Oglesby

Susan W Oglesby - December 24, 2018 at 10:51 AM



We are so sorry to hear about his passing. We always enjoyed seeing you two at Hardees and Wal-Mart. We will miss him. You are in our prayers. Martin and Sandra McKinney

Martin and Sandra McKinney - December 25, 2018 at 08:32 PM



Dwight was a good man and a good friend. It seems that too many of these are going home. Carroll you have my sincere condolences and prayers.

Danny W. Neal, Sr.

Danny Neal - December 29, 2018 at 09:53 AM