



Harold Jones Jennifer

March 3, 1922 - August 12, 2008

Harold Jones Jennifer Jr. died at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on August 12, 2008 of complications resulting from myelofibrosis, a rare form of anemia. Mr. Jennifer was born in Washington, DC on March 3, 1922. He graduated from Washington's Dunbar High School in 1939 after an outstanding high school career where he excelled as a student and lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. Harold entered Springfield College in Massachusetts as a freshman that year, where he majored in physical education and participated in basketball and baseball. During World War II, Mr. Jennifer proudly served in the Army, rising to the rank of first lieutenant. He was stationed in such places as Ft. McClellan, Alabama, Ft. Lewis, Washington, and Ft. Huachuca, Arizona where he organized recreation programs on those respective bases. While on break from Springfield, prior to the war, Harold met Ruth Riley of Los Angeles, CA on the campus of Howard University. They were married, and from that union two sons, Harold III (deceased) and Clinton were conceived. After the war, Harold went on to graduate from Springfield College twice, receiving his BS in Physical Education in 1947 and his M.Ed. in Education Administration in 1948. His first job was as Physical Director at the Druid Hill YMCA, which brought him to Baltimore. He left the "Y" after a year and a half and went to work for the Baltimore Bureau of Recreation where he served primarily as District Supervisor for fourteen years. In 1964 he was appointed to Assistant Director at the new Baltimore Civic Center; and in 1966 he was promoted to Executive Director. Mr. Jennifer held that position during the heyday of the

Civic Center until 1976. Subsequently, he launched a career in real estate in the Annapolis area in semi-retirement while enjoying life on the Chesapeake Bay. Harold Jennifer was a long time member and past National President of the Guardsmen social club. He also was President of the International Auditorium Managers Association, Chairman of the Druid Hill YMCA Board of Directors, member of the Maryland Physical Fitness Commission, Morgan State University Foundations Board, and he was Trustee Emeritus at Springfield College and a recipient of the College's highest honor – the Tarbell medallion. According to son Clinton W. Jennifer, "My dad loved Springfield College maroon; and he perfectly embodied the College's motto: Leadership in Service to Others." Sister Jean Brooks of Washington, D.C. added, "I had a very loving and devoted brother." Other survivors include six grandchildren; Jai Jennifer of Oakland, CA, Riley Jennifer of Santa Maria, California, Jacob, Jasmin, Joy, and Ali Jennifer (all of Columbia, MD). Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Morgan State University Development Office with "Sonny J./Iota Phi Theta" Scholarship Fund on the memo line. A memorial service is planned for March West Funeral Home in Baltimore on August 23rd at 3 pm.

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Jones Jennifer*

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“ *Please accept my condolences for the loss of Mr. Jennifer. Acts 24:15 lovingly declares: "There is going to be a resurrection." May you receive much comfort and strength every time you think about this wonderful resurrection hope found in the Bible.##imported-begin##Mrs. Hill##imported-end##*

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“ *To the family, Please accept my sincere sympathy. As you draw comfort from your precious memories, may you find strength to endure from the wonderful promise made at John 5:28,29.##imported-begin##Gwen Winston##imported-end##*

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Some of my greatest memories are serving with him in WWII.##imported-begin##Rollin C Williams##imported-end##*

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Jennifers family. Harold was a wonderful, kind and gentle man, he will be missed by many. We had so many wonderful conversations over the years with him about anything from his career to cars, Springfield College, Highland beach, his children and grandchildren and so much more. He was a wealth of knowledge and history and kind to share it with us. May you find peace in your memories of this outstanding man.##imported-begin##Karen and Jay - Annapolis, MD##imported-end##

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“ Im very saddened to hear of Harolds passing. He was a good man with some great stories.##imported-begin##Matt##imported-end##

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“ Clinton and Sheila, Please accept our sincere condolence concerning the loss of the "Captain." We have fond memories of him. Rest assured that your commitment to his life will not be forgotten. Do know that your fulfillment to scripture is evident and admirable. “Honor your father and mother’ (this is the first commandment with a promise), ‘that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.’” (Eph. 6:2-3)##imported-begin##Guy and Sharon Plummer##imported-end##

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“ On behalf of the Jennifer family, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to all of the people who came out to show their respects to my dad at his service and to all of those who have expressed their condolences. My dad was a tremendous trailblazer and pioneer in the Baltimore community and a testament to civil rights progress having overcome overt discrimination in his career to rise to an extremely high profile position that provided local, state, and national exposure. His philosophy of "working hard and playing hard" was demonstrated by his outstanding academic and professional career record, and also by his affinity for dancing, music, and boating. I am blessed to have had him as my father and friend; and I will cherish the memories for the rest of my life.##imported-begin##Clinton W. Jennifer##imported-end##

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“ I was thinking about my grandad today, and decided to finally have the strength to check this guestbook and leave a message. I just want everyone to know how special of a man he was, and how fortunate I am to have known him. His spirit alone was contagious, and his legacy has been passed down from generation to generation. I will always love you Captain.-Love, Jacob##imported-begin##Jacob Jennifer##imported-end##

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“ On my return from Barbados, March 17th, I learned of the passing of our good friend, Harold Jennifer – with whom my deceased husband, John Procope, had a long standing relationship. May I convey my deepest sympathy to the Jennifer Family?##imported-begin##Ernesta G. Procope##imported-end##

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