



Jeffrey Edward Jenkins

July 20, 1958 - November 11, 2020

Jeffrey Edward Jenkins - born July 20, 1958 - died November 11, 2020

Jeffrey Edward Jenkins died on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at age sixty-two. He was born on July 20, 1958, fourth of the five children of Bryant Edward Jenkins and Mrs. Margie Louise Yates Jenkins.

Mr. Jenkins grew up on the Jenkins Farm and Nursery in eastern Tangipahoa Parish and upon graduating from Bowling Green High School, resisted the frequently prevailing urge to leave behind all things rural and agrarian, and instead he found contentment and an outlet for his energies and talents upon the site and soil of his birth. He stayed on the farm.

His entire life was spent there, on a ridge overlooking the Little Tchefuncte valley, where he shared the chores and toil, the dawning of each day and its sunset, all the things that shape the farmer's journey.

“The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,
The lowing herd winds slowly o'er the lea,
The plowman homeward plods his weary way...”

Jeffrey was a latter-day disciple of the way of life that inspired the above couplet from English poet Thomas Gray. It was Jeff's reality, his existence.

Mr. Jenkins is survived by his sister, Margie Ann Jenkins; his brother, Mark Yates Jenkins; an aunt, Mrs. Doris Yates Magee; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and was preceded in death by his parents, and by his brothers, Frederick Bryant Jenkins and Timothy Allen Jenkins.

In lieu of flowers or other tangible amenities, the family asks that friends consider making a comparable donation to the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Foundation, Margie Jenkins Scholarship Fund, which may be mailed to LNFSR, P. O. Box 1447, Mandeville LA 70470, and identified as being in memory of Jeffrey Jenkins.

A memorial service will be conducted on Sunday, November 15, 2020, by Rev. Clinton Mitchell on the grounds of the Jenkins' home beneath the venerable live oak tree which has shaded this home site since soon after the homesteading of the surrounding lands. Visitation is invited beginning at 1:30 pm and continuing until the commencement of the service at 2:30 pm. Burial will follow in the adjoining Martin Van Buren Hughes cemetery.

Pall bearers honoring Mr. Jenkins will be Jeff Carrier, Mark Jenkins, Russell Kent, Ronnie Mixon, Justin Morel, and Johnny Venable.

Tribute Wall

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“ Jeff was one of the best friends I've ever had in my life. And one of the best people I've ever known. Very sad today after hearing this. I'll never forget the times we were able to hang out under that big oak tree. What a wonderful friend he was. Matthew Michael

Matthew Michael - November 18, 2020 at 08:13 PM

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“ Prayers for the Jenkins family. Condolences and hopes for comfort in loved ones at this difficult time. The obituary was extraordinary.

Janet Anderson - November 15, 2020 at 10:05 AM

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“ What a beautiful obituary written by Uncle John. It characterizes Jeff and his life to a T! We love and pray for the entire Jenkins' Family.

Belinda & Gene

Belinda Schoendorf - November 14, 2020 at 08:53 AM