



William Allen Jenkins

August 25, 1937 - April 21, 2019

William A. (Bill) Jenkins was born in Roanoke Rapids, NC. He attended schools there and went to college in Norfolk, Va. He graduated from College of William and Mary with a BSEE

He was rejected for Military service due to a bad knee so he went to work for contractors in the military defense industry. He was responsible for installing and maintaining the computer connection to the Pentagon for General William Westmoreland in Vietnam.

He came home after 3 years and worked for RCA. Then he moved to Orlando to work for Bill Schwartz at International Laser Systems working on laser target designations and range finders.

He went to work for Educational Computer Corporation and went to Iran with a simulator that taught how to fly a helicopter. He and his wife were married in the only Protestant church the Shah allowed in Tehran in 1975. They were there when the revolution started. He was on the next to the last plane out of Iran during the revolution.

He moved to Litton Industries and developed, tested and saw to completion the Lantirn program. The Lantirn laser is still in use in the military.

He worked for Cues, a company that developed a robot and camera system to detect flaws inside sewer systems.

After he retired, he and his wife traveled extensively and enjoyed life.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, two sisters, Sybil and Marguerite, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services will be Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 1:30 pm at St. Luke's United Methodist Church at 4851 S. Apopka-Vineland Road, Orlando, FL. 32819. Reception will follow at the church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 2. 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Luke's Methodist Church
4851 South Apopka-Vineland Rd
Orlando, FL 32819

Reception to follow immediately after the Service

MAY 2 (ET)

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“ Carol,

We were so saddened to hear of Bill's passing but this is his "homecoming" and we are the ones left hurting with his departure. This is only temporary and will be reunited with him once our own "homecoming" arrives. In the interim, continued prayers and condolences coming your way. May our Lord and Savior surround you with grace peace and understanding during this difficult time of loss and separation. I can only imagine the conversations already had by JB and Bill since his arrival! Hold fast!

*We love you,
Scott & Regina Vincent*

Scott Vincent - April 30, 2019 at 08:13 AM