



Michael Jenkins

January 10, 1938 - February 23, 2008

Michael Ray Jenkins was born January 10, 1938 to Thomas Harold and Lola Jenkins of McGregor, Texas. He spent his childhood in McGregor where he met the love of his life Leila Don Ledbetter with whom he shared many treasured childhood memories. Together, they graduated from McGregor High School in 1956. Mike went on to attend the University of Texas where he graduated with a degree in Pharmacy in May of 1960. Mike and Leila were married shortly after his graduation on July 23, 1960. Mike served in the United States Army beginning in October 1960 and was initially stationed at Ft. Hood in Killeen, Texas. In April 1961, he was sent to France and served as a pharmacist at the US Army 34th General Hospital in LaChapelle, France outside of Orleans. While there, Mike and Leila became members of an English-language Baptist Church consisting of military families which God used greatly to help them grow in their spiritual lives. It was there Mike started teaching Sunday School and was ordained as a deacon. They had the opportunity to travel extensively throughout Europe experiencing some of their greatest memories. On August 21, 1962, Sharon Lee Jenkins was born to Mike and Leila while in Orleans. However, because of a premature birth, she went to be with the Lord on August 23, 1962. Shortly thereafter, Mike was honorably discharged from the Army and he and Leila returned to the states moving to Corsicana, Texas where Mike began work as a pharmacist at Reid's Pharmacy. Soon thereafter, they joined Northside Baptist Church where Mike served as a Sunday School teacher and deacon until the time of his

death. In June of 1964, son Michael Scott Jenkins was born. Later in 1985, Scott married Linda Gail Nicholson whom Mike came to love dearly. Mike purchased Reid's Pharmacy upon the retirement of Miller Reid in 1987. Grandson John Mark Jenkins was born in December of 1990 and quickly became the source of one of Mike's greatest joys. After 14 years as owner of Reid's Pharmacy, Mike retired in 2001. Since retirement, Mike and Leila have been able to devote 100 percent of their time to the things they loved most, their family, their church, service to others through many means including Gideons International, and traveling. Mike will be remembered most for his love for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, his quiet and gentle spirit, and his servant's heart. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother T. H. Jenkins, Jr., sister, Doris Ruth Jenkins, and daughter, Sharon Lee Jenkins. Survivors are his wife of 47 years, Leila Don Ledbetter Jenkins, son Scott Jenkins and daughter-in-law Gail Jenkins of Robinson, grandson John Mark Jenkins of Robinson, brother Charles Jenkins and sister-in-law Rita of West Columbia, sister Mary Felty and brother-in-law Howard of Waco, sister-in-law Joyce Jenkins of Humble, and other extended family. The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Building Fund of Northside Baptist Church of Corsicana or to Gideons International. Family visitation will be Monday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home in Corsicana. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Northside Baptist Church in Corsicana with Dr. Rick Lamb officiating. Burial will follow at the McGregor Cemetery at 3:00 p.m.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Jenkins*

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“ *Leila, I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was a lovely man. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

In Christ,

Debra

Debra Preston - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are sharing with you in your loss. Michael will be with all of us through his wonderful example of love and kindness, generosity, and caring. I can truthfully say I never met a more humble, gentle, person that love our Lord more than Mike. His Christ like character will be an mirror for all of us who wish to be more like the Lord. May the Lord bless you and comfort you as we recall His goodness reflected in Michael Ray Jenkins & his family.*

Tony & Danna Lively - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ We are so sorry to hear about Mike's passing. Even though it has been 24 years since we lived in Corsicana we knew that if we called Mike to pray for us, we could count on it that he would. You both had such a positive impact on us as we were starting our married life. Many times I have used Mike as the example when trying to describe a humble godly man. Leila, we will continue to pray for you and your family and may God give you strength and comfort during this time.

We love you.

Larry and Linda Davis - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ I'm sorry for your loss. I work at MAC for Dr. McNally.

Gwen Gonzales - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Leila and family:*

I am so sorry to hear about Mike's passing. He was such a gentleman and wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May God give you comfort and strength in the days and months ahead.

