



## William Jenkins Jr.

September 30, 1932 - May 24, 2021

William Jenkins, Jr., was born Friday, September 30, 1932. He left this earth to be with the Lord on Monday morning, May 24, 2021, at Christiana Care Hospital, in Newark, Delaware.

During his early years, William lived with his family in Goochland, Virginia, and graduated from Goochland Central High School. He then went on to the National Business College in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 1952, William began his service in the United States Air Force and served his country from December 1952 to January 1973. During the course of his military career, with family in hand, William traveled to many places in the United States and overseas. He was a driven man, knowing every aspect of every vehicle and plane inside and out, and received numerous certifications and honors as a Manager of Transportation . Later, he became an air cargo specialist and continued in that role until he retired. He received special security clearance: Secret fourth OSI District, Washington, D.C. William served in both The Korean and Vietnam Wars.

William finally retired from the Military in 1973, which brought him and his family to Dover, Delaware, but he did not stop there. He went on to work for the International Playtex Cooperation until he retired as a Supervisor in 1994.

William, as you can see, was devoted to every task he took on. He was a devoted son, husband, brother, friend, grandfather, great-grandfather and the greatest father. He was also a devout Christian and that was a constant throughout his entire life. He was a deacon at Dover Christian Church, where he and his wife, Mary are members.

William loved history and was proud to support and become a lifetime member of The Tuskegee Airmen Foundation.

William was preceded in death by his parents, William and Helen Jenkins; and brothers, Clarence and Larry Jenkins.

Williams leaves to cherish his memories, wife Mary E. Jenkins; his children, Dawn O'Reily, Okemah Strickland (William), Brenda Oeller (Wayne) and Jacqueline J. Eubanks (Richard); grandchildren, Amber Caldararo, Aundrea Jenkins, Ashley Oeller, Shaun Strickland (Amy), Justin Stickland (Holly), Erin Fortney (Ted), Madison B. Eubanks (Brylle) and Payton A. Eubanks; great-grandchildren, Skye Hanna, Hailey Smally, Jasmine Caldararo, Mayumi Fortney, Maddox Pookongma, Brinnley and Berkley Stickland and Camille M. and Emmy Strickland; and sisters in-law, Ruby Yancy and Edna Jenkins and a few nieces and nephews. William lived a long, love-filled life, surrounded by a family that loved him more than life itself.

# Cemetery Details

## Delaware Veterans Cemetery (Bear)

Bear, DE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wyoming U. M. Church  
216 Wyoming Mill Road  
Dover, DE 19904

## Interment

JUN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Delaware Veterans Cemetery (Bear)  
Bear, DE

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - June 02, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of William Jenkins Jr..*



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June 02, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Jenkins Jr..*



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May 30, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *We would like to express our sorrow and condolences to you and your family. We hold you close in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy, Mary Louise and Family*

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**Mary Day** - May 27, 2021 at 10:11 PM

JC

“ Our hearts go out to you and your family. For your loss. Prayers to the family.



Janet+Dewitt Couden - May 26, 2021 at 11:53 AM

PB

Deepest Sympathies to Mary Jenkins wife, and daughters. Mr William Jenkins a brave soldier served his country, RIP. Proud to have known you ❤️

Penelope Barsky - May 29, 2021 at 08:00 PM

JE

I LOVE YOU DADDY, ALWAYS AND FOREVER! JAY

Jacquie Eubanks - June 02, 2021 at 08:48 PM

EM

My deepest Sympathy to Mary and all the Jenkins Family. I remember Bill as a great , compassionate person 💕💕 May he RIP ❤️

Elisabeth McGuire - June 03, 2021 at 10:40 AM