



# Doris Crews Jenkins

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**D**oris Crews Jenkins, 81, passed away on Monday, April 21, 2008, surrounded by her family at Good Shepherd Medical Center. A graveside service will be held at Rosewood Park Cemetery at 10:00 AM on Thursday, April 24, 2008, followed by a service in celebration of her life to be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday at Oakland Heights Baptist Church in Longview. Ministers assisting with the services are Dr. Tom Roberson, Rev. David Lawson, and Rev. Kevin Bright. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 23, from 5:00-7:00 PM at Rader Funeral Home in Longview.

Born on November 25, 1926, Doris Jean Crews Jenkins was the only child of Jesse Calvin and Ernestine Ham Crews. After growing up in the Red Springs area of Smith County and graduating from Winona High School, she received a Bachelor's degree in education from East Texas State Teachers' College in Commerce and a Master's degree in education from North Texas State University in Denton.

Mrs. Jenkins taught elementary grades in Bastrop, Cleveland, Slaton, and Brownsboro, Texas, before spending the majority of her 31-year teaching career in Longview ISD at Valley View Elementary School. She is remembered for doing special art projects with her classes and for always reading aloud to her students. Mrs. Jenkins was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, a teachers' sorority, as well as Texas State Teachers' Association and Texas Retired Teachers' Association. She was awarded a Life Membership in Texas PTA.

As a charter member of Oakland Heights Baptist Church, Mrs. Jenkins served in many capacities through the years including teaching Sunday School and working with mission organizations. The church published two different volumes of church history during her years there, and both volumes were researched and written by Mrs. Jenkins. She also enjoyed painting, quilting and sewing, and writing letters to her granddaughters.



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Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Eldoras B. Jenkins of Longview; daughter Jeanna Jenkins of Garland; daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Mickey Melton, of Longview; granddaughters Ann Crews Melton of Boston, Massachusetts, Emily Melton Harris and her husband Jess Harris of Frisco, Texas, and Elizabeth Michael Melton of Longview; and special cousin, Charles Ham, of Montalba, Texas.

The family expresses their sincere appreciation to Dr. Rick Earnest for his compassionate care and concern. Special thanks goes to the Oakland Heights church family for their kind expressions of love and friendship through the years.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com)



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Your love of art and you were the first to inspire and send me on my way to a life filled pursuing an art education, teaching art and becoming a full time artist. You must have done this and more for all your student and family. Thank you Mrs. Jenkins. Carolyn Epperson Miller, Brownsboro High School, Class of 1958##imported-begin##Carolyn Miller##imported-end##

May 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mr. Jenkins, Jeanna, Becca -- I was saddened to learn of the death of "Mrs. Jenkins" your mom. The names of our childhood still hold true! What a wonderful lifetime of memories to have, though. So much of my childhood is framed by the families I grew up with at Oakland Heights -- from Sunday School and children's choirs to our youth choir and trips. Mother and Daddy kept me relatively up to date on the major events of your lives over the years. I know the coming "firsts" will be sad, but sweet, with memories. My thoughts will be with you in the coming months. Love to all -- Melanie##imported-begin##Melanie Norman Cooke##imported-end##

May 20 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Eldoras, so sorry to here of your lossof Doris. I got the bulletin today. As for helping Velda, I learned how to do something she wanted badly after she died. Pray for guidance as we will be thinking of you.##imported-begin##LeRoy Hanson##imported-end##

May 1 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Eldoras, Becca, Jeanna and family. I was so sorry to hear about Doris. She was truly one of the greatest. I have wonderful memories of her, and will miss our letter writing. Our love and prayers are with you. Love, Janri and family##imported-begin##Janri Parrish##imported-end##

April 29 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Rebecca and family - My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of grieving. May your precious memories help you to cope with all. Your mother was a great lady - I remember her as a wonderful mother of a classmate and also as a teacher that was both serious in her wanting her students to learn, but also she had such a warm caring and happy outlook on her class and students. You have much to be proud of her wonderful life.##imported-begin##Martha Shelton Laster##imported-end##

April 27 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Jessica Roach Ferguson##imported-end##

April 24 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Rebecca, Mickey and Family;Please accept our heartfelt sorrow in the loss of Mrs. Jenkins. You are in our prayers.R. Byron Roach and Family##imported-begin##R. Byron Roach##imported-end##

