



Henry Vance Jenkins Sr

February 25, 1934 - March 5, 2017

Henry Vance Jenkins, Sr., 83, of Mint Hill, died surrounded by family and friends on Sunday, March 5, 2017, at the Novant Medical Center in Matthews, NC.

Henry was born in Union County on February 25, 1934, the third of twelve children born to Dexter Wilford and Eliza Haney Jenkins, who owned and ran a farm. After graduating from Marshville High School, Henry enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1953 during the Korean Conflict. He spent most of his four year tour of duty at sea, where he saw action at the Suez Canal and enjoyed seeing the many ports of the world. On July 14, 1956, he married Shirley Ann Helms and they moved to Mecklenburg shortly after he was discharged in 1957. They bought their house in Mint Hill in 1961 and have been there ever since.

Upon his discharge in 1957, Henry went to work for Johnson Motor Lines where he was a Long Line Supervisor for 23 years and one of the last employees to work until the end when Johnson shut down in 1980. In 1982, Henry went to work for Watkins Motor Lines. Watkins had purchased the old Johnson Motor Lines office building and ironically, Henry returned to the same office, desk and chair he had occupied while employed with Johnson. He loved his job so much that in addition to the 23 years he spent with Johnson, he added another 25 years with Watkins before retiring in 2007.

A natural athlete, Henry enjoyed many sports. He did not care which sport was "in season" as he was active year round in fishing, bowling, golfing,

horseshoes and horseback riding. He not only enjoyed these activities, he excelled at them. As a member of the Johnson Motor Lines bowling team, he almost bowled a three hundred game, throwing 10 straight strikes only to pick up the spare on his last ball. In golf, while competing in a tournament for the blind, he teed off on the 18th hole. As his team approached the green, they could not see his ball. It was then that the ladies operating the scoring table near the green confirmed that he had in fact hit a 200 yard 5 iron for a “hole in one”!

Most of all, Henry had a desire to live life to the fullest and his life of service showed brightly in many areas. He served his employer and those he supervised faithfully for over 48 years. He served his country and all of its citizens in the USMC. He served his church family. But most of all, Henry served his friends and family by being an incredible son, father, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend. He will truly be missed by all those who were blessed to know this incredible man.

He is survived by his five children: Vanessa Robinette (husband Rick) of Charlotte, Henry Jenkins Jr. (wife Lisa) of Southport, NC; Gregory Jenkins of Charlotte; Todd Jenkins (wife Kelly) of Fuquay Varina, NC; and Christopher Jenkins of Oak Island, NC. He is also survived by grandchildren: Ashley DiPalma (husband Austen), Kyle Robinette, Holly Jenkins Coates (husband Justin), Lindsey Jenkins, Daniel Jenkins, Kristen Burke (husband Dan), Brooke Bajak (husband Artur), and Garrett Jenkins. Henry was a dear great grandfather to Brittany Shaw, Kaleb Coates, Hunter Jenkins, Abigail Jenkins, Taylor Jenkins, Miller Burke, Ryley Bajak and Alexandria Noel Coates. One of twelve children, Henry is also survived by his siblings: Bert Haigler, Troy (wife Joyce) Jenkins, Pat (husband Floyd) Haigler, Earl (wife Vivian) Jenkins, Nelson (wife Patti) Jenkins, Diane (husband Bill) Glassberg and Cathy (husband Buster) Faile. Henry is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Shirley, in October of 2016, as well as his parents and siblings Graham Jenkins, Jane Helms, Ray Jenkins and Alice Purser.

A service to honor the life, love and blessing of Henry led by Pastor Matthew Broadway will be held at noon on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at Dulin's Grove Church, 11200 Arlington Church Road, Charlotte, NC 28227. The family will receive friends for visitation at the church from 11 am until the time of service. Following his request and honoring his love for his wife and the sea, Henry's cremated remains will be scattered on the water near Frying Pan Tower off Oak Island.

In lieu of flowers, Henry's family respectfully requests any memorials be made to either the Dulin's Grove Church Kitchen Fund in care of the address listed above or to any charity of personal choice.

