



Joshua Jenkins

April 11, 1977 - June 17, 2016

DUBLIN, VA – Joshua Benson Jenkins, 39, of Dublin, VA, formerly of Mercer County, went to be with the Lord on Friday, June 17, 2016 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Born April 11, 1977 at Bluefield, he was the oldest son of John Jenkins and Millie Dyson Jenkins.

Joshua attended Matoaka and PikeView High Schools and was a member of the first graduating class in 1995. After high school, Joshua married the love of his life and best friend, Melissa Midkiff. He then joined the U.S. Air Force which took him and his wife to Grand Forks, ND. In his four years in the Air Force, Joshua excelled and earned many accolades and awards, including the prestigious “Airman of the Year” in 2000. After his service in the Air Force, Joshua and Melissa moved back to West Virginia, where he took a job working at the VA Hospital in Beckley. He loved his work there but was forced to early retirement due to illness. He spent his remaining years focusing on his greatest talents and passions, art and music. He was a brilliant artist and left many exquisite paintings and drawings behind for his family to cherish.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Doug Jenkins; and maternal grandparents, Everett and Gracie Dyson.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife of 18 years, Melissa of Princeton; one brother, Matt of Dublin, VA; his paternal grandmother, Geneva

Jenkins of Princeton; mother-in-law, Cathy Midkiff; brother and sister in law, James and Angie Baldwin; a special niece, Riley; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 20, 2016 at the Cornerstone Church, 809 College Street, Narrows, VA with his father officiating.

A military graveside service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, VA.

The family will receive friends Monday, June 20, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. until service hour at the Cornerstone Church in Narrows, VA. Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Cemetery Details

Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery

Dublin, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Church
809 College Street
Narrows, VA

Funeral Service

JUN 20. 7:30 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Church
809 College Street
Narrows, VA

Graveside Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery
Dublin, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Joshua Jenkins*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Crystal Roberts lit a candle in memory of Joshua Jenkins*



Crystal Roberts - June 30, 2016 at 02:29 PM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Melissa Midkiff - June 22, 2016 at 10:00 PM



“ *Josh was a student and a friend of mine. He was an excellent martial artist and a great example to others. Our small town had limited resources but he was able to complete his black belt certification. Josh was a wonderful person and a positive influence in our world today. He will be missed by My wife and I and we are truly sorry for your loss. Ron and Nellie Bowman*

ron bowman - June 21, 2016 at 07:55 AM

DW

Beautiful tribute last evening to this young man whose life was cut too short. My wife and I had met Josh and Matt on one occasion, but from the celebration of life, I felt I knew the life he lived in his 39 years. Prayers for the family of Josh in the coming days.

*Danny and Helen Wolfe
Pulaski, Va.*

Danny and Helen Wolfe - June 21, 2016 at 09:13 AM

MJ

John and Millie:

So sorry for the loss of your Son, Josh. I met him at Family Worship Center. My thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family in the days ahead.

*Mavis Jones
Pulaski, Va.*

Mavis Jones - June 23, 2016 at 11:45 AM

TG

“ *I remember Josh from school he was a really good guy. My prayers go out to Melissa and his family.*



Todd Graham - June 21, 2016 at 05:39 AM

WB

“ *Boo and Millie, I AM SO SAD TO READ ABOUT YOUR SON JOSH. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. i DON'T HAVE THE WORDS TO EXPRESS MY THOUGHTS. Warren Butt*

Warren butt - June 20, 2016 at 04:25 PM

SK

“ To the Jenkins family, I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts, and prayers. Love, Sis. Stephanie Keen

Stephanie Keen - June 20, 2016 at 04:03 PM

MB

So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this. You are not alone as God is with you. Mike Burnopp

Mike Burnopp - June 20, 2016 at 04:19 PM

JB

Boo and Millie, We are just now hearing of the loss of your precious son, and are so very, very sorry. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God uphold and comfort you during this difficult time. Much love, Jean and Jimmy Blankenship

Jean and Jimmy Blankenship - June 20, 2016 at 10:09 PM

SB

“ As now the days have past since we lost a very dear person. There hasn't been a hour that I haven't thought of a memory of him. Words can't express how bad I feel to know he is gone. Now I have to live with the regret of going so long without a visit or even a phone call. I have so many memories of this great guy. John, Millie, and Matt you will always be in my heart and my memories. My deepest sorrow goes out to all. I won't be able to make it to the services for Josh, and it is hurting so much not to be able to make it. I just hope you all can feel the love coming from Kentucky as my heart is with you all.



Shawn Bailey - June 20, 2016 at 02:04 PM

RP

“ Our love and prayers to each of you during this most difficult time. We know what it is to lose a son. It is not easy, but God is your best refuge
Rubén and Judith in Monterrey, Mx.



Ruben,Judith Perez - June 20, 2016 at 11:33 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Joshua Jenkins.



June 20, 2016 at 09:28 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Joshua Jenkins.



