
Robert Calvin "Bob" Jenkins(1931 - 2015)

Robert "Bob" Calvin Jenkins, age 84, of Beverly Hills, FL passed away October 5, 2015, peacefully at his home under the loving care of his family and Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast.

Bob was born August 15, 1931, in Hagerstown, MD, to Hilda and Norman Jenkins. Bob grew up in Hagerstown where he attended high school and played American Legion Baseball and was an outstanding athlete. He was signed at 17 years old to the Old St. Louis Brown organization when he played minor league ball and kept doing well.

His career was interrupted by two years in the United States Marines during the Korean War. He was stationed at Opa Locka, FL when he played baseball on the Marine team. While in the Marines and in Miami, FL, he met his wife of 61 years, Lee. After the Military he returned to baseball with the Baltimore Orioles. After one year, Bob and Lee were married October 23, 1954, in Plymouth Congregational Church in Coconut Grove, FL. Bob returned to baseball in Albany, NY and was on the All Star Team where he had a terrific year while playing against Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle. While in Albany, Bob signed a contract with the Boston Red Socks as a Rookie and was a hopeful to take Ted Williams' place. Bob went to spring training, hit 340, terrific! But with three keeper stars it was hard to beat out Ted Williams (his hero), Johnny Pearsale and Jackie Jensen.

Bob was then drafted by the L.A. Dodgers where he was sent to replace Monty Irving who was injured. Bob's friends and players were Tommy Lasorda, George Anderson, Tommy Daves, Murie Wells and many others. Bob received many baseball injuries during his baseball years. He then was bought by the Cleveland Indians and was sent to Mobile, AL for two years.

He played Major League Baseball in Osaka, Japan and in Maracaibo, Venezuela. After 16 years of baseball, travel and all the wonderful experiences, he, his wife and family returned to Miami, FL, to live. Bob worked at the Dade County Sheriff Dept. (Metro-Dade) in the Telecommunications Dept for 22 years. Bob retired at 55 years old and he and his wife moved to Citrus County, FL, in 2001 where he was a small grower of various fruit trees and his beloved blueberries, vegetable garden, flowers and roses which he enjoyed so very much. He loved to make preserves from all the fruit he grew. Bob enjoyed fishing and golf but his passion was his fruit trees and his home.

Bob leaves a wife, Lee Jenkins; son, Steve Jenkins of Charlottesville, VA; daughter, Sharon Jenkins of Denver, CO and her former husband, Tim Muller; sister, Phillis Rose of Hagerstown, MD; brother, Howard Jenkins and his wife, Jane of Hagerstown, MD; cousin, Marvin Jenkins and his wife, Lois of San Antonio, TX; Step sisters, Christine Shives and her husband, Marvin and Rosemary Harlaugh all of Hagerstown, MD; three grandchildren, Adrienne Smith, Shawn Smith and his wife Stephanie and Stephen Smith.

Family will be receiving friends on Sunday, October 11, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Brown Funeral Home and crematory in Lecanto, FL. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 12th, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast.

**Funeral Home****Brown Funeral Home**

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