



## Merlin Jenner

March 22, 1932 - December 10, 2014

Merlin D. Jenner went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, December 10, 2014.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, December 13, 2014 at First Church of the Nazarene with Reverend Darren Melton officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Walker-Brown Funeral Home.

Merlin Duane Jenner was born March 22, 1932 in Hand County, SD to Arthur and Gladys (Fisher) Jenner. After graduation from high school, Merlin joined the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1960. He married the absolute love of his life, Shirley Rawstern-Hern on November 16, 1955. Merlin became the father of Rex and Nola Hern and joining this union in later years were Lynn, Brian and Todd. Merlin and Shirley farmed in Hand County, SD, eventually moving to St. Lawrence. Merlin worked at a service station in Miller, SD then the family purchased M&S Grocery Store in St. Lawrence before moving to Huron, SD where Merlin worked for many years as an Assistant Manager at J.C. Penney. In 1989 they relocated to Bartlesville, OK where they both served as custodial staff at First Church of the Nazarene and Wesleyan Christian School. Merlin and Shirley had fun making and selling woodcrafts and going antiquing during retirement. Merlin especially enjoyed his "meetings" with his buddies at McDonalds, where the family even celebrated

his 80th birthday. Merlin took loving care of his mother-in-law, Bertha Miller, and his special sweetheart Shirley in their final days with great love and dignity. Merlin loved a good joke and had a million of them. He loved putting on his "special" outfit: gray wig, yellow pants, bike horn and more, to get a laugh out of the grandkids for their special occasions. Merlin loved his Lord and Savior and served Him faithfully.

He is survived by one daughter Nola and husband Ken Storm of Fargo, SD. Four sons: Rex and wife Celene Hern of Prinsburg, MN, Lynn Jenner of Edmond, OK, Brian and wife Sonja Jenner, Todd and wife Krystal Jenner all of Bartlesville. Merlin was blessed with 17 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Lois Christiansen and sister-in-law Virginia Jenner of Miller, SD numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.

Merlin was preceded in death by his parents, wife Shirley Jean Jenner, brother Irving Jenner and grandchild Abby Jenner.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to: Journey Home Hospice House, 3406 SE Kentucky, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

# Tribute Wall



“ Posted by Sheila Anderson from Huron, South Dakota  
*To the Jenner family. I don't think that I have ever meet a kinder, gentler man than Merlin. He was a such a role model to all of us that were touched by him as a Sunday School teacher, superintendent etc. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you. God bless Sheils*  
12/12/2014 at 05:13am

Posted by Elisabeth Ingram from Edmond, Oklahoma  
*I have such good memories of what a kind man Merlin is from my summer visits to my Grandma Arnold in Huron. I clearly remember his smile and how he made everyone feel comfortable. My sympathy in your loss.*  
12/13/2014 at 03:08am

Posted by BJ Tallman from Bartlesville, Oklahoma  
*I was the district manager of McDonald's for the last several years until the first part of this year. Merlin and I, along with his sidekick Mr. Boomer shared a lot of good times. He brightened my day when it was gloomy, and brightened the day of many more that he never knew by presence alone. God bless!*  
12/23/2014 at 06:36pm

Posted by Deloris (Scheidegger) Watts from Worthing, South Dakota  
*To the family of Merlin Jenner. He was such a sweet man. I always looked forward to seeing him when my parents (Art & Alice Scheidegger) would go into Penny's. He always made me feel special. I am truly sorry for your lose.*  
12/24/2014 at 04:17pm

---

**Carter Davis** - January 14, 2019 at 02:23 PM