



Merriell Jenkins

March 16, 1941 - May 15, 2020

Mr. Jessie Merriell Jenkins of Tyrone, Georgia passed away on May 15, 2020. Merriell was the co-owner of Bradley's Big Buy in Palmetto, GA for many years. Merriell is survived by his wife of 55 years, Carolyn Ward Jenkins; daughters, Camille Jenkins Russo of Savannah, GA and Rebecca Jenkins Neel of Griffin; sisters, Patricia Barnes and her husband Bobby of Palmetto, Janice Grace and her husband Richard of Palmetto; grandchildren, Drake Neel, Maddie Neel, Elizabeth Neel, Lindsay Neel, Emily Neel. He was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Jo Bentley. A graveside service will be held Sunday, May 17 at 3 o'clock at Holly Hill Memorial Park with Dr. Jimmy Orr officiating. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Southwest Christian Care, 7225 Lester Road, Union City, GA 30291. Those wishing may sign the on line guest registry at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. A reception will be held after the graveside service at Merriell and Carolyn's home in Tyrone.

Cemetery Details

Holly Hill Memorial Park

359 W. Broad Street
Fairburn, GA

Previous Events

Graveside

MAY 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Fairburn, GA

Tribute Wall

SK

“ I worked with Merrill at Bradley’s when I was a teenager. He kept me laughing all the time. He was serious too. But he was great to work with.

Stephen Kearns - August 25, 2025 at 03:33 PM

SG

“ Merrill was one of the kindest individuals I ever met. He always made you feel good about yourself. I got to catch up with him when we were visiting my cousin Ray Milam. He was just as kind and thoughtful then as I remembered from the past. Praying for his family as they face the days ahead . I am a better person for knowing Merrill.

Sandra Hand Gooch

Sandra Gooch - May 23, 2020 at 09:41 AM

PE

“ We were so saddened to hear about Merrill’s passing. We still love our PBC family.

Pam and Jim Emerson - May 19, 2020 at 07:50 PM

LB

“ Linda And Randy Brown lit a candle in memory of Merriell Jenkins



Linda and Randy Brown - May 19, 2020 at 09:07 AM

NH

“ Carolyn I'm so sorry for your loss. He was such a special man. Daddy loved him so much. I can still here them laughing at the store. I think they are together right now laughing about some crazy story and mother is right there with them telling some off colored joke. Merriel has been a part of my family for a long time and he will be missed. I am so sorry I couldn't come to the service but my husband's health is not good and I was too afraid. God bless your family. Love you so much!!! Miss our carpooling days with mother!!! Never a dull moment. Wonderful memories with both of ya'!!!! ❤️🙏

Nancy Bradley Harp - May 18, 2020 at 11:20 PM

JL

“ Yall are in my thoughts & Prayers ! I've been knowing Merle since I was a little girl, many years ! He always had the Sweetest smile ! 💔🙏

June Minix Long - May 18, 2020 at 10:44 PM

LH

“ We truly treasure the opportunity to know and share time with Merriell Jenkins. God blessed us all with his life and laughter. Although we were unable to come for the service, we shared memories of a Godly life. Prayers continue for all of the family. James & Lynette Harper

Lynette Harper - May 18, 2020 at 07:14 PM

TR

“ We lived next door to him in the late 60's and early 70's. I would see him sometimes in the woods when he was working his cows. He always had a good story to tell. I know he will be missed. Tony Roberts

Tony Roberts - May 18, 2020 at 06:11 PM

SC

“ *Mr.Merriell was great friends with of Cotton and Joyce Coggin for 60 yrs Mom worked with Merriel for 8 years after I had the privilege of working with Merriel ,My first day he sent me to fetch the shelf Stretchers , I found out the hard way the man loved pulling pranks .Merrill was blessed beautiful wife ,house on 29 still beautiful place ,horses we rode on I85 when it was dirt I saw Merriel about 3 years ago ,sharpened his mower blades at Jack Peeks RIH my friend*

Sam Coggin - May 18, 2020 at 11:14 AM

BW

“ *One of the most friendly people anyone would wish to meet. Merrill brought laughter to all of us as we were together. The "Senior Adult" trips and gatherings were all made better because of Merrill Jenkins. His love and devotion for Carol was an inspiration to all of us. Thank you Jesus for Merrill Jenkins. God bless and strengthen the family.
Love to you.*

Buddy Waldron - May 18, 2020 at 09:26 AM

SC

“ *Southwest Christian Care lit a candle in memory of Merriell Jenkins*



Southwest Christian Care - May 18, 2020 at 08:44 AM

LB

“ *Merriell Jenkins was a Mensch. Mensch (Yiddish: מענטש mentsh, cognate with the German word Mensch meaning a "human being") means "a person of integrity and honor". ... According to Leo Rosten, the Yiddish maven and author of The Joys of Yiddish, a "mensch" is "someone to admire and emulate, someone of noble character. Merriell devoted his life to others. Family, friends, customers, even strangers. He was a part of my life since very early on. He was an overall great guy. The scores of folks who showed up to the graveside service was proof of that. To Carolyn and the family, Queen Elizabeth II once said "Grief is the price we pay for love." Merriell was much loved by so many. A man to emulate. We love you all. See you at Golden's. - Lynn and Nancy Bradley*

Lynn Bradley - May 18, 2020 at 08:22 AM

AB

“ *What a sweet, sweet tribute to my Uncle Merriell today. So many memories shared. What a loving Uncle he has been. He was only 15 when I was born into this world. Aunt Carolyn, Camille, Bec, Drake, Maddie, Elizabeth, Emily and Lindsay; Uncle Merriell will always be looking over us. Angela*

Angela Bentley - May 17, 2020 at 08:52 PM

JR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr Merrill's family. Rusty and. I were sorry to hear this sad news. He was a wonderful kind man I enjoyed working with him at Bradley's He was a HOOT!!!! We shall miss him Joni" Lou" Rusty. Ross*



joni ross - May 17, 2020 at 07:24 PM

 Sandy Burdette

“ Prayers for family and friends of this sweet man!



Sandy Burdette - May 17, 2020 at 06:42 PM

SJ

“ Our sincere condolences to the Jenkins family.

Steve Justice - May 17, 2020 at 06:41 PM

KR

“ Kim Roley lit a candle in memory of Merriell Jenkins



Kim Roley - May 17, 2020 at 06:21 PM

KR

With love and a smile 💙🌸

Kim Roley - May 17, 2020 at 06:22 PM

KR

“ Our deepest sorrow at the passing of Mr Merriell, he was a lovely, kind and humorous man.....thinking of all the family at this time and remembering him with love and a smile xxx💙🙏🙏

Kim Roley - May 17, 2020 at 06:19 PM

RT

“ My best memories of Merriell are his smile and cheerful greeting, " Hello, Becca", as we met in the halls at church. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with Carolyn and his family.



Rebecca Thompson - May 17, 2020 at 03:51 PM

DM

“ To the Jenkins family, Merriell was always very kind to my family and me. I know he will be missed by so many. I pray God gives the family peace and comfort as only He can at this time. My God richly bless. --- Dr. Gene Minix

Dr. Gene Minix - May 17, 2020 at 02:31 PM

WB

“ Dear Family,
I was sad to hear about Merriell's passing. He was always such a friendly man. He is going to be missed by so many people. My thoughts & prayers are with all of you during this difficult time!
Thoughtfully,
Wanda A. Bearden



wanda Annabelle Bearden - May 17, 2020 at 11:48 AM

MJ

“ Merriell Jenkins was a remarkable man. He was like the early morning sunshine all his life. We think he even beat the sunrise up every morning. Merirell never met a stranger and was a constant man of enthusiastic action. He was happy, kind, brave, clean, gracious, reverent, and, just a plain joy to be around. Heaven got "a new spark of sunlight" with Merriell's entry.

I thank God for Meriell's life with us.

Murray D. Bradley, Jr.

Murray D. Bradley, Jr. - May 17, 2020 at 10:03 AM

LH

“ Merrell was a true family man. I met him many years ago at Clifondale elementary school play ground palmetto was playing Clifondale in Sunday afternoon football. Carolyn words cannot ease the pain of your loss but God never puts more on us than we can barely. My thoughts and prayers for you and your family. Lawrence Harmon

Lawrence Harmon - May 17, 2020 at 08:23 AM

JL

“ On Friday Heaven gained a wonderful addition to God's angels! Carolyn and family, there is just no way to tell you how much Merriell and his family meant to Everette and I during our time at PBC. He was always one I looked forward to seeing come into the office at Palmetto Baptist Church! I knew I would be laughing by the time he left, if not before! He was always the same no matter where you saw him. I loved his joking spirit he had with Jerry Watson and Ronald Stover, always pulling something on them! He always called me, "Judy at the church," and my name for him was, "Merriell on the farm!" What a joy it was to have been privileged to know him and his family! We did not see this in time to be at his service, but we will be holding all of you in our prayers! He will be truly missed by both of us! May you have comfort in knowing God gave you many more years with him after his kidney surgery, and he is watching out for you all from Heaven now!



Judy Long - May 17, 2020 at 07:28 AM

SW

“ I shopped at Bradleys over the 27 years that I lived in Coweta county. Mr. Jenkins' store has a homey atmosphere and the friendliest staff of any store I have patronized. I am praying for the entire Jenkins family and sending my deepest sympathy.

Susan Weegar - May 17, 2020 at 04:48 AM

RK

“ Thank you for loving our son. For showing him, “the proper way how to shake a real man’s hand” and never leaving Mac without a smile and a hug. He will cherish his memories of you all of his days. A legend in his eyes and ours. Thank you for always making me smile and Cameron laugh. You will be dearly missed. We love you and will forever cherish the memories.
-Rachel

Rachel Kearns - May 16, 2020 at 10:23 PM

LN

“ Lee & Pat Norton lit a candle in memory of Merriell Jenkins



Lee & Pat Norton - May 16, 2020 at 10:00 PM

BA

“ A wonderful man! He loved his family so much! And he loved our Lord. I’ll always remember him with a smile. Thoughts and prayers to the family although I know they’re grieving because they miss him but I know, they know, he is with the Lord. What blessed hope we have in Jesus!! 🙏❤️

Barbara Aldredge - May 16, 2020 at 09:14 PM

BF

“ Super nice person. Always friendly. My condolences to family and friends.

Bobby Fronebarger - May 16, 2020 at 09:10 PM

JJ

“ I meet Merriell in 1976 when I moved to Palmetto and he was one of the nicest men that I met there. Always had a smile. I know he will be missed by many. My prayers for Carolyn and family. May God Bless.

John Joiner - May 16, 2020 at 08:28 PM

M(

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Marian Dudash (Lassetter) - May 16, 2020 at 07:48 PM

SW

“ Hope it soothes your soul to know that life's final journey leads to the grace and beauty that wait for us in Heaven. With Sympathy in the loss of your loved one.



sue bradberry wenger - May 16, 2020 at 06:21 PM

JS

“ Not enough room to share all the wonderful memories I have of my best friend. The school patrol trip to Washington is the first and sitting together at Joe Turner's funeral and sharing stories only we would know was the last.
Between those dates were memories of trips to Georgia football games, rabbit hunting in South Georgia. Some really great hours of laughter and story telling.then best man at each others wedding. I'm unable to travel to the service but please know my heart is broken but I rejoice in the knowledge he is with our heavenly Father. Sleep on my brother sleep on until we shake hands once again.

Johnny Smith - May 16, 2020 at 05:41 PM

MC

“ We are so sorry for your loss.
Prayers for his family!



Mike and Donna Clark - May 16, 2020 at 05:19 PM

HM

“ Graduated High School with Merrill.
He was the kind of man you could always count on to do the right thing....
A truly Great American. !

H. Grady Mullis - May 16, 2020 at 05:07 PM

MF

“ *What a lovely human being he was. The world has lost a treasure. My deepest sympathy to all his family.*



Margaret Worley Ferguson - May 16, 2020 at 04:41 PM

DM

Prayers for his family and friends. He was a good man. May he rest in peace 🍷

Debra Mason - May 16, 2020 at 05:24 PM

GB

“ *Merrill was the Best training union teacher we ever had at Palmetto Baptist years ago. I remember we would hang on to every word he spoke. He truly was a good man. He always called my Mama Smitty and all her little Smitty's. He will be so missed but God did get a wonderful Angel. My prayers for you Carolyn and your girls.* Gail Smith Brazier

Gail Smith Brazier - May 16, 2020 at 04:01 PM

JL

Merrill was a wonderful man, and he will be missed by all of our area. My heart goes out to all of the family. God only takes the best, and he took another Angel home. Joey Smith Lloyd.

Joey-Smith - Lloyd - May 16, 2020 at 04:39 PM

DS

“ *Merriell was not only my boss for many years he was a true friend. He was the best example of what a Christian should be. I will always cherish the memories, stories and lessons learned from him. God bless the family.*

david smith - May 16, 2020 at 03:46 PM

CT

“ *Mr. Jenkins was one of my very favorite patients. I always looked forward to seeing his smiling face & yes he was always smiling even if he was there for surgery or radiation. He will be missed tremendously! I am so sorry for your families loss.*
Carrie Tatum (Dave Tatum)

Carrie Corbitt Tatum - May 16, 2020 at 03:36 PM

BA

“ *Bill & Margaret Arrington lit a candle in memory of Merriell Jenkins*



Bill & Margaret Arrington - May 16, 2020 at 03:16 PM

JP

“ *Carolyn,*

Mr. Merriell was one of the finest Gentleman I have ever met. The time he took with our daughter Courtney when she was small will forever be etched in my memory. I will be praying for you and your girls, you have lost a wonderful man but heaven has gained a Saint. One day we will see him again,

Jeff Peek

Jeff Peek - May 16, 2020 at 02:18 PM

MW

Knew Merrill all his life remember he would bring food to family,s that had a death in their family,s great guy

Marvin wilson - May 16, 2020 at 02:51 PM

RW

Merriell was one of the greatest men we have ever known. We only knew him a few years, but he was one of our special friends. He was one of the main reasons we joined Palmetto Baptist Church. He befriended us and treated us like he had known us forever. Our prayers are with Carolyn, the girls, grandchildren, precious sisters, and other family members. Our church family will be lost without him.

richard waddell - May 16, 2020 at 04:12 PM

JR

Just saw this sad news online. Merriell was definitely one of the best men, always smiling and so kind. Harry and I thought so much of him. Carolyn, my heart goes out to you, we were truly blessed with good husbands. Hugs! 🙏 Judy Scarbrough Rivers

Judy Rivers - May 23, 2020 at 02:15 PM