



William Arthur Jenkins

February 14, 1928 - September 12, 2015

HAMILTON- “Coach” Bill Jenkins died on September 12, 2015 in the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers, at the age of 87, from Parkinson’s disease. He was the husband of Vivianne (Bouchard) Jenkins with whom he shared 64 years of marriage.

William Arthur Jenkins was born in Dorchester, MA on February 14, 1928. He attended grade school in Merrimack, NH. Graduated from Jamaica Plain High School where he participated in Track & Field and won the 1947 New England Long Jump Championship. He received a B.A. at Boston University in physical education and participated in Track & Field. He spent two years in the Mass. National Guard.

He taught and coached track in Milford, NH, Beverly, Watertown and Danvers. He was inducted in the Mass. Track Coaches Hall of Fame, the Beverly High School Hall of Fame, as well as the Danvers High School Hall of Fame. He was a counselor and bus driver at the Beverly YMCA Day Camp where he took campers camping and climbing in the White Mountains. He received a patch from the Appalachian Mountain Club for recognition of having climbed all the mountains over 4000 Ft. in NH.

He was the first New England Regional director of the American Volkspport Association. He walked in all fifty states, all the Canadian provinces, in Germany, France, Italy, Greece, Austria, Ireland, Finland and Spain. He received a Distinguished Achievement Award from the American Volkspport Association.

He served as Treasurer of the Hamilton Golden Agers, and served on the Board of the Hamilton Council on Aging.

Besides his wife, Vivianne, he is survived by six children; Christine Eldred, Kevin Jenkins, Giselle McCowan, Cynthia Mancuso, Josette Davis and Shawn Jenkins. He has fifteen grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister, Marguerite Brooks.

His Funeral Service will be celebrated at 11AM on September 18, 2015 at C.R. Lyons & Sons, Funeral Directors, 28 Elm St., Danvers. Burial is private. Visiting hours are Thursday from 5-7PM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers donations may made in Bill's name to Care Dimensions, 78 Liberty St., Danvers, MA, 01923.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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SEP **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Coach Bill, I will always have lots of memories about him one I will always remember is when I moved to Danvers from Salem for the 8th grade. His annual thing he did at the beginning of the school year. He would make everybody run the mile and a half and I be his best cross country runner. He made me join the cross country team and I ran all 3 seasons. If not for him I would have never run.

Thank you Bill
Shawn Hogan



Shawn Hogan - September 15, 2015 at 07:48 PM



“ I was a camp counselor at the YMCA in Beverly for many years. I went on numerous White Mountain camping trips with Coach Jenkins, including one especially memorable one when we were rained out and had to come home - amazingly, everyone, kids included, dried out and went back up to the mountains. The morning we woke up half-drowned in our sopping sleeping bags, it was hard to keep an equable temper. Coach took one look at me and said in his dry-humored way, "You look like the Wreck of the Hesperus." Immediately, I started to laugh and the day improved. He was unflappable. He expected and encouraged a good performance. He was an impressive man, and those trips would not have been nearly so enjoyable without his organizational skills, dry wit and energy. Every summer I happily remember those trips and Coach.

With Sympathy,
Jan Sylvain

Jan Sylvain - September 14, 2015 at 03:08 PM



“ Dear Aunt Vivianne & family,

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Uncle Bill. His wonderful smile and sense of humor will be very much missed.
You are in our thoughts and prayers during this sad and difficult time.

With sympathy & love,
Kim & MaryAnn



Kim & MaryAnn Abplanalp - September 13, 2015 at 05:30 PM



“ Bill was the kind of guy who could light up a room. His sly sense of humor certainly brightened our day many a time.
We also were inspired by the obvious love he shared with his wonderful wife. After so many years, they were still so close.
Bill, we hope you are enjoying hiking heavenly trails light as a feather!

Much love,

Tom and Linda

Linda Camire - September 13, 2015 at 01:54 PM