Sincerely,

Ann

Ann Woods - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Mrs. Jenkins and Scott,
My prayers are with you both. I can remember Mr.Jenkins running up and down Bowie Circle. Quiet person with a big heart even when it came to that bird dog. Growing up with you three are some of the finest moments of my childhood. He would sit down with Scott and I to watch Star Trek in the summertime before the street light came on and I had to go home. Scott I haven't seen you in a lot of years but I know you are the man he wanted you to be. Mrs.Jenkins you lost a great husband and friend.Just take on life like you did your students and you will be fine.

Craig Turn - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Mike Jenkins was a man who was conformed to the image of Jesus. We are thankful that God put him in our path. We grieve with you at this time, but celebrate his victorious life.

John and Patsy Fortner - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Leila,
We are so sorry for your loss. Mike was a wonderful,caring person. He never hesitated to get up in the middle of the night to meet me at the pharmacy to fill a prescripton. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Love,
Larry & Pam

Pam Hodge - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Mrs. Jenkins,
We are so sorry for your loss.
Mike was such a special person.
You and your family will be in
our prayers.

Scott & Tamera Montgomery - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Leila and family,
We were so sad to hear the news about Mike. I believe Mike to
have been as sincere and dedicated Christian man as I have ever
known. We were blessed to have been taught by him in Sunday
school when we attended Northside. May God bless you and help
you through this difficult time in your life. James and Brenda
McDonald

James & Brenda McDonald - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Leila and family: Our hearts are saddened by the sudden loss of
such a tremendous Christian friend. Please know that just as you
have loved and taken care of our family, we stand ready to help in
whatever way we can.

Jonell Kirk - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Dear Leila, I am so sorry for your loss and will be thinking of you.
Mike, Cari and Tim sends you their prayers. Peggy Watts Weiss

Peggy Watts Weiss - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Leila, Scott, Gail, and family...We are so sorry for your loss. Mike was the kindest, most thoughtful man; his Christian witness blessed everyone he came in contact with on a daily basis. His gentle manner, his smile, and his love for family and God will always be remembered. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

John and Teresa Parker - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Mike Jenkins was a man who was conformed to the image of Jesus.

John and Patsy Fortner - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Mike exemplified what the Christian walk should be. Leila, my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. I haven't seen you all in several years, but you and Mike made an impact on my life in a very positive way. I pray God's blessings of comfort and healing.

Marcia Johnson - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Mrs. Jenkins & Scott,
We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Jenkins passing. We have missed him since he left the pharmacy. He was such a loving and caring person. You and your family are in our prayers.
Billy & Kelly Thixton

Billy & Kelly Thixton - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Lela and Scott,
My deepest sympathies are with you at this time. I have very fond memories of your family and the fun we had for many years in our church family. Mike had a great love for our Lord and I know he is with Him now. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
All my love in Christ,
Debbie Atkeisson Shimonek*

Debbie (Atkeisson) Shimonek - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ *We were so sad to hear of Mike's death. He was such a nice man and a good neighbor. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Eula M. Haynie and Nancy Neal - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Uncle Mike will be greatly missed! I am so happy that I had the opportunity to name one of my babies after him. I think dad gets a kick when I holler out "Charles and Michael!!".
With great love for you all,
Mary Ayleen*

Polly Chase - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Leila Don,
Though I haven't seen you for many years I do remember how good you were to me at Bowie. I saw Mike's picture in the Waco paper and immediately knew it was your husband. I send you and your family my love and sympathy at this time of your loss of Mike.
Love, Linda Beckham*

Linda Beckham - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Mike was such a kind and gentle person whom we were proud to call a friend. It is a delight and pleasure to have been able to know him. Mom just kept saying, "he has done so many nice things for me" over the past several years when it was difficult for her. I know that he loved the Lord and he was truly a Christian example. He was an inspiration to those who knew him. I know he was a loving husband and father. It is hard to lose him at such a vital time in your lives. God must have a great need for him. With all the loving and good memories, he will be with you and all of us forever.

Our love and prayers are with you.

Marian Hayes & Carol Cagle - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Mike always had a smile for everyone, He was always so kind. You both have been such an encouragement to me and I thank you for that. He will be missed greatly, but will be waiting for us to join him. May God bring you comfort and peace. And know we love you and are praying for you, if you need anything just call.
Paul, Anna, Jared and Jadi

Anna Collier - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ You are all in my prayers. I am where I am today and who I am today because of your family, friendship and hospitality. Mr. Jenkins was a wonderful man and had a super family. Thank you all for being a part of my life.

