



Larry Howard Jenkins

August 21, 1943 - July 1, 2009

Larry Howard Jenkins began life in Rensselaer, Indiana on August 21, 1943, the only son of Howard (Bud) and Rose (Eileen) Nagel Jenkins. He passed peacefully into eternal life surrounded by his family on July 1st, 2009 at his home in Naples, Florida; where he had wintered for the past several years. Larry was a lifetime resident of Rensselaer and a graduate of Rensselaer High School's Class of 1961. On April 4, 1964 at Saint Augustine Catholic Church in Rensselaer, he married his high school sweetheart and love of his life Sharon Wagner Jenkins. Larry dedicated his life to his God, his family and his community. He was a lifetime member of Saint Augustine Catholic Parish where he was active in the Parish Council, Director of Religious Education and a part of the music ministry for too many years to count. He was a Presidential Fellow at St. Joseph's College and a Council of Fellows board member. He was a C.P.P.S. Companion and served as a charter member on the C.P.P.S. Companions Advisory Board.

After high school he served in the Army Reserves. He was a licensed barber for 45 years, working at Lee's Barber Shop for many years, where he cut the hair of many, including some of the players from the Chicago Bears during their summer camps at St. Joseph's College. Larry had been in the real estate business since 1973. He and Sharon opened Jenkins Realtors, Inc. in 1976, after working for 3 years with Corning Real Estate in Crown Point. He was a licensed Indiana Real Estate Broker; a member of the Greater Northwest Indiana Association of Realtors and active member of the State and National

Boards. In 1979 he was issued a license as an Independent Fee Appraiser and was a member of the National Association of Independent Fee Appraisers.

Larry was proud of the community he lived in and was very active in keeping both Jasper County and Rensselaer growing and thriving by serving on many boards; Rensselaer Board of Zoning Appeals, Rensselaer Central Vocational Trades since 1978, Rensselaer Economic Development Commission, Jasper County Land Valuation Commission, Jasper County Economic Development Organization, Jasper County Industrial Foundation, the Jasper County Hospital Foundation and many others. He was co-owner and operator of the Babcock Stone Quarry for several years doing much of the stone sales jobs. He was a man who liked to be challenged and continued to challenge himself with new ventures until the very end. He was an encouraging mentor and had an inspiring influence in many people's lives over many years. He had a natural talent and love of music from his earliest years, learning to play the accordion, drums, bass guitar and guitar. He began playing in a band with his Dad at dances at the age of 11. He was involved for many years with the Little Cousin Jasper Festival's "HeeHaw" Show and was made an "honorary member" of the N.E.R.D.'s band when the occasion arose. He played and sang with family and friends at every opportunity.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 45 years, Sharon; his three "favorite" daughters and sons-in-law, Jenifer and Tim Kryshak of Rensselaer, Indiana; Jynell and Steve Martz of DeBary, Florida; JoAnn and Rick McElfresh of Rensselaer, Indiana and his 10 much loved grandchildren, Ashley Martz, Jacob Kryshak, Jared Martz, Justin Kryshak, Kasey Martz, Luke McElfresh, Kaytlyn Kryshak, Joshua Martz, Logann McElfresh and Nicholas Martz. He will be forever loved, remembered and missed by his multitudes of family and good friends over his nearly 66 years. He never met a stranger, just a new friend.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother; sister, Phyllis and brother-in-law, Don Holl.

God has been good to him, please join us in the celebration of Larry's life.
In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations be made to any one of Larry's favorite causes.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
318 North McKinley Avenue
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5351
<https://stmichaelpastorate.org/>

Service

JUL 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Howard Jenkins



Jackson Funeral Chapels - July 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To Sharon and the family. I am so sorry for your loss. As I nearly grew up with Sharon and her family, I feel her pain as well. May god be with you. Jim###imported-begin##Jim Pullin###imported-end##

July 16, 2009 at 07:26 PM



“ Dear Sharon and family, I am deeply saddened to read of Larry's passing. It seems only yesterday that he, Jen Wright, and I, all members of the class of 1961, played together as pre-school neighbors. What a joy to read of Larry's many contributions to the community. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Susie, Congress, Arizona###imported-begin##Susan Rishling Emetti###imported-end##

July 10, 2009 at 12:20 AM



“ Sharon and Girls
I was so sorry to hear of Larry's death.
At the moment I am Home bound, so was unable to visit
I wanted you to know I am thinking of you.

