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Eldoras B. Jenkins passed away peacefully in his home on Thursday evening, March 22nd at the age of 84. Eldoras was born on July 12, 1927, in Hopkins County, Texas, to parents Lillie Eula and Charlie Erbin Jenkins. He married Doris Jean Crews on June 5, 1949. Mr. Jenkins was a lifelong educator, teaching in Slaton and Brownsboro, at East Texas Baptist University, and for Longview ISD. Throughout his career he taught accounting, bookkeeping, shorthand, typing, and Vocational Office Education. He received his bachelor's degree from East Texas State Teacher's College in Commerce and his master's from the University of Texas at Austin. His college career was interrupted by his service in the United States Navy. He served in the first integrated unit in the South Pacific at the close of World War II.

Mr. Jenkins was a charter member of Oakland Heights Baptist Church. He served as a Deacon for decades and was honored to be named Deacon Emeritus in recent years. Mr. Jenkins was a willing servant whether he was completing his duties as Sunday School secretary, going with the youth to Falls Creek, or contributing to the writing of church history. As well as serving as state president of the Texas Business Educators Association, he was active in the Civitan Club, the Gregg County Historical Museum, and the Retired Teachers Association.

Mr. Jenkins was an avid ladies' basketball fan and followed the Lady Lobos for many years. In his retirement he enjoyed working crossword puzzles and was a voracious reader. He always looked forward to his annual visit to Hot Springs, Arkansas, with his family.

Mr. Jenkins was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years; his parents; one sister, Velda Price; and his son-in-law, Mickey Melton. He is survived by his daughters, Jeanna Jenkins of Garland and Rebecca Melton of Longview; and his three granddaughters and two grandsons-in-law, Ann Crews Melton and Ryan Warner of Astoria, New York; Emily and Jess Harris of Frisco; and Elizabeth Melton of Bryan. He was blessed to have two beautiful great-granddaughters, Laney



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and Lily Harris of Frisco. He is also survived by his brothers and their families, Moody, Delray, Randy, and Robert Jenkins; a special cousin Calvin Phillips, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. His granddaughters were the delights of his life and if you were ever around him, he made sure that you knew. He loved to visit with people and share his knowledge. All who knew Mr. Jenkins understood that he was a living encyclopedia of facts.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 26, at Oakland Heights Baptist Church. Burial will be held at 11:30 a.m. in Rosewood Park under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. Visitation will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

The family would like to thank Lillie Dixon for her dedicated service and help to Mr. Jenkins.

Memorials may be made to Longview ISD Foundation, P. O. Box 3268, Longview, Texas 75606, or to the HiWay 80 Rescue Mission, 3117 West Marshall Avenue, Longview, Texas 75606.



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Rebecca and Family - I was so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I remember both of your parents fondly at the many, many LHS orchestra events, trips, and fundraisers that we did. He was a fine gentleman, and I know he will be missed by many. May God Bless You and warm your heart with memories of all of the special times you had with your Wonderful Dad. With Sincere Sympathy and Gentle Hugs from your high school cello playing partner. Debra Collier-Kerstetter

April 3 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I always enjoyed being in Mr. Jenkins' class. He taught skills I still use in my job today. Thank you Mr. Jenkins. Carolyn Duncan

March 31 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was Eldoras' and Doris' pastor in the early 90s. Both loved their church and community without qualification and served them both joyfully. I pray the family rejoices in their memory and that the peace of God guards their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Earl Powell

March 30 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We have lost our family Historian who was loved and respected. He had a photo memory that captured details beyond our belief. He was a great Christian witness to us all. Prayers are for all his family. Love you all. Odice Jenkins

March 28 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

To the Jenkins Family: I'm so sorry to hear of your lost. Mr. Jenkins was my teacher for VOE class of '78 and his teaching helped prepare me for the business world ahead. Mr. Jenkins was always so kind and strived to make sure everyone was "keeping up". Your family was blessed to have such a wonderful and caring person. May God be with you thru this sad time.##imported-begin##Annette Boyd-Wallace##imported-end##

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

You have a wonderful family and are one of the best brothers I could have ever had. I am so glad your family has taken such good care of you. They love you as I, Delray, Randy and Robert also love you. We along with countless others will have a large void in our lives now. Thanks for being the best example a brother could have. Goodbye for now, I'll see you later.##imported-begin##Moody C Jenkins##imported-end##

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so surprised. I just seen & had a great visit with him earlier that day. I was a student of his for 2 years at LHS & enjoyed everyday in his class. He was a resource of knowledge for everyone that he came in contact with. My deepest sympathy to his family. Jena Pettit Moon LHS Class of 1987##imported-begin##Jena Moon##imported-end##

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My prayers and sympathies are with the family and friends of Eldoras Jenkins. I have only known Eldoras for a few months, since joining the local unit of retired teachers; but during that time, I have always found him to be a fountain of knowledge and always willing to go the extra mile to share information with a novice officer. I know he will be missed by those of us who looked forward to sharing the first Tuesday of each month with Eldoras Jenkins. My condolences, Anne Newman##imported-begin##Anne Newman##imported-end##

March 25 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Rebecca and Family, May God put his loving arms around you at this time and give you His peace. May your memories sustain you and give you joy.##imported-begin##Becky Eggen Riggs##imported-end##

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Rebecca & family, I know you will all be comforted by your good memories of both of your parents during this time of loss. Mr. Jenkins was a wonderful teacher!! I enjoyed talking to him recently and letting him know how much I appreciated what he had taught me in VOE LHS Class of '73. I still use those skills in my job today. May the Lord bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Becky Myers Murray##imported-end##

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts are with your family. Mr. Jenkins taught me skills in the classroom and in life that I still use. He definitely cared about people. R.I.P, Mr. Jenkins.##imported-begin##Debra Posey Grebe##imported-end##

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Eldoras was a tremendous Christian; devoted husband, father; and a wonderful educator. He will be missed on this earth. May it comfort you to know that the one you love is home with Jesus, resting in His arms in everlasting peace.##imported-begin##Vicki Clark##imported-end##

March 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Jenkins was one of the best teachers I was blessed to have at Longview High School.##imported-begin##Virginia Marshburn Hunt##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss but your Dad will live on in YOU ALL & the memories your family has made.##imported-begin##Sandra Harber##imported-end##

March 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Becca and Family,I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear father. Few people have achieved the position of respect and high esteem which he enjoyed for so many years. I remember him and your mother fondly from Oakland Heights. My prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.With deepest sympathy,##imported-begin##Becky Ralston Dorn##imported-end##

March 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I wish to express my condolences to the Jenkins family. I knew Eldoras through his work with the Texas Business Education Association and Vocational Office Education. My Mother taught VOE here in Marshall, and I taught it in South Texas. Everyone in VOE or Business Education in Texas knew and loved Eldoras. When I heard of his passing, I remarked that he was one of the last "giants" of Business Education to be gone. He impacted the lives of so many in East Texas and elsewhere. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Johanna Ledbetter##imported-end##

March 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Rebecca, I have fond memories of your mom when she was my teacher many years ago at Valley View and of your dad when I subbed at LHS. I subbed often for Nancy Humphries and it was always a joy to visit with your dad when I did. He was an extraordinary teacher and a devoted Christian. Our thoughts and our prayers are with all of you during this time of great sorrow. Pam Pass Hickerson##imported-begin##Pam Pass Hickerson##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Mr Jenkins...I'm a LHS '77 graduate and Mr. Jenkins was my VOE Teacher and it was my favorite class.....All of that skill and knowledge that he gave us for the business/corporate world..May God Bless the Family##imported-begin##Nelvin Hendrix Bonner##imported-end##

March 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mr. Jenkins taught me VOE at LHS class of 76, he was one of my favorite teachers from my school years. His family has lost a kind and gentle man. I am praying for you at this sad time in your life.##imported-begin##Debra Boyd-Jones##imported-end##

March 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the Jenkins family,I'm so sorry for the loss of your loved one. He was my teacher in 1952 and we had been communicating about an upcoming reunion he was interested in. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Catherine Crawford##imported-end##

March 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry to hear the loss of Mr. Jenkins. He was a wonderful teacher to me and always very kind and patient. I also have fond memories of him and your family from growing up at Oakland Heights. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##jacque jamieson doss##imported-end##

March 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family at this time. We always admired Mr. Jenkins because he spent a lifetime devoted to education and touched the lives of many students.##imported-begin##Dona and Jimmy Adams##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Rebecca and Family I am So Very Sorry to learn of Your Loss - I Pray that God Bless and Be With You##imported-begin##Carter Tucker##imported-end##

March 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We will miss him very much.##imported-begin##LeRoy & Virginia Hanson##imported-end##

March 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My heartfelt sympathies are prayerfully sent to his family. Know, though, that God will carry him up on eagle's wings, bear him on the breath of dawn, make him to shine like the sun, and hold him in the palm of His hand!##imported-begin##Mark Neff##imported-end##

March 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So very sorry for your loss..may God bless you all.##imported-begin##Jean##imported-end##

March 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Becca, Jeanna, Ann, Emily, Elizabeth, Laney, Lily --- all of Eldoras's beautiful girls--He loved you all so much, and was so proud of your achievements and your character. These last few years without his precious Doris have been made bearable by his sweet family. Our 29 years on Auburn Drive together made us like family, and it was always fun to visit him. He knew so many things and had an incredible memory. He was a true friend and a fine gentleman who taught his students a lot more than business skills. Love and prayers, Joan Propes##imported-begin##Joan Propes##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Thoughts and prayers are with you all!##imported-begin##Mandi McKinney##imported-end##

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