



Van Dalton Jenkins, Sr.

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Van Dalton Jenkins, Sr., 94, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, in Covington, LA. Born in Colbert, GA, Van lived a rich and fulfilling life marked by devotion to family.

Van was the beloved husband of the late Martha Sue Hardigree Jenkins, with whom he shared 63 cherished years of marriage. He was a devoted father to Van D. Jenkins, Jr. (Barbara), Jennifer Jenkins Leddy (widowed by Billy), and Julie Jenkins Authement (Bruce). Van was proud of his grandchildren: Nicholas Authement (Sabri), Ashley Authement Wolf (Blake), Jacob Authement (Elizabeth), Mary Levey (Meg), Michael Leddy, Rebecca Leddy, and Dagmar Jenkins. He also adored his great-grandchildren, Callen Wolf, Oakley Authement, and the late Ophelia Authement. Van's love and respect for his children and grandchildren were boundless, and he was cherished in return.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Sue Hardigree Jenkins; his parents, Rachel Mildred Burt Jenkins and Dalton Jenkins; and his sibling, Burt Shepard.

A proud graduate of the University of Georgia, Van went on to serve honorably in the U.S. Army. After his military service, he embarked on a distinguished 38-year career with the Centers for Disease Control, relocating his family over a dozen times before retiring to their beloved home in Folsom, LA.

Van's work ethic was legendary, and even in his 90s, he could be found tending his garden with care and devotion. His passion for life extended to his leisure time, where he enjoyed playing cards with family, reminiscing about the "good ol' days," and cheering fervently for his Georgia Bulldogs as their most spirited geriatric fan.

Above all, Van was a steadfast provider, a supportive presence, and a true friend to his three children and grandchildren. His warmth, wisdom, and unwavering love left an indelible mark on all who knew him.



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Van will be deeply missed by his family and friends. His legacy of love and dedication will live on in the hearts of those he touched.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mr. Jenkins may be made to any Food Bank in your area.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W 21st Avenue, Covington LA 70433 on Monday, November 10, 2025, at 2:00 PM with visitation on Monday beginning at 1:00 PM. Interment will follow in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens.

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home has been entrusted with funeral arrangements. The Jenkins family invites you to share thoughts, fondest memories, and condolences online at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home Guest Book at <https://www.ejfieldingfh.com>.



Events

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Visitation

 **Monday**, November 10, 2025

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

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Funeral Service

 **Monday**, November 10, 2025


 2:00 PM CT

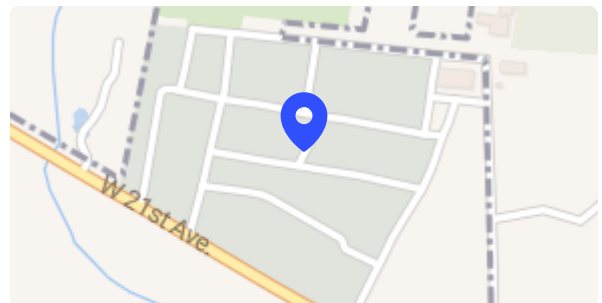
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Interment

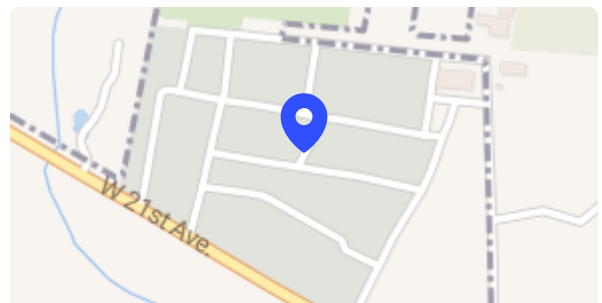
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 **Pinecrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery**
2280 W. 21st Avenue, Covington, Louisiana,
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Cemetery Details

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Love Always, Amanda Hardigree sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Jenkins family.



November 6 at 3:35 PM



Suzanne L. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Van.



November 6 at 9:02 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Van by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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