Scott - call me or email me; let's catch up!

David Patterson - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ Mike was a close friend and a mentor to me at Northside Baptist. His quiet and caring personality inspired me to try and do right by all. He was the utmost example of what a Christian should be. I and my family will miss him greatly. My love and sympathy go out to Leila and Scott in their time of grief. I know the Lord is looking down upon them and keeping a watchful eye on them as they go through this time. Just know that his hands are on your shoulders.
Earl Jr.

Earl E. Alexander, Jr. - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Knowing Mike and counting him as a friend has been a great blessing. We will always remember his gentle spirit and sweetness. But we'll also remember the times we laughed together and the good times we shared. Much love to you all.

Bobby & Betty Carpenter - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family right now. God bless you.

Bruce and Betty Moilan - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS. YOU WILL BE IN OUR PRAYERS.

MARY F. BUCHANAN - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ With Deepest Sympathy

Marsha Nichols Stearman - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Dearest Leila,

We want you to know that you and your family are in our utmost thoughts and prayers at this time. There really are no easy words to say at a time like this, but we want you to know that we love you and have you close to our hearts. Mike was a wonderful warrior for Christ, a man of God, and he will be sorely missed by all. Please don't hesitate to let us know if there is anything we can do...even from the distance we are...we will be there for you. We love you so much and are praying for you and your family.

*Love Always,
Karl and Roxanne Craig
and Family*

Karl and Roxanne Craig - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Leila, Scott and Family,

I am truly sorry for your loss. Mike was a wonderful man and father. I count myself blessed to have known him in my lifetime. Please know you are in our prayers.

Sonya Burnett - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ So sorry hear about Mike, but if anyone is heaven it is Mike. I only knew Mike for two years our Junior & Senior years at MHS, but have had a lasting friend ship for 52 years since we graduated from high school. My prayers goes out to Leila Don and her family.

Art Williams - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ When hearts are filled with sorrow there is little one can say, for only time can comfort you when a dear one passes away. So may the time be hastened until sorrow will depart and many wonderful happy memores will live on within your hearts. My thoughts and prayers are with you during these dark hours. Fondly, Babbette

Babbette Samuels - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Leila and family,

I was sorry to hear about Mike's passing. I have always considered Mike a friend and a well respected member of the community. He was an inspiration to many because he lived his life according to the Word of God. I appreciate the friendship that you and Mike have always shown to my family. Know that while I am in Kosovo you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

*God Bless,
Dan Williams*

Dan Williams - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Leila and Scott,

I just wanted to express my sorrow about Mike's passing. I know there are no words I can share with you that can take away the pain, but just know I care and will lift y'all up in prayer. Lean on Jesus and allow His people to comfort you through this difficult time.

Suzanne Fluker - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AU

“ Leila,
I am so sorry and my prayer's are with you.I have and will continue to tell others what a wonderful Christian Michel Jenkin is.

Bubba

Aubrey(Bubba)Fitzgerald - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *I was so sorry to hear about your loss. You will be in my prayers.*
Phyllis Kay

Phyllis Patterson Cope - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *We wish we could be there with you. As young marrieds in the 1970s, we looked up to you both as role models, and still do. Mike was our Sunday School teacher for so many years, and we were impacted by his spirit, as much as by what he said. He was a unique person, honorable, loving, compassionate and humble, and we are sorry for your loss. We love you both and will be praying for you and Scott, Gail and family.*

Coy & Felisa Grace - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

OB

“ Our prayers are with your family. You have lost such a wonderful man in all your lives. My Mother and Father heard so many wonderful things about him. As for my father; We lost Jess Young ; loving husband and father 10 years ago. He and Ola Mae owned and ran the auction barn in Angus until they retired in 1972. This last year my husband and I (Jo Dee(Young) Boschae),lost our 30 year old son to an avalanche. It is so hard to know the whys but they are all in the most wonderful place ever and are with our savior but trying to quit missing them so much is so very hard. We will all meet again on the other side when God decides. May God lift you up until you can stand on yur own again. He is our rock. God Bless you, The Young family.

