



John Roland Jenkins

November 11, 1935 - February 16, 2020

John Roland Jenkins, age 84, formerly of Decatur, AL, passed away on Sunday, February 16, 2020, at his residence in Atlanta, GA. A graveside service will be held on Friday, February 21, 2020, 2:00 p.m. at Roselawn Cemetery with Otto Woods officiating, and Shelton Funeral Home directing. Following service, the family will receive friends and family at Jay Landings Marina, 1600 Highway 20, Decatur, AL 35601.

Mr. Jenkins, the only son of Almon Jenkins and Annie Lee Cagle Jenkins, was born November 11, 1935. Known as Poppy to his children and grandchildren, John was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. John leaves behind his wife of 60 years, Glenda Brooks Jenkins; and his children: Jan Jenkins Huber (Merritt), Joel David Jenkins (Elizabeth), and Johanna Jenkins Czarnecki (Jeff). John was preceded in death by his son, John "Jay" Jenkins, Jr. Poppy will be missed by his beloved grandchildren Merritt Huber, Blake Huber, Caroline Jenkins, Reid Jenkins, Jay Czarnecki, and Annabelle Czarnecki.

John owned and operated Valley Steel Construction, Valley Crane Service, Valley Fabricating, and Keystone Laboratories. He also had an abundance of interests including an affinity for vintage cars. His favorites included a 1935 Studebaker which he restored himself. John loved being outdoors gardening at home and on his farm. He was a boating junkie who enjoyed spending time on the river with his family. An aficionado of all power tools, he was a master

mechanic and could repair or build anything. John also enjoyed cooking but declined to share his recipes which he claimed came from an old Native American chief.

John attended Auburn University and was a loyal fan; however, as a lifelong learner, he was able to temporarily change teams when his son, Joel, inspired him to apply to the New College at The University of Alabama. He was accepted, and studied creative writing. He impressed his professors with his humor and oddball creativity. They were, however, less impressed with his spelling.

In his later years, John moved with his wife, Glenda, to Atlanta. He expressed that he was moving solely to see more of his grandchildren. He might have gotten more than he bargained for as he spent the next few years attending untold numbers of chorus concerts, recitals, school and church plays, track meets, swim meets, softball, lacrosse, football, basketball and baseball games, grandparents' days, and birthday parties. At every event, his grandchildren were thrilled that he was there. John displayed daily his Christian beliefs, always demonstrating patience, gentleness, and generosity. A wise man, he was slow to speak and slow to anger. He was very loved and will be warmly welcomed into Heaven by his son, Jay, and Jesus.

Memorial donations may be made to Alabama Sheriff's Youth Ranch or to your favorite charity.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Such wonderful memories of our families at church and holidays! Blessed to have known him.* ”



Nancy Pyron - February 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Glenda, Jim and I would like to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family in your loss of Roland. I think of you often. Our prayers are with you always. Sherry* ”



Sherry and Jim Tunstill - February 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I have many fond memories of Roland and his family in the early days of FBC. May God bless you Glenda and your family as you go through this time of grief.* ”



Bobby Johnson and wife Hazel (deceased) - February 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Glenda and children, I'm so sorry to hear of Roland's passing. I remember all of you fondly from First Bible. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. I know you'll miss him greatly. I know Jay is glad to have his Dad with him again as is Jesus.



Susan Gazaway D'Antoni - February 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM



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February 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM



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“ *Glenda, our love and deepest sympathy to you and the family in the loss of Roland. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love you so much. Cousin Kammy*



Kathryn Fleming - February 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM