



Colby Melville Jenkins Jr.

January 5, 1932 - June 6, 2009

Colby Jenkins, Jr.

Colby Melville Jenkins, Jr., 77 year old resident of Frankfort, died Saturday, June 6, 2009, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2009, in the Harrod Brothers Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. David Hinson officiating. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Interment will be in Georgetown Cemetery under the direction of Harrod Brothers.

Colby Melville Jenkins was born January 5, 1932 in Georgetown. The son of C. M. and Jesse (Bridges) Jenkins, he spent his early years in Georgetown, and attended and graduated from Garth High School. He then attended the University of Kentucky and Baylor University. Mel was a veteran of the Korean War. On December 21, 1957, Mel married the love of his life, JoAnn Billings, in Georgetown, Kentucky. To this union, one son, Robert, was born. He was a wonderful father and friend to Robert and a caring and faithful husband and friend to JoAnn. Mel enjoyed his work and many friends in the Transportation Cabinet before retiring in 1995 after 35 years of public service.

Mel was a longtime faithful member of the First Baptist Church on St. Clair Street, where he served as Deacon Chairman on several occasions, taught

Sunday School, and served in many other capacities. He loved his church. One of his favorite activities was working with other members of his Sunday School class when they served meals to the homeless and those less fortunate.

Mel had over 40 years of service in Kiwanis and was an active member of the East Frankfort Kiwanis Club, having served as president numerous times. He believed in community service in general and in the service of Kiwanis in particular. Mel enjoyed hearing the laughter of children and seeing their eyes brighten when their parents bought Christmas trees from East Frankfort Kiwanis.

Mel is survived by his wife, JoAnn, of Frankfort; one son, Robert, of Lexington; nephews, Gerald Parker of Lexington and Jack Hamilton of Sacramento, CA; one brother and sister-in-law, Harry and Melba Billings of Woodward, OK; sister-in-law, Mary Billings of Oklahoma City, OK; many friends of Lexington, Georgetown and Frankfort; nieces and nephews from Oklahoma City, Woodward, Oklahoma; Pasadena, CA and Boston, MA; and also survived by Robert's close friend, Randy Allen, and granddog, Niles, whom he loved very much.

He was preceded in death by his parents, C. M. and Jesse Jenkins; one sister, Eleanor Jenkins Hamilton of Georgetown; many aunts, uncles and other family members. He had a gentle soul and wonderful sense of humor, and treated everyone with compassion and respect. Mel leaves a legacy of kindness that will continue to inspire. Everybody liked Mel Jenkins.

Pallbearers will be Doug Parke, John Vickers, Don True, Ron Hack, Larry Cox, and Dr. Eugene Harrell.

Honorary Pallbearers will be the Keystone Class at the First Baptist Church,

Classmates from Georgetown, East Frankfort Kiwanis members, and Ladies from the pot luck group.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, 201 St. Clair Street, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Online condolences may be shared via the online guest book at www.harrodbr othersfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Colby Melville Jenkins Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *With love & prayers*

December 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Robert and Randy (and Niles),*

*We know how important family is and how much you loved him.
We're very sorry for your loss.*

Dee, Jon, James, Magnus, Dave, Ellen, Zach, Kristi and Josh

December 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Jenkins, you and your family are in the hearts and prayers of the entire Brown family. You touched all our lives in a very special way. From the first one down to me. When I graduated in 1983, I realized you had been one of our parents whom we all respected very much. We are so deeply sorry for your loss.*

Kimberly Brown - June 11, 2009 at 06:45 AM

BR

“ to joann and robert-sorry to hear of the loss of mel which is heavens gain-i cant help but think of all the childhood memories that include you all-its hard to find such loving and caring niebors like i had back then as a child growing up in crestwood! you all are in my thoughts and prayers

Brian Riddle - June 10, 2009 at 10:40 AM

DD

“ When joining the Operations Group at the Transportation Cabinet, Mel greeted me so warmly and was helpful in acclimating me to the procedures of the office. He had this knack for getting the job done without fanfare. He was a very caring individual and one who was admired and trusted by his coworkers

My condolences to the family ~ your wonderful memories of him will sustain you.

Della S. Davis - June 10, 2009 at 04:31 AM

JR

“ Dear Joanne, May God surround you with His love during this most difficult time. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers today and in the days ahead. Love, Judy Richmon

Judy Richmon - June 10, 2009 at 02:02 AM

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AO

“ JoAnn and Robert,

Please know that Mel was loved by the Ashby family. He was such a gentleman. I am sure that he kept his sweet smile until his death. We loved knowing and being a friend of Melville Jenkins. Our time spent with you in the sixties was a special time in my life. One thing I will always remember about Mel is his saying that he did not understand why people wanted money for coaching. He said he would do it for nothing. He loved his basketball.

I am thinking of you and praying that God's amazing grace will comfort you at this time.

Love,

Alma Ashby Owen

Alma Ashby Owen - June 09, 2009 at 10:50 AM

DT

“ We are thinking of you during this time. So many memories of days gone by. We pray for you God's peace and comfort. May He surround you with a wonderful joy which only He can give. We know.

Daniel and Shirley Tilford - June 09, 2009 at 08:59 AM

CB

“ Dear JoAnn & family -- our deepest sympathy to all of you. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sending love, grace & peace to all of you. Mike & Max

Carol "Mike" & Max Bradley - June 09, 2009 at 05:53 AM

AW

“ I knew Mel at church. We had been in the same Sunday School class for years. He was a hero of mine. I didn't realize he had such health problems, he was always so pleasant. Mel had a great sense of humor. He would laugh at some of my attempts at humor and sometimes shake his head as if to say "Why did he say that"? I miss Mel.

Albert Wilson - June 09, 2009 at 04:37 AM

JS

“ I am so sad for the lose of Mel. I will miss his sweet face and kindress. I am so glad to have had you all in my life, I am blessed. My Sincere Sympathy. I will keep you in my prayers. I know God is holding Mel in his arms. I will be here for you when you need me. God Bless you and I love you . Love Jean Sullivan

Jean Sullivan - June 09, 2009 at 02:23 AM

GD

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your special loved one. My heart goes out to you.

Love, Gail Daniels

Gail Daniels - June 09, 2009 at 02:05 AM