Ola Mae Young and Jo Dee (Young) Boschae - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Dear Jenkins Family,

Many years have gone by that our family has been ministered by Lelia & Mike. Our prayers are that God's peace will minister to you as Mike has gone to be with the Lord. As he joins others he has ministered with all these years. Bro Hale, Frank, Ed, and others. Lelia, you and Mike have been an humble example to my family as to our purpose in God's Kingdom we will always be blessed to have you in our lives and apart of our family.

May the Lord be with..as He has always been in your walk with Him.

Our love,
Larry and Becky Long

Larry & Becky Long - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ *Lelia, Our prayers are with you and your family. You both are very dear to me. If there is any thing I can do for you please feel free to call. Mike will be greatly missed. All our Love,
Tim, Ben and Megan Nicholson*

Tim Nicholson - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Mr. Jenkins was a wonderful example of a Christian man to me. His welcoming and encouraging spirit, his service to the Lord was witnessed by so many. His family has been a blessing to ours for many years. Corsicana lost one of it's best, but we now celebrate the hope that Mr. Jennings lived.*

David Carroll - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ *Mrs. Jenkins & family,
Kendra and I were sad to hear of Mike's passing. Growing up you both have been a inspiration and have had a profound impact on my Christian life. My mother always refered to Mike has a angel on earth and I have never know a more dedicated Christian. The world needs more kind, gentle, and loving people like Mike Jenkins. He will be missed and I look forward to seeing him one day in Heaven. Mrs. Jenkins I love you very much you are the best teacher I ever had in school. Kendra and I will be praying for you in this hard time.
Sincerly,
Ben & Kendra Owen*

Ben Owen - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Leila: I received an email this morning regarding Mike's passing. My heart aches for you. Please know that we will hold you and your family in prayer.

Love,

Marti & F.H.

Martha Weiss Becker - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ You both are very special servants of God. I have seen Jesus in your lives and I thank you for it. You both have touched me and my family and have honored us by caring for us. We love you and may God hold you during this time. MIKE JENKINS a true servant of God.

Carolyn Clay Brown - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ If there ever was another man, besides Jesus himself, to look up to, who has walked on this earth, it was Mike Jenkins. Mike was a blessing to each person who knew him. His life was an example to us all, of how Jesus wants us to live. He will be greatly missed!

Cliff Bryant - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Mrs. Jenkins,

Although I never knew your husband, I know that he was as fine a man as you are a lady. May his memory be a blessing to you.

*Robin (Samuels) Schriefer
from Bowie School
third grade 1964-1965*

Robin Samuels Schriefer - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Lelia and family,

I just wanted to let you know that you are in my prayers. What a blessing it has been to know Mike. He was a true follower of Christ and an awesome example for us to follow. May God give you the strength, comfort and peace throught this difficult time.

Keely Ward - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Leila,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of deep sorrow. Mike was a giant of a Christian influence in my life. As a fellow Gideon, deacon, and Christian brother, he taught me of the service, humility and kindness that Christ himself exemplified. You are both so very special to me and I mourn for your loss. Please know that we love you and will be praying for you.

Bill Cooley - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *There are three men in my life that I have always considered 'spiritual giants' and Mike was one of the three. I cherish so many memories and our son was named after Michael.*

Dewayne Gragg - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Hi Mrs. Jenkins,*

I'm so sorry to hear about Mike. Babette Samuels keeps me posted about activities in Corsicana - this is indeed sad news. He was always such a fixture at the pharmacy - for all of our family. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Warmly, Jen Griffin

Jennifer Griffin - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Leila, You are in my thoughts and prayers. When thinking of Mike I most remember him as always having such a happy expression on his face. I enjoyed hearing him pray and watching him sing in the choir. He will be greatly missed.*

Kristi Burns Garcia - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS. YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.*

MARY F. BUCHANAN - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Just wanted to let you, Scott and family know how sorry we are for your loss. Your family has meant so much to both my original family and now my new family. Don has mentioned how nice Mike always treated them when Virginia was dealing with her terminal cancer. There is no question how much Mike meant to Bobby as well as the rest of our family. Lela and Scott, we love you and are praying for you during this time.

Barbara Cole McGraw - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM