



Dearel "Dee" Jenkins

May 26, 1929 - February 13, 2017

ADRIAN – Dearel “Dee” E. Jenkins, age 87 of Adrian, passed away Monday, February 13, 2017, at Arbor Hospice in Saline.

He was born May 26, 1929, in Holloway, Michigan, to Carey and Tillie (Kapnick) Jenkins, and graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1946

During the Korean Conflict, he proudly served in the United States Air Force. On May 3, 1954, he married Nancy Howell in Adrian, and they were blessed with over 63 years together.

Dee was the Director of Purchasing for Merillat Industries for 22 years. He then worked in purchasing at American Chain and Cable where he retired in 1991 with 14 years of service. In his retirement Dee continued working at Barrett’s, Braun (now Wagley) Funeral Home, and also as a bank courier. He attended Bethany Assembly Church. Dee’s favorite pastimes included wood carving, wood working, including furniture building, and tending his vegetable garden.

In addition to his wife, Nancy, he is survived by their daughters, Cathy Jenkins of Adrian and Susan (Eugene) Ku-Miklovich of Saline; six grandchildren: Dr. Erica (Jesse) Still, Pastor Christina (Matthew) Ban, Benjamin (Gina) Ku, Coryanna (Bree) Ku, Justin (Abigail) Ku and Diana Ku-Brown; and eleven great grandchildren who lovingly referred to him as Papa Dee Dee.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Duane.

Funeral services will take place at 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 17, 2017, at

Bethany Assembly Church with Pastor Ron Sparks officiating. Burial will follow at Lenawee Hills Memorial Park in Adrian with military honors conducted by VFW Annis Fint Post #1584 and American Legion Post #97. Visitation will be held Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home.

Contributions in memory of Dee are suggested to Christian Mission, Arbor Hospice at Saline or Lenawee Humane Society. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Lenawee Hills Memorial Park

1291 Wolf Creek Hwy.
Adrian, MI 49221

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethany Assembly of God
2045 East US 223
Adrian, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Dearel "Dee" Jenkins*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Our hearts are sad at the Home-going of your dear husband! You have been in our prayers, and will continue to be. May God bless you with His perfect peace and comfort in the days and weeks ahead, and give you the strength to carry on. We love you, and are so very sorry. Love and prayers, Dave & Damaris Thompson*

Damaris Thompson - February 17, 2017 at 10:18 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire Family for this loss. Dearel was a great person. I always enjoyed visiting with him and discussing various world issues. May his memory be eternal. May his Soul rest in Peace. Hugs and Prayers.*

Dr. Inad and Liliane Haddad

Inad Haddad - February 16, 2017 at 03:43 PM



“ *We learned to know and love Dee and Nancy through my in laws, George and Alice Mills. My mother-in-law just recently told us what a great man Dee was. I am sure that his loss will be grieved and yet his life celebrated. Our prayers are with you.*

Dave & Linda Draper

David E Draper - February 16, 2017 at 03:34 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dearel "Dee" Jenkins.



February 15, 2017 at 10:46 PM



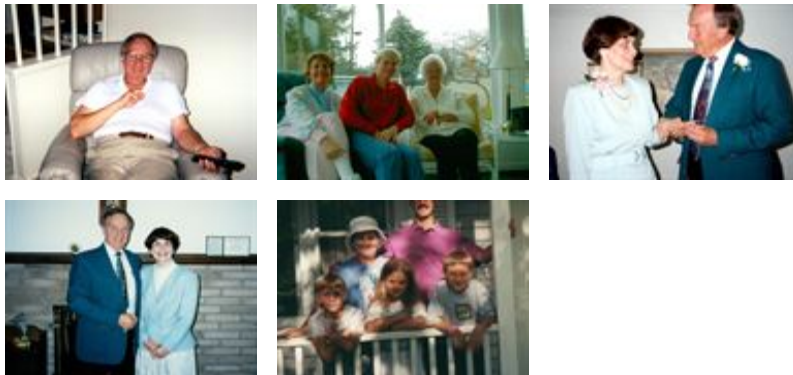
“ Alison Hunt lit a candle in memory of Dearel "Dee" Jenkins



Alison Hunt - February 15, 2017 at 09:38 PM



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Wagley Funeral Home - February 15, 2017 at 04:02 PM

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“ Nancy and family, I consider it such a privilege to have known Dee! He was such a bright spot in my Sunday mornings as we always shared a warm hug. What a blessing he was to all around him. He is surely making the angels smile just as he did me! Thank you for sharing his life with all of us...I look forward to our next hug in heaven! Love and blessings to you all.
Joy Garrow

Joy Garrow - February 14, 2017 at 12:10 PM