



## John W. Jenkins

March 22, 1945 - April 3, 2016

John W. Jenkins, 71, of Ashland passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family on Sunday April 3, 2016 at Community Hospice Care Center. He was born March 22, 1945 in Frankfort, KY the son of the late Admiral Dewey and Beulah Whisman Jenkins. He was the Director of People Helping People Inc. and also served as Treasurer and CFO on the Board of Directors. He was of the Christian Faith, a member of the Fred M. Gross Masonic Lodge #953 and Ashland Elks Lodge BPOE 350. He was also the former owner of Big John's General Store in Westwood, former owner of Gate City Wholesale in Coalton, KY and emcee of The Coalton Country Jubilee Country Music Show. John was co-founder of People Helping People (PHP) along with his long-time friend, Leon Tackett. Together, they created a non-profit organization that has helped thousands of families and organizations since its inception in 1988. PHP's primary source for raising funds is its Thursday and Friday evening bingo games in Coalton, Kentucky. The funds provide financial assistance to area residents. John helped create the charitable organization that will continue as a legacy to his hard work and dedication. He lived each day on Earth like the beautiful gift it was, and he never took one breath for granted. He was a loving man who had a generous heart of gold, an incredible smile, and an amazing sense of humor. He enjoyed classic country music and over the years attended several live shows at the Grand Ole Opry. In his lifetime, he held several occupations and wore many hats including auctioneering, business owner, flea marketing, truck driver, and many more. He was one of

the region's most popular bingo callers at numerous bingo games throughout Boyd County. John loved the Lord with all his heart. He was a loving husband, a wonderful and proud father, and he loved his family so much. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by four brothers, Dewey Jenkins, David Jenkins, Tom Jenkins and Sam Jenkins; one half brother, James Jenkins; and special father figure, Leon Tackett. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Caskey of Ashland; one daughter, Kim Jenkins-McClements (Steve) of Ashland; one sister, Mary Jane Adams (Bill) of Ashland; two brothers, Stanley Jenkins (Janie) of Ironville, KY and Frank Jenkins (Rita) of Ashland; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held 12:00 PM Friday April 8, 2016 at Miller Funeral Home with Rev. Mark A. Kloha officiating. Masonic Services will be conducted by the Fred M. Gross Masonic Lodge #953. Burial will follow in Dixon Cemetery. A memorial reception will be held at The People Helping People Bingo Hall following the funeral service. The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers donation may also be made to Community Hospice @ 1480 Carter Ave. Ashland, KY 41101 or The Ashland Salvation Army @ P.O. Box 1405 Ashland, KY 41105-1405.

# Cemetery Details

## Dixon Cemetery

Main St  
Westwood, KY 41101

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home  
1941 Carter Ave  
Ashland, KY 41101  
millerfuneralhome@windstream.net

## Service

APR 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Love you daddy & miss you so much!!

Kim Jenkins McClements - April 28, 2016 at 08:27 PM

BE

“ Bonnie Evans lit a candle in memory of John W. Jenkins



Bonnie Evans - April 06, 2016 at 04:43 PM

TB

“ Teresa Boggs lit a candle in memory of John W. Jenkins



Teresa Boggs - April 06, 2016 at 07:59 AM

CR

“ Cheryl Ruley lit a candle in memory of John W. Jenkins



Cheryl Ruley - April 06, 2016 at 07:58 AM

MU

“ *Our condolences to the family of John Jenkins from the family of Harold Murphy*

**Murphy** - April 05, 2016 at 06:01 PM



Jessica Rodgers

“ *Jessica Rodgers lit a candle in memory of John W. Jenkins*



**Jessica Rodgers** - April 05, 2016 at 09:09 AM



Michael Marcum

“ *Michael Marcum lit a candle in memory of John W. Jenkins*



**Michael Marcum** - April 05, 2016 at 09:00 AM



“ *Terri Rodgers lit a candle in memory of John W. Jenkins*



**Terri Rodgers** - April 05, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John W. Jenkins.*



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April 05, 2016 at 08:30 AM



“ *so sorry for the family lose rip big john you will be miss*

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**melissa gehringer** - April 05, 2016 at 06:58 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time and my heart is breaking right now for you Sharon honey and Big John was a kind hearted and most caring person he was always there when someone needed him anytime!!!! R. I. P. Big john gone but never forgotten Amen*



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**Shana Lawhorn** - April 05, 2016 at 12:37 AM



“ *John was always the same,no matter where you saw him.John would always say at bingo, come on down we,ll leave the lights on....John willbe missed by all whom came in contact with him.....*

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**ROSIE ADAMS** - April 04, 2016 at 08:05 PM



“ *Bingo will not be the same without your smiling face! Rest in Peace!*

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**Phyllis and Greg Bush** - April 04, 2016 at 07:18 PM