



## **SMSGT (Ret) Floyd H. Jennings, Sr.**

February 8, 1928 - October 30, 2014

Funeral services for SMSGT (Ret) Floyd H. Jennings, Sr., 86, of Piedmont will be Sunday, November 2, 2014 at 2 p.m. at Thompson Funeral Home with Jesse Clausen and Stan Rogers officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Highland Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday one hour prior to services. Mr. Jennings passed away Thursday, October 30, 2014 at Gadsden Regional Medical Center. Mr. Jennings is survived by his wife of 63 years, Helen Hulsey Jennings of Piedmont; two sons, Ken Jennings (Maria) of San Antonio, Texas and Floyd H. Jennings, Jr. (Shelia) of Piedmont; three daughters, Deborah Clausen (Jim Hines) and Donna Wilson (Jerome) all of Piedmont and Deanna Gilbreath (Joe) of Jacksonville; daughter-in-law, Bobbi Jennings of Jacksonville; ten grandchildren, Carrie Rogers (Stan), Jesse Clausen (Gigi), Ryan Jennings (Dana), Jillian Turner (Jason), Dustyn Jennings, Shelley Jennings, Whitney Wilson, Kelley Carroll (Ben), B. J. Murphy and Brooke Murphy; and 21 great-grandchildren. Mr. Jennings was preceded in death by his son, Lewis D. Jennings; his parents, Dewey and Mary Jennings; three brothers; and four sisters. Pallbearers and honorary pallbearers will be members or Lozahatchee Masonic Lodge # 97 F&AM. SMSGT (Ret) Floyd H. Jennings, Sr. retired from the United States Air Force with 26 years five months of service. He was a Flight Engineer Instructor on the C-130 Hercules Aircraft. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross. He earned this medal in combat. His aircraft was heavily damaged by enemy fire. This particular mission is written about in a

book, "The C-130 Hercules: Tactical Airlift Missions, 1956 - 1975". He earned seven Air Medals for Combat Support Missions. You had to fly 35 days to earn one Air Medal. He also received the Presidential Unit Citation, the Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Accommodation Medal, and Senior Air Crew Member Wings. He has been to over 50 countries, ranging from one night to six months. He joined the Air Force at the tail end of World War II. He was a veteran of three wars, WWII, Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. He was a 62 year member and past master of Lozahatchee Masonic Lodge # 97 F&AM, past Noble Grand of Piedmont Lodge #524 Independent Order of ODD Fellows, life member, past commander of VFW post #4263, past district #4 Commander, life member, Quartermaster of VFW Post #4263, past Commander of Savage - Stewart Camp #523 Sons of Confederate Veterans, and life member of American Legion Post #98. Flowers may be sent or memorial contributions may be made to the Piedmont Rescue Squad, P.O.Box 333, Piedmont, AL 36272.

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ I was assigned with SMSgt Floyd Jennings in the 776TAS in Taiwan back in 1972-1973. He served as a mentor to me as a young Sergeant. Floyd’s military bearing and professionalism served as an example to all, and you could always count on Floyd when the going got rough. Rest In Peace.

David Wegener - August 08, 2020 at 02:36 PM

BB

“ I flew many hours with Floyd and always respected his work and dedication. We met at many Air Force reunions over the years. I considered him a good friend. He will be missed. My deep condolences to the family.

Bo Bohannon - June 20, 2018 at 04:18 PM

DP

“ Prayers for this beautiful family, My Uncle Floyd was well respected in our family & will truly be missed by us all!

Darla Pope - June 20, 2018 at 04:18 PM

CW

“ I flew many times with Sgt Floyd Jennings. He was a true professional flight engineer. His knowledge of his job and of aircraft systems was seldom equaled. His military bearing was superior. He had a quick wit and a way to put student flight engineers at ease. I hold him a good dear friend who will be missed.

Carl Wyrick - June 20, 2018 at 04:18 PM

CW

“ Dear Jennings Family,

*We are so saddened to hear of your loved one's passing and want to extend our deepest sympathies. Our fathers have been "brothers" of the heart for many, many years. When dad called to give us this sad news we could hear the heartbreak in his voice. Your family has certainly endured much sadness during the last several months but we know, because of God's promises, that those who believe in HIM will once again be reunited where there is no sorrow or pain. We will keep you all close in our prayers.*

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**Carlene Zech Waller** - June 20, 2018 at 04:18 PM

SM

“ *I first met Floyd when I joined the 779th Troop Carrier Squadron along with several other brand new loadmaster trainees. Floyd really helped us get used to the flying game. We all looked up to him. May he rest in peace.*

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**Sam McGowan** - June 20, 2018 at 04:18 PM

BC

“ *i met floyd back around the late 50s at pope we were on c-123s back then. I knew him and all of his family. Rip floyd I will miss you.*

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**Bill Collier** - June 20, 2018 at 04:18 PM

TS

“Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth, And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings; Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth of sun-split clouds -and done a hundred things You have not dreamed of -wheeled and soared and swung high in the sunlit silence. Hovering there I've chased the shouting wind along and flung my eager craft through footless halls of air."Up, up the long delirious burning blue I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace, where never lark, or even eagle, flew; and, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod the high untrespassed sanctity of space, put out my hand and touched the face of God."By John Gillespie Magee, Jr. My deepest sympathies to your family.

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**Terri Smith** - June 20, 2018 at 04:18 PM

TE

“ You will be missed by everyone who knew you , but there is a party going on in heaven with those you you have missed !!! I love you !! Aunt Helen I want you to know that there's no men I looked up to more than my mother's 4 brothers !! I love you all so much and I'm truly sorry for your loss !!! Trina

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**trina ewing** - June 20, 2018 at 04:18 PM

JT

“ You will have earned eternal "crew rest" Floyd. Spread your wings once again and fly the heavens with God as your co-pilot. May you rest in peace my brother.

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**Jim Tomlinson** - June 20, 2018 at 04:18 PM

BK

“ So sorry to hear of Floyds passing my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

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**Bobby King** - June 20, 2018 at 04:18 PM

JL

“ *May you rest in peace my brother, You now fly with the Angels and your mission is complete.*

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**Jim Lopez** - June 20, 2018 at 04:18 PM

JP

“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

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**Josephine Pike** - June 20, 2018 at 04:18 PM