



Toni Kay Jenkins

September 19, 1943 - August 20, 2025

Funeral services for Toni Kay Jenkins, 81, of Gilmer, Texas, will be held at 10:00 am, Saturday, August 23, 2025, at First Methodist Church with Rev. Matthew Smith officiating. Interment to follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Hughes Springs. The family will receive friends at 9:00 am prior to the service. Arrangements are under the direction of McWhorter Funeral Home.

Toni was born on September 19, 1943, in Hughes Springs, Texas, to Arvin and Hazel Hawkins Traylor and passed from this life on August 20, 2025, in Tyler, Texas.

She was a beacon of love and joy in the lives of all who knew her, earning the affectionate title of “MiMi” from her grandchildren. Toni dedicated her life to nurturing and educating young minds as a schoolteacher for over 25 years. Her passion for teaching was matched only by her love for her family and friends. She had an infectious smile that could brighten even the darkest days, and her laughter was truly a gift. As one dear friend beautifully put it, she was “pure sunshine.”

In her spare time, Toni found joy in playing bridge, where she formed lasting friendships and enjoyed countless hours of fun and camaraderie. She was known for her ability to bring people together, creating a warm and welcoming environment wherever she went. She leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and an unwavering spirit that will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to know her. Toni will be deeply missed but never forgotten, as her spirit lives on in the hearts of all who loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Jana McAlister; son, Jason Jenkins; grandchildren, Peyton Zizzi, Presley McAlister, Olivia McAlister, and Grayson Jenkins.

She is preceded in death by her parents; twin sister, Donna Beasley; and her brother Glen Traylor.

Pallbearers will be Billy Joe Williams, Todd Traylor, Cody Traylor, Dustin Traylor, Bryce Watkins, and T. J. Traylor.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to First United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 1132, Gilmer, TX 75644, reflecting her lifelong commitment to God, education, and community.

Please visit Toni's online registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

1213 hanes Blvd.
Hughes Springs, TX 75656

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

First Methodist Church
105 N Montgomery St
Gilmer, TX 75644
(903) 843-2610

Service

AUG 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *She was a school teacher at Gilmer elem. I remember going to her house for a Easter egg hunt. 2 of my boys had her for kinderg. They loved her dearly and so did I. Teri Ritter*

Teri Ritter - August 23, 2025 at 06:20 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Toni Jenkins Funeral Service*



McWhorter Funeral Home - August 23, 2025 at 05:41 PM

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“ *Your APP Family purchased the Graceful Wreath for the family of Toni Kay Jenkins.*



Your APP Family - August 22, 2025 at 05:18 PM

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“ *AFC/UTSW women attendings purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Toni Kay Jenkins.*



AFC/UTSW women attendings - August 22, 2025 at 04:57 PM

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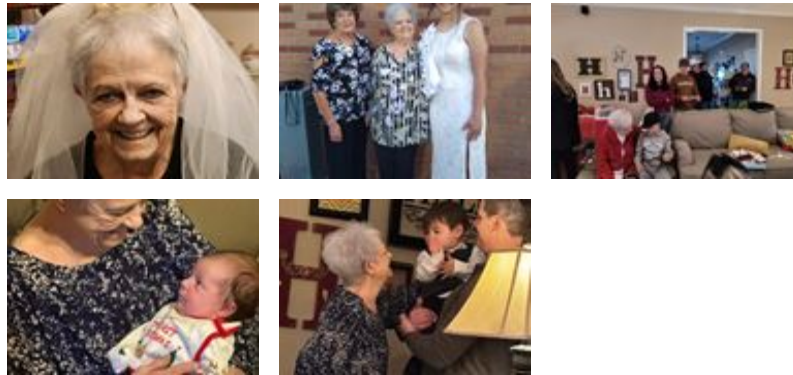
“ *The Ngai family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Toni Kay Jenkins.*



The Ngai family - August 22, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ *53 files added to the album Life Tributes*



McWhorter Funeral Home - August 22, 2025 at 03:41 PM

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“ *I grew up in Hughes Springs with Toni. We went to church together, and we also attended school together. When we grew up and went our separate ways, we came back together as teachers of little children! We attended small schools workshop for several years in Austin, Texas. She was always a delight to be around. It was never full!*

Carol Evans Parrymore

carol Evans Parrymore - August 22, 2025 at 03:01 PM

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“ Toni made me feel so welcome when I started working at Gilmer ISD. Eyes twinkled and that mischievous smile! She will surely be missed but as said, not forgotten❤️



liz Richardson - August 22, 2025 at 07:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Toni Kay Jenkins.



August 22, 2025 at 01:01 AM

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“ Spending time with Toni was always a memorable experience, whether it was teaching alongside her, enduring in-services, or sharing stories about our grandchildren. She always made me laugh. I loved her and will miss her.
Kathy Ferrell

Kathy Ferrell - August 21, 2025 at 07:39 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Toni Kay Jenkins.



August 21, 2025 at 04:21 PM