Henry's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of caring for them. Please take a moment to share a memory, photo, video or condolence on his Tribute Wall.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

MAR 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dulins Grove Advent Christian Church
11200 Arlington Church Road
Charlotte, NC 28227
matthewbroadway@gmail.com
<http://dulinsgrovechurch.org/thebody/>

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

Dulins Grove Advent Christian Church
11200 Arlington Church Road
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Tribute Wall



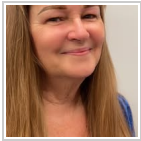
“ *Henry Vance Jenkins Sr*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Henry Vance Jenkins Sr*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *I worked with Henry at Watkins Motor Lines he was an awesome man. I will never forget Henry a true gentleman.*

Sheral Brewer - February 16, 2020 at 04:28 PM

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“ To the Jenkins' Family:

We were so saddened today to hear and verify the passing of Henry, Sr. We were also filled with grief when we heard of Shirley's passing. We know it is difficult for everyone to be contacted at such a heart wrenching time. So please accept our belated condolences. We had the greatest pleasure being your neighbors for so many years. Henry and Shirley were always patient with all the teens who hung out at their home. We generally knew if Gary wasn't home we could find him with Henry, Jr. One particular memory I have from when I was a little girl was when I was sent to tell Gary supper was ready. When I stepped into the Jenkins' kitchen the boys were putting their spit shined shoes into the oven. Oh, those days of the Drum and Bugle Corps! We will hold you in our thoughts and prayers during future times! May the Lord bless you with the fond memories of your Mom and Dad and may you be comforted by their expressions of love!

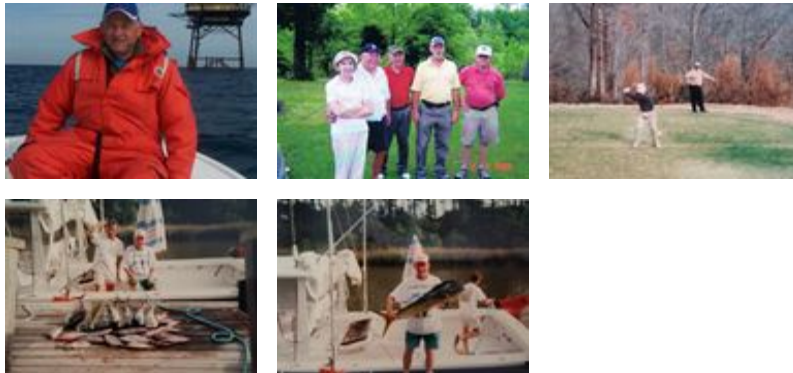


*In His Never Ending Love,
Louise, Eddy, Danny, Gary and Lori Lands*

Lori Nash - October 03, 2017 at 10:31 PM



“ 114 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - March 09, 2017 at 07:50 AM



“ Henry was a wonderful man. I worked with him on Johnson Motor Line for 17 years. Henry and I went to quite a few basketball games supporting the Davidson basketball team at the old Charlotte Coliseum. Henry and I both loved sports. I am sending out prayers to the family.
-Kenneth Goodson

Michael Neddo - March 08, 2017 at 01:22 PM

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“ Vanessa, I'm praying for you and your family. I know how hard it is to lose your parents. God bless you all!

Karen Ostrea - March 07, 2017 at 06:11 PM



“ Henry was an awesome Great Uncle. Always enjoyed visiting and talking with him and Shirley. I will miss him and talking with him about sports and fishing.

Cory Broome - March 07, 2017 at 02:53 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss; we had never met Henry but Earl and Nelson spoke so fondly of him that we feel like we knew him. We are praying for the family. Morris and Carlene Holmes. Johnston SC

Morris and Carlene Holmes - March 07, 2017 at 02:11 PM

RS

“ *Ronnie and June Starnes purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Henry Vance Jenkins Sr.*



Ronnie and June Starnes - March 07, 2017 at 09:10 AM