



Richard "Dick" Jensen

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Richard “Dick” Kenneth Jensen, age 87, was ushered into God’s presence on Saturday, December 17th from his earthly home in Travelers Rest, South Carolina. He joins his wife of 63 years, Martha Earle “Marty” Prater Jensen who arrived in heaven before him on November 18, 2022. Mr. Jensen was born in Florida to Kenneth McGill Jensen and Marguerite Sidel Jensen. He is survived by his sister, Jo Blair of North Carolina. Also left to carry on his legacy are children Carol Joy Jensen-Robertz and husband Gary, David Kenneth Jensen and wife Tina, grandchildren Kristina Gatz, William Gatz and wife Sara, great-grandchildren Cecilia and Grant, and three nieces.

Mr. Jensen’s first passion was his love for Christ, followed by his love for his wife Marty, his love for family, his love for journalism, and his passion for evangelism. He served as a radio station manager for Billy Graham in the 1960s, a television reporter and anchor in the 1970s and 1980s, a speech writer, a columnist, an instructor in media and journalism in higher education, an author, and the founder of First Foundations, Inc. Mr. Jensen’s hobbies and interests included writing, photography, pets, travel, American history, broadcasting, gardening, and organizing events. He was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Taylors, SC.

The family wishes to express their sincerest appreciation to the staff and caregivers at Spring Park Assisted Living and Memory Care in Travelers Rest, SC for their care, attention, and patience. In lieu of memorial gifts or flowers, the family asks that people take the time to visit shut-ins, those in nursing homes, assisted living, and memory care facilities who need loving compassion and to show gratitude for the patient, kind, and overworked staff who take care of them.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

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“ *Rev. Professor, Deacon, Brother and Friend "Dick", Richard K. Jensen.... To me and my church where he spoke, to the Billy Graham Radio station WFGW-AM & WMIT-FM where he served as General Manager and with Dr. Billy Graham's authority hired me September 23, 1970 where after 52 years I still serve there, to the Rev. Dr. Wesley Grant, Sr family and the Count On Me Radio and TV ministry This man and his late wife Marty are and were and remain Ambassadors For The Lord Jesus! I loved working with this Man of God, Fellowshiping, eating, worshipping, visiting and working together. Love their children Carol and David and families. First Foundation Inc. Mission of Dick keeping the Constitution alive and respected with books and other Mission work world wide will never be forgotten by those who worked with the ministry and the students who were honored and encouraged and received scholarships for higher education from FirstFound.us!!!! Love ya Dick and Marty Jensen.
Louis and Sandra Grant*

Louis E Grant - December 27, 2022 at 01:14 PM

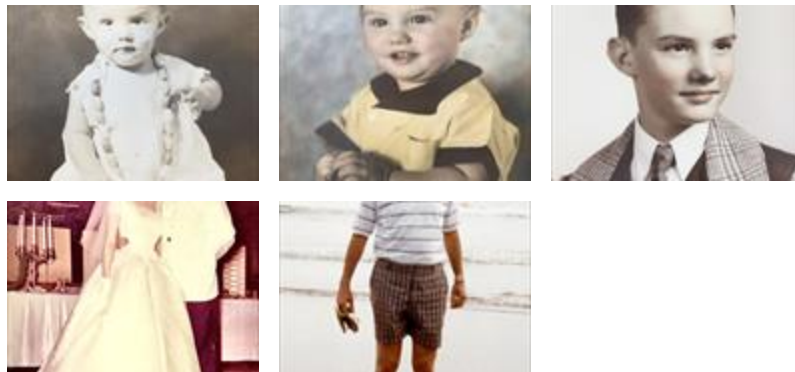
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“ *It was my privilege to serve with Dick and Marty as their pastor at Reedy River Baptist Church. They were also dear friends. His faith and his witness will be missed.*

Pastor Tim Lee - December 22, 2022 at 09:48 AM

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“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



Carol Jensen - December 21, 2022 at 06:44 PM

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“ To have been a colleague of Dick Jensen's at North Greenville University was a great honor. He was a man who strove to leave the world a better place than he found it.

Walter Johnson - December 20, 2022 at 06:56 PM