April 23 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mr. Jenkins, I wanted to express my sincere sympathy in the lost of your beloved wife of 58 years. May God give you comfort of family and friends and wisdom to know that one day you will be together again.##imported-begin##Annette Boyd Wallace/LHS VOE LAB & CO-OP '76-'78##imported-end##

April 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mr. Jenkins, Rebecca, and Jeanna, I have wonderful, sweet memories of Mrs. Jenkins and the days I spent in her class many years ago at Valley View Elementary School. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.Bob and Pam Hickerson##imported-begin##Pamela Pass Hickerson##imported-end##

April 22 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

After reading about her, I wish that I had known Mrs. Jenkins. She certainly left behind a wonderful granddaughter, my friend, Emily. You are all in my prayers. Kristy##imported-begin##Kristy Cook##imported-end##

April 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Becca, I was so sorry to hear about your mother! I will always remember her as a very sweet and special lady. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. No one knows how hard it is to lose a parent unless you have been there. You will always be a dear and special friend to me.##imported-begin##Jan Barr Hopkins##imported-end##

April 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Emily, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers today. We know how much you loved your grandmother and what a loss this is for you. Being a grandmother myself, I know that she must have been so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. More than that though, I know it was a joy for her to see the very special person you've become. Love,  
Beverly##imported-begin##Beverly Woodson##imported-end##

April 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mr Jenkins - I am truly sorry for your loss. Mrs. Jenkins was a wonderful and loving person. I was blessed to have her as a teacher during my years at Valley View.##imported-begin##Virginia Marshburn Hunt##imported-end##

April 22 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Mrs. Jenkins was such an inspiration to all of us. We will miss her greatly. May God bless you all during this great loss and may you find comfort in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. I know as soon as she got to heaven, like our father/husband this past January, she was embraced by her Lord, Jesus Christ. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you walk through this most difficult time. In His loving compassion, Rev. John David Creamer, Kim Creamer Jackson, Dena Creamer Dotson and Mrs. John D. Rose Creamer.##imported-begin##John David Creamer##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Mr. Jenkins, Rebecca, and Jeanna, How blessed we all are to have shared time with your wife/mother, a special person who made a difference in so many lives. May your happy memories keep her near you always. Love and prayers, Joanie##imported-begin##Joanie Satterwhite Thornton##imported-end##

April 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Rebecca: I am sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She was as beautiful in this photo as I have always remembered her. You are in my prayers, even after all these years. I remember you all at Oakland Heights, I think. Times blurr, people DON'T! Love to you and prayers for all, Nancy Wheeler Heller##imported-begin##Nancy Wheeler Heller##imported-end##

April 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are very sorry about your loss. I only got to meet Mrs. Jenkins on a few occasions, but it was clear what a sweet and caring person she was. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Mike, Mary & John Mason##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

##imported-begin##Bonnie Heard##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Eldoras, Jeanna and Rebecca and Family; Sorry to hear you have lost your wife and mother. She was a very special lady who loved the Lord and will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Bonnie Heard##imported-end##

April 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Eldoras and family, Since I am unable to attend the services for Doris, I wanted you to know that I saw her as an especially gifted lady, and together, you were an extraordinary couple. I pray for God's peace and comfort for you and your family.##imported-begin##Glenda Knipe##imported-end##

April 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Eldoras, Mickey, Rebecca & family: You have our deepest sympathy, With love, Aubrey & Thelma Buchanan, Roscoe & Virginia Northcutt.##imported-begin##A C & Thelma Buchanan##imported-end##

April 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Doris was everything a friend should be--kind, loving, generous -- and she was so aware of the interests and problems of others. We loved our years as neighbors to Doris and Eldoras-- watching Becca and Jeanna grow up, and then sharing their pride and joy in the three beautiful granddaughters. Duane always appreciated her talents and encouragement. All of us will miss her, but our memories will make us better people. Much love, Joan and Clarence Propes##imported-begin##Joan and Clarence Propes##imported-end##

April 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Donna and I will remember all the family in our prayers. Sorry we were unable to attend the services. Jim & Donna Price##imported-begin##Jim Price##imported-end##

April 21 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Becca and Family, Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your mother. She was a sweet and dear person. I have so many fond memories of her. We will be praying for you in the coming days as you remember and celebrate your mom's life. Love, Becky and Bob Dorn##imported-begin##Becky Ralston Dorn##imported-end##

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