



William Jenkins Jr.

February 11, 1927 - August 29, 2024

MATOAKA – William Jenkins, Jr., 97, of Matoaka, died Thursday, August 29, 2024. Born February 11, 1927 in Arista, he was the son of the late William Jenkins and Betty Lester Jenkins.

Mr. Jenkins was a veteran of the US Army, serving in the Korean War. He delivered supplies and ammunition to the front line. He was a former coal miner at Kitchekan Fuel Company and later worked for MJ Electric as a delivery driver. He was a proud member of the Ridgeview Church of God. He was a very talented musician and could play any kind of stringed instrument. He enjoyed repairing clocks, building ship models, paint-by-number and gardening. He loved Blue Ridge Parkway and going to the Smokey Mountains.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jenkins; two children, son, Lynn Ferrell and an unborn child, William Andrew/Makayla Florence; and all of his siblings.

Survivors include his daughter, Laina Jenkins of Matoaka. He also leaves behind special friends, Dana Akers, Wayne, L.A. Farmer and Kenneth Hatfield; and a host of special kinfolk, Vivian, Carleena, Brittany, Drenda, Michael, Mike, Josh, Shirley and young Riley, who he had hoped to watch grow up.

Junior hopes to see all of his loved ones and friends in Heaven, where he is now celebrating in the Glory of the Lord.

There will be no services at the funeral home. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Tribute Wall

PL

“ *Uncle Jr was always the highlight of the family reunions. Anytime we were in the Smokies, for as long as I can remember, we always watched for him and Aunt Betty, as they were sure to be there!*
He was dearly loved and will be missed.



Patsy Lawless - September 16, 2024 at 11:29 AM

MI

“ *Bro Jenkins was a kind man. Loved to see him in Church smiling. What a wonderful man of God. May the Lord comfort the family.*

Michele - September 04, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of William Jenkins Jr., give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

*US Army Veteran, William Jenkins Jr., is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†*

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - September 01, 2024 at 07:18 AM

DW

“ *Every time I would see Jr he had a wonderful smile on his face such a great person he will be missed*



Delilah Weise - August 31, 2024 at 08:53 PM

DH

“ So sorry for your loss



Dean Howard - August 31, 2024 at 07:21 PM

HB

“ Heather Bates lit a candle in memory of William Jenkins Jr.



Heather Bates - August 31, 2024 at 07:04 PM

KW

“ Kathy White lit a candle in memory of William Jenkins Jr.



Kathy White - August 31, 2024 at 05:07 PM

DG

“ Debbie Greer sent a virtual gift in memory of William Jenkins Jr.



Debbie Greer - August 31, 2024 at 03:00 PM