June 20, 2016 at 09:18 AM

RC

“ Ronald & Jennie Cordle lit a candle in memory of Joshua Jenkins



Ronald & Jennie Cordle - June 20, 2016 at 09:05 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joshua Jenkins.*



June 20, 2016 at 08:46 AM



“ *I love you Cuz! I can't wait to see you in heaven.*



Heather - June 20, 2016 at 08:41 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Josh was such a fine young man. He will be missed by all.*

Wanda Mitchem - June 20, 2016 at 07:12 AM



“ *Angie Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Joshua Jenkins*



Angie Baldwin - June 20, 2016 at 06:08 AM

IA

“ Sorry for your loss. Jacob and I are praying for you and your family to find comfort from this tragedy..... we love you john&millie with all of our hearts.

ivy agee - June 19, 2016 at 06:56 PM

KF

“ King Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Joshua Jenkins.



King Family - June 19, 2016 at 05:49 PM

LL

“ We were so sorry to hear about your son. Are thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. May God give you comfort and peace during this tragic time ..Your family was there for us when we needed you and I hope we can do the same ..If you need anything please let us know. Love and prayers, Linda Linkous, The Blankenships, and Fisher Families



Linda Linkous - June 19, 2016 at 01:32 PM

PC

“ Patricia Weise Carter lit a candle in memory of Joshua Jenkins



Patricia wise carter - June 19, 2016 at 12:39 PM

TK

“ John & Millie.....Words cannot begin to express the sorrow of this news today. Sending lots of love & many prayers your way. May God surround you both & the family with comfort, peace & strength during the difficult times ahead.



Terri Keene - June 19, 2016 at 12:00 PM

JB

“ So sorry for you loss. Much Love and Prayers to you and your family. Jean Biggs

Jean Biggs - June 19, 2016 at 08:28 AM

MF

“ So sorry, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Just wanted you to know I care and understand there is no greater hurt for the Mom and Dad

Mary Hodges Fike - June 19, 2016 at 08:09 AM

BS

“ So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Steve and Brenda Smith

Brenda Smith - June 19, 2016 at 07:40 AM

LR

“ Our condolences to all the family of Josh. We remember each one of the family from New Vision Church in Princeton. There are no words we can sufficiently say, except God knows all things. We love you and are praying for you, Louise & Gene Roland

Louise Roland - June 19, 2016 at 05:46 AM

JN

“ *Please except our deepest. We are certain Josh is in a far better place now. Now walls, in place filled with divine beauty, tranquility, & solace.*

Jennifer,donnie, nicholas - June 19, 2016 at 02:53 AM

M<

“ *Melissa <3 lit a candle in memory of Joshua Jenkins*



Melissa <3 - June 19, 2016 at 01:25 AM

BC

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Just remember God takes the very special angels, for a very special reason.*



Brenda Cecil - June 19, 2016 at 12:03 AM

WO

“ *Wilma Odell lit a candle in memory of Joshua Jenkins*



wilma odell - June 18, 2016 at 10:38 PM

WO

“ so sorry for your loss ..loved him ..love hugs and prayers for all

wilma odell - June 18, 2016 at 10:38 PM

SB

“ sharon and jerry blankenship purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joshua Jenkins.



sharon and jerry blankenship - June 18, 2016 at 10:26 PM

MS

“ We're so very sorry for your loss. May God wrap his comforting arms around you and give you peace.

We remember Josh and Jason spending so much time together that we looked upon Josh as another member of the family. He was never treated like company here--he was family. Those days seem very long ago now.

Marty and Carla Shrewsbury - June 18, 2016 at 09:44 PM

AC

“ Amanda (Lester) Cecil lit a candle in memory of Joshua Jenkins



Amanda (Lester) Cecil - June 18, 2016 at 09:17 PM

AB

“ *Arlene And Buddy lit a candle in memory of Joshua Jenkins*



Arlene and Buddy - June 18, 2016 at 07:33 PM

SW

“ *Very sorry for your loss.*



Samuel White - June 18, 2016 at 05:34 PM

PS

“ *My fondest memories of Josh are just playing basketball at his house when he lived by us. He was a good man and will be missed greatly.*



Paul Slone - June 18, 2016 at 05:20 PM



“ *Jenny Coomes lit a candle in memory of Joshua Jenkins*



Jenny Coomes - June 18, 2016 at 05:04 PM

BS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.
Jerry and Bonita Sink

Bonita Sink - June 18, 2016 at 05:00 PM

PP

“ Thoughts and prayers with all of the family.....



Paula (Slone) Peyton - June 18, 2016 at 04:55 PM

HP

“ Heather Phillips lit a candle in memory of
Joshua Jenkins



Heather Phillips - June 18, 2016 at 04:43 PM

MD

“ Michelle and Richard Dillon



michelle dillon - June 18, 2016 at 04:32 PM

MD

“ *Michelle and Richard Dillon*



michelle dillon - June 18, 2016 at 04:31 PM