



Bernie Harlan Jenkins

June 10, 1934 - April 21, 2012

Bernie Jenkins, age 77, of Bolivar, Missouri, departed this life early Saturday morning, April 21, 2012 at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, Missouri.

Bernie Harlan Jenkins was born June 10, 1934 in Espanola, New Mexico, the son of Perry Jenkins and Georgia (Blevins) Jenkins. Bernies Aunt and Uncle, Bess Schuler and Irvin Schuler, raised him and his sister, Arliss, from a young age.

Bernie enlisted in the United States Army and served during the Korean Conflict. He then earned his Bachelors in Business Administration and Zoology and went to work for the United States Forest Service. He retired from the United States Forest Service as Regional Director of Personnel, Region Nine. After retirement he spent more time casting a line as fishing was his passion -- he could never get enough of it. He also enjoyed cheering on his favorite football team, the Green Bay Packers, and watching basketball. He was known for his spectacular roses -- over one hundred rose bushes of various types. On days that did not permit outside play, Bernie enjoyed reading. Devoted husband, dad, brother and grandpa, Bernie was fiercely loyal and supportive of his family. His straight-forward, no nonsense type of communication meant that good or bad, you always knew where you stood with him. Most importantly and above all, Bernie knew and loved the Lord. He was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church in Bolivar, Missouri.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father, and his aunt and uncle that raised him, Bess and Irvin Schuler.

He is survived by his wife, Cathie Jenkins; daughter; Shelley Jenkins; son, Scott Jenkins and wife Jettie; twin daughters, Melanie Perry and husband John; and Holly Schafer and husband Craig; sister, Arliss Henderson; 10 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, 5 nieces and 1 nephew. All of them will miss Bernie so very much and will forever benefit from his Christian example.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00pm on Friday, April 27, 2012 at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri, with Reverend Billy Russell and Reverend Ray Leininger officiating. Burial will follow at the Eldon City Cemetery in Eldon, Missouri. Pallbearers will be Scott Jenkins, Josh Jenkins, Bryan Jenkins, Michael Jenkins, Nick Savana, and Jarrett Perry.

Visitation will be held from 1:00-2:00pm on Friday afternoon just prior to service time at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, 316 North Main, Bolivar, Missouri, 65613 or the Good Samaritans Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 617, Brighton, Missouri, 65617.

Friends and family may sign the guestbook or leave private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bernie Harlan Jenkins*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Bernie Harlan Jenkins*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Please accept my deepest sympathies. The Jenkins family was a part of my growing up at Brown Deer Baptist Church in Wisconsin. I remember the deacon's gatherings at my grandparents home and all the fun that their group would have together. Mr. Jenkins was a leader in a truly loving, generous church family. His kindness will remain in my memory. I send my love and condolences to the whole Jenkins family. You'll be in my prayers.*

Elyse Ashton - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cathie,*

My sympathy to you and your family. I miss seeing him walking at SBU.

Kathy Drake - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Bernie helped bring me east from Oregon in 1986. I served as the Personnel Officer for the Monongahela National Forest under his Regional leadership. He touched many lives and will be remembered fondly.*

James Hasbrouck - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Your whole family is in our thoughts & prayers. We are sorry for the loss of your husband, dad, & grandpa. May God hold you close & provide the comfort you need.*

*Sincerely,
Dave, Kris, & Ellie Keating*

Dave & Kris Keating - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ *Scott, I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Kimberlyn Norris - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ To Aunt Cathie and all my cousins,

What a blessing Uncle Bernie was to our entire family. I will remember and cherish our summer visits and his "say it like it is" character always! He was the rock that held my mom up just as he was to all of you. I will miss him greatly and keep all of you in my prayers. If there is one man I know without a doubt is in heaven, it's Uncle Bernie. I know he is with Grandma Bess and enjoying every second of heaven. Love you all!

Jill

Jill Althaus - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Kathy our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.*

Jim and Peg Frey - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Kathy our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this time.*

Jim and Peg Frey - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the words in Psalms 46:1 give you hope and comfort.*

Barb & Tom Layton - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ *Our friendship with Bernie goes back several years. He was a wonderful friend, classmate and excellent basketball player for Eldon Mustang in the Early 1950. Blessings to the whole family.*

J.R. and Serena Uber - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *My sympathy goes out to Scott and the rest of his family in the loss of his father.*

Chris Mattes - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM