



James F. Jennings

January 25, