



Melvin R. Jenschke

April 7, 1941 - July 31, 2024

Services for Melvin “Mel” Rudolph Jenschke, 83, of Tyler, Texas, will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Charles Dodson officiating.

A visitation is scheduled from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler.

The burial will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Brummett Cemetery in Bigfoot, Frio County, Texas, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Jenschke passed away Wednesday, July 31, 2024, in Tyler. He was born April 7, 1941, in Fredericksburg, Texas to Clemens Albert Jenschke and Laura Jane Leyendecker who taught him to speak German at an early age.

Mel first fell in love with flying as a boy while watching the planes landing at the Kerrville, Texas airport. He joined the U.S. Air Force and served honorably for four years working as an airplane mechanic. He married Margaret K. Shoemaker on April 25, 1964, while employed at Rohr Aircraft in Victoria, Texas. He studied electronics in California and later landed a lineman job with TCA Cable, Inc. Mel retired after thirty years as VP of Engineering. In the meantime, he earned his pilot’s license and became an FAA certified

mechanic and inspector. He used his flying skills to transport over 400 Angel Flights.

In addition to flying, Mel spent his time playing soccer, as well as coaching and refereeing youth soccer teams. Later in life, Mel became passionate about his walking. On June 30th of this year, he texted his family to let them know, "On this day 10 years ago, I started keeping up with my walks. Here's what I have done so far: 11,074.90 miles walked." This showed his commitment to life, family, and any of his other endeavors he put his mind to. Family and friends can all attest there was never a problem or project Mel could not fix.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving family including his wife K. Jenschke, children Keith Jenschke (Robin Flynn) and Keele Steglich; sister Mary Jane Kast (Al), brothers Mike Jenschke (Charlene), Stephen Jenschke (Teri), Richard Jenschke (Donna), numerous nieces, nephews, Mel's lunch bunch, and numerous other family friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be Brent Viken, Raymond Mills, Rex Johnson, Rodney Johnson, Arnold Morris, and Randy Goad.

If desired, memorials may be made to Angel Flight Inc or Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

AUG 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Graveside Service

AUG 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Brummett Cemetery
CR 2871
Bigfoot, TX 78005

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvin R. Jenschke



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 06, 2024 at 09:31 PM

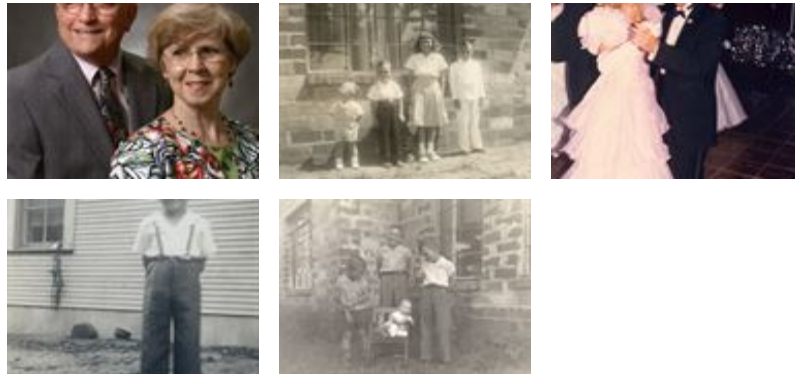
JH

One of the nicest guys I have known in my 87 years. Farewell my friend.

John Hastings - August 19, 2024 at 03:40 PM



“ 92 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 06, 2024 at 05:21 PM

BH

“ Bobby and Terry Hrapmann purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melvin R. Jenschke.



Bobby and Terry Hrapmann - August 06, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin R. Jenschke.



August 06, 2024 at 11:25 AM

EE

“ Eric, Laura, Landon and Evan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin R. Jenschke.

Eric, Laura, Landon and Evan - August 06, 2024 at 11:25 AM

JH

“ John & Amanda Hrapmann purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Melvin R. Jenschke.



John & Amanda Hrapmann - August 05, 2024 at 08:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin R. Jenschke.*



August 05, 2024 at 02:04 PM



“ *619 Leasing planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin R. Jenschke.*

619 Leasing - August 05, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ *619 Leasing purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Melvin R. Jenschke.*



619 Leasing - August 05, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ *The AFL Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin R. Jenschke.*

The AFL Team - August 05, 2024 at 10:09 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin R. Jenschke.*



August 05, 2024 at 10:09 AM



“ *2 files added to the album TCA*



Randy Rogers - August 05, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ *Jessica, James, Freddie, and Barbara planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin R. Jenschke.*

Jessica, James, Freddie, and Barbara - August 05, 2024 at 08:28 AM



“ *Jessica, James, Freddie, and Barbara purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melvin R. Jenschke.*



Jessica, James, Freddie, and Barbara - August 05, 2024 at 08:28 AM

MW

“ Matt and Judy Waters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin R. Jenschke.

Matt and Judy Waters - August 05, 2024 at 08:20 AM

MW

“ Matt and Judy Waters purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Melvin R. Jenschke.



Matt and Judy Waters - August 05, 2024 at 08:20 AM

RR

“ Randy and Brenda Rogers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin R. Jenschke.

Randy and Brenda Rogers - August 04, 2024 at 12:29 PM

RR

“ Randy and Brenda Rogers purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Melvin R. Jenschke.



Randy and Brenda Rogers - August 04, 2024 at 12:29 PM

JJ

“ Our good friend Mel, as we affectionately called him, was a fixture at Johnson Aviation. Rodney would always proclaim with an announcing voice, GOOD TO SEE YOU MEL!! And with the same gusto, a return echo of GOOD TO SEE YOU ROD!! Then the high tech conversation of the days current malfunctions would ensue. Mel was always at the ready to help tackle the latest problems... weather it was a complicated electrical issue, or even more complicated... was the latest taste test of the current IPA any good. What I think I'll miss the most about Mel, is him letting me give him a little hug, and just to ask, how are you today? We already miss you terribly, good friend...till we see you again!

Kay and family, we give our sincere condolences for your loss. The heartbreak of losing Mel has been felt far and wide. God speed, and God bless.



Julie Johnson - August 04, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Melvin R. Jenschke.



August 03, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin R. Jenschke.



August 02, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ Stacy McBride and Netceed planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin R. Jenschke.

Stacy McBride and Netceed - August 01, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ Stacy McBride and Netceed purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Melvin R. Jenschke.



Stacy McBride and Netceed - August 01, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin R. Jenschke.



August 01, 2024 at 02:45 PM