Charlie Stoner###imported-begin##Charlie Stoner###imported-end##

July 07, 2009 at 10:48 PM



“ A good man and friend who will be greatly missed by friends and
community.###imported-begin##Bob & Helen Lewis###imported-
end##

July 07, 2009 at 04:45 PM



“ We want to express our condolences to your family in the loss of
your husband, dad, uncle and grandpa. Larry had so many good
qualities. I know you will miss him.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Alice Holl
Roberts###imported-end##

July 07, 2009 at 04:39 PM



“ Our condolences for your loss.###imported-begin##David Ziese &
Family###imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 08:09 PM



“ Sorry we will not make it to the funeral. Really liked Larry as everyone did.....he will be missed in so many ways.

Sincerely,
LaVerne & Nancy Meyer3v53##imported-begin##LaVerne & Nancy Meyer##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 07:00 PM



“ Rest in peace, Larry!##imported-begin##steve santo##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 09:52 AM



“ Sharon and family: Our hearts and love go out to you. Larry was a good man and a hard fighter. Our thoughts and prayers will be with in these hard times. Take Care.##imported-begin##Dee Doherty##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 09:10 AM



“ Sharon and family,
I just learned this morning of Larry's passing. You have our thoughts and sympathy. We will always remember your friendship.##imported-begin##Kathleen##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 08:52 AM



“ Dear Sharon and family,

It is hard to believe that a third cousin has died in the period of three weeks. Larry's passing was a real shock - so young and active. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers in the weeks and months ahead as you start life without Larry.

Love - Beth Nagel Marcin##imported-begin##Beth Nagel Siela Marcin##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 08:09 AM



“ Dear Sharon:

We are profoundly grateful for having known Larry. Our thoughts are with you today. With love.##imported-begin##Carla and Edward Windhorst##imported-end##

July 05, 2009 at 09:15 PM



“ *Most will not know how much Larry did for Saint Joseph's College. I truly enjoyed working with him as we established the industrial park and on the Jasper County Industrial Foundation. He was indeed a good friend and one who I could always count on. Well done good and faithful servant.##imported-begin##Jim Thatcher##imported-end##*

July 04, 2009 at 08:17 AM



“ Sharon and family: please accept my deepest, heartfelt condolences.

Larry was such an exceptionally good man. He searched me out, took me in; and, met and extended to me grace and understanding.

i am a better person for having known Larry.

Me and my family are indebted to him for his trusted council.##imported-begin##David Absher##imported-end##

July 03, 2009 at 02:06 PM



“ Sharon, and family: I am so sorry to hear about Larry's passing. He was a dear friend of mine, as well as so many others. He always had a smile on his face and a bit of good cheer for me every time we met, no matter how much pain he was in. He knew what was inevitably coming, but never complained to the point of looking for sympathy. He was an extremely devout Christian, and therefore I know he is near his Lord. We had many long discussions about life, family and faith. He was a dear friend and I will miss him, but I am so thankful that I was privileged to know him. The only regret is that I never got to play music with Larry. We talked about it several times, but kept putting it off for whatever reason. I know it would have been a good time. Larry will be missed by anyone who ever came in contact with him. My sincere condolences to you Sharon, and your family. Mike##imported-begin##Michael Kingman##imported-end##

July 03, 2009 at 01:45 PM



“ We had a 40-year friendship that included many good times in Indiana and Florida, fishing in Michigan and Florida. We stayed in touch many years with visits and phone-calls. Larry was a very positive influence to our son and a very dear friend. We will miss him dearly. We thank the Lord he touched our lives.##imported-begin##Irvin and Ann Thie##imported-end##

July 03, 2009 at 01:36 PM



“ Sharon, we are so sorry to hear the news. Larry was the first baby I ever held and his family and mine were very close as I was growing up - especially his Mother, Eileen. You both fought a good fight - I wish the outcome could have been different. Mary##imported-begin##Mary (Clouse) Swing##imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 11:46 PM



“ Our prayers are with you Sharon and your family at this difficult time. We know Larry is in a better place but we're all going to miss him very much.##imported-begin##David Gothard and Rosanna Corallo##imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 04:56 PM