



Alton "Sonny" Jenkins Jr

September 30, 1932 - June 26, 2023

Alton "Sonny" Jenkins, Jr., 90 years old of Louisiana, MO passed on Monday, June 26, 2023, surrounded by his family. Visitation will be held from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm on June 30, 2023 at Collier Funeral Home with the funeral immediately following. Reverend Dale Law will officiate. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville.

Sonny was born on September 30th, 1932, in St. Louis, MO to Evelyn Potthoff Jenkins and Alton Jenkins, Sr. The family moved to Clarksville in 1943 where he graduated from Clarksville High School in 1950. Sonny was a member of the United States Marine Corp from 1952 to 1955. After proudly serving his country in the Marines, he worked on several towboats on the Mississippi River. He later retired as Assistant Lockmaster from the Corps of Engineers at Lock & Dam No. 24 in Clarksville after 30 years. On June 6th, 1964, he married the love of his life, Alice Louise Mackey Jenkins. Together with their five children, they established a beautiful family. To this family, they added three more children to make a complete set with eight kids.

Sonny is survived by his children, Peggy (Dennis) Griffith of Troy, MO, Donna Jenkins Woods of Louisiana, MO, Bob (Julie) Jenkins of Louisiana, MO, Judy (John) Shelton of Bonney Lake, WA, daughter-in-law Michelle Jenkins of Hobe Sound, FL, Tim (Julie) Jenkins of St. Louis, MO, Mary (Jamie) Wilson of Quincy, IL, and Steve Jenkins of Windsor, VA, his grandchildren, Donnie (Jennifer) Griffith, Den (Angela) Griffith, Christy (Justin) Griffith St. Pierre, Stacey Griffith, Heather (Steve) Woods Durbin, Tim Jenkins, Don (Samantha)

Jenkins, Christopher Russell, Jenna Shelton, Madison (Wes) Jenkins Patterson, Parker Jenkins, Natalie Jenkins, Evan Jenkins, Tate Jenkins, Olivia (Devin) Wilson Watson, Rachel Wilson, Joe Jenkins, Samantha Jenkins, great-grandchildren, Lance Griffith, Luke Griffith, Lucy Griffith, Anya White, Gage Griffith, Jackson Feasel, Ava Feasel, Katie St. Pierre, Griffin St. Pierre, Lauree Griffith, Chace Griffith, Laura Durbin, Wade Durbin, Bennett Durbin, Evelyn Durbin, Allison Jenkins, Madilynn Jenkins, Faith Jenkins, Cooper Jenkins, Benson Jenkins, Sydney Patterson, Louis Watson, a great-great-grandson Lyam Banks, a foreign exchange student/daughter Renata Amaral of Brazil, his brothers and sisters-in-law Don (Carol) Jenkins, Dave (Sudy) Jenkins, Tom (Nancy) Jenkins, and their families, and Lori Crane, Jerri Jean Tyler, Daniela Scherder, and Esther Yoder who cared for him like family for the last year and a half. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Dan Jenkins, his son-in-law Kenneth Woods, grandchildren Laura Lee Woods and JT Shelton, and foreign exchange student/son Mario Amaral.

Sonny was a true gentleman: humble, kind, thoughtful. He was an amazing storyteller with a wealth of knowledge and a sense of humor. Church and family were always his top priorities. He was a scout leader, Sunday school teacher, a member of the Church of Christ, host of Eagle Days for 23 years, city council member, and Clarksville Chamber of Commerce volunteer of the year. Sonny was a great gardener, he made jelly, apple butter, and relish and gave it to everyone he met. His favorite days were spent at his cabin watching the Mississippi River.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Greenwood Cemetery through Collier Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

Pike 235
Clarksville, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.
117 Barnard Dr
Louisiana, MO 63353
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Funeral Service

JUN 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BG

“ Bruce A Griffith lit a candle in memory of Alton "Sonny" Jenkins Jr



Bruce A Griffith - July 12, 2023 at 08:34 PM

DB

“ Sonny, Jenks as we called him at the lock and dam, was one of the finest men I have ever worked with. A true gentleman and friend. I am sure he rests with the Lord where he belongs, Heaven. Dan Buckley

Dan Buckley - July 02, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alton "Sonny" Jenkins Jr.



June 29, 2023 at 09:29 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Alton "Sonny" Jenkins Jr.



June 28, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alton "Sonny" Jenkins Jr.

June 28, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ Elenora (Traynor)Lobb lit a candle in memory of Alton "Sonny" Jenkins Jr



Elenora (Traynor)Lobb - June 28, 2023 at 05:23 PM



“ Adolfo and Kathy Lara purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Alton "Sonny" Jenkins Jr.



Adolfo and Kathy Lara - June 28, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ My memories of Alton (we called him Jenks here) will never be forgotten, he was the kindest man you could ever know. I worked with him for 17 years here at Lock and Dam 24 before he retired in 1993. Our deepest sympathy to Alton's family. Cindy and Bob Zimmerman

Cindy Zimmerman - June 28, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Alton "Sonny" Jenkins Jr.*



June 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *My condolences to the Jenkins family. I worked with Alton at the dam in the summer while in high school at clopton. He was a good man*

Michael yates - June 28, 2023 at 11:10 AM



Greatest man I met . Louise and Jenks are forever in our hearts . Pleasure working with him co worker and friend. Will miss him !Mike and Margaret Reynolds

Mike and Margaret Reynolds - June 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alton "Sonny" Jenkins Jr.*



June 28, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Our sympathy goes out to all of the families of Alton. I know he was loved by many and will be missed greatly. He was a very good man.*

dgskmoore@gmail.com - June 28, 2023 at 09:32 AM

SA

“ Our condolences go out to Alton's family and friends. I got to know him when he worked at L&D24. He always gave a little of his time to share a kind word and was behind the scene for many hours manning and getting the Appleshed ready for Eagle Days. Sue and Raymond Abel

Sue Abel - June 27, 2023 at 08:56 PM

DW

“ Deborah Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Alton "Sonny" Jenkins Jr



Deborah Wheeler - June 27, 2023 at 05:25 PM

BL

“ Bryce And Doris Love lit a candle in memory of Alton "Sonny" Jenkins Jr



Bryce and Doris Love - June 27, 2023 at 04:25 PM

LW

Sonny and your Mother were just such good people he will be missed. Prayers and hugs to all of you. Lona Wallace

Lona Wallace - June 29, 2023 at 12:37 PM