



## Donald Eugene Jenkins Sr.

December 8, 1926 - February 19, 2021

ADRIAN – Donald E. Jenkins Sr. of Adrian, Michigan passed away peacefully in his home on February 19th, 2021 at the age of 94.

Don married Donna in the 1940's, they had two children, and although they divorced in the late 60's they remained lifelong best friends and neither remarried.

Don proudly served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946. After serving his country, he worked for his father's business - Jenkins Station.

Don had a knack for fixing things, especially cars; it explains why he enjoyed his many years working for Napa Auto & Paint Supply where he later retired.

Throughout his life he was a loyal and hard worker who provided endless love and support for his family. He enjoyed motorcycle rides, early morning breakfasts with others, watching old westerns and a variety of music. Most days you would find him helping others; family, friends, neighbors and strangers. Over the years, his only indulgence has been early morning breakfasts or multiple cups of coffee & friendly chats to customers at his local favorites which included Tip Top, Main Stop, and Alpha's Koney Island.

Don is preceded in death by his mother - Dorothy & father - William Jenkins,

two brothers - Pinkie (Robert) and Bill Jr., his late wife Donna Jenkins, a daughter - Penny Jenkins and a great grandson - Zachary.

He is survived by a son, Donald Jenkins Jr., 4 granddaughters, Shayna Smith (Phil Smith) in Great Britain, Erica Gordon of Adrian, Amber Lam (Mike Lam) of Boston, MA and Carrie Powell of Jackson, MI, 6 great grandkids Chassie Tibai, Kayla Tiede, Andrew, Jeffrey, Cassie and Katie and 12 great-great grandchildren.

He lived a long life of selfless devotion to family and being kind to others. He is admired, forever loved and a hero to his grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

The family would like to say a special & heartfelt thank you to Alpha Koney Island for their above and beyond service, friendship and time that they extended to our grandpa over the years.

The family would also like to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to Hospice of Lenawee and Visiting Angels! With your help our family was able to give our grandpa his final wish, to be at home.

A graveside interment service will be held for family & friends on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. at Hunt Cemetery with Pastor Larry Betz officiating. Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian has been entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of Lenawee or the Visiting Angels Foundation. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hunt Cemetery

East Gorman Road  
Lenawee County, MI

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 5. 11:30 AM (ET)

Hunt Cemetery  
East Gorman Road  
Lenawee County, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Eugene Jenkins Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Wishing you comfort and peace  
Sandra Miller (Hill)*

sandra miller - March 25, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ *Loved visiting with Donnie at Alpha Koney Restaurant in Adrian for  
breakfast. He always had a smile and good words to share. Have  
missed seeing him. Sending sincere condolences to the family. He  
was one in a million.*

David Guldin - March 09, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ *He will be missed for ever ,has been a great friend for over twenty  
years always willing to help and never too busy ,did work on his  
home for him and he was always a great man ,will miss you for ever  
Don ,sorry to have lost a great man as your self R I P*

benjamin j moran - February 24, 2021 at 10:12 AM



“ *Donny and Amber, sorry for your loss. We  
think of you often Maria, Ashley and Lucas  
Leonard*



Maria Jaimes - February 24, 2021 at 05:53 AM

BB

“ Unfortunately had not seen him for awhile; but truly enjoyed conversations with him during breakfast at his favorite restaurants. He had that infectious smile, and kind words for everyone! He will be missed.



Barb Blumenauer - February 23, 2021 at 07:47 PM

GS

“ Gretchen Streussnig lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Jenkins Sr.



Gretchen Streussnig - February 23, 2021 at 06:49 PM

GS

“ Condolences to Erica, Shayna and all of Don's remaining family. He was always kind, pleasant and friendly. Never a word of complaining. He was always a bright spot in the day. I know you all have so many wonderful memories of him and stories to tell. Peace to you all. Erica, remember all you did to make his time at home special.

Gretchen Streussnig - February 23, 2021 at 06:48 PM

 Chad Ehinger

“ Don sorry to hear about the loss of your father. He was a very understanding man with you and me raising hell together. I'm back home on Sharp if you need any thing give me a shout 517 759 0444 or the old number 265 6086. Chad

Chad Ehinger - February 23, 2021 at 11:22 AM

RB

“ I can still recall when the Jenkins family moved in next door to us. Over the years, they became more than just neighbors, they became part of our family. Don was always friendly, helpful and kind. He would spend hours on the front porch with my mom, drinking coffee and telling stories. They would keep each other company in the best of times and the worst. His friendship with my mom really meant a lot to me and I appreciated him watching over her. He was a staple of the neighborhood and loved by all who knew him.

To Erica, Thank You! For taking care of him, being there for him and looking up to him all these years. He loved you so much. You made him very proud.

Rest in peace Don! I know you and my mom are swinging on a porch right now, watching over us, drinking coffee and telling stories.

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**Russ Burns** - February 23, 2021 at 08:56 AM

LR

“ Donny always had a ear to listen and time to hear. Great amount on knowledge to share especially automotive, but the conversation would always end up talking about earlier times. I enjoyed seeing him, his smile and his signature pickup the green and white GMC.

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**Lou Rockwood** - February 22, 2021 at 08:05 PM

MG

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Marjorie Gary** - February 22, 2021 at 03:35 PM

PF

“ I thought I posted this but here goes again. Don was a very nice and kind man. A big thank you Erica for taking care of your grandpa so he could be at home. Also a Big thank you Cody for helping to carry out Don's body! A full circle I used to work for Donna my grandson and Erica have a daughter Kayla.RIP Don Hugs to you Grandma Pat

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**Pat Fuller** - February 22, 2021 at 12:56 PM

BS

“ I am sending prayers for the family . I had the privilege of being associated with this family. We all grew up in Adrian Michigan knowing the Jenkins family was special and served the community wholeheartedly. I frequently stop at bill jenkins along with family and friends when it was located on the corner beecher and treat st. Also worked for pinky Jenkins and don kiest at the bowling alley on college Ave. Good people. Always looking out to make Adrian Michigan one of the best places to live. God bless the Jenkins family . 🙏 to each and everyone.

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**Bonnie Clement Summerford** - February 22, 2021 at 10:56 AM

CN

“ *Erica and Family, My heart is breaking for you and your family. Donnie was a friend for so many years and I, along with so many others, will miss him so much. You took care of him for so many years and I'm sure he was so appreciative. A good and gentle soul has left this world and we are grateful to have known him. Carolyn Noel*

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**Carolyn & David Noel** - February 22, 2021 at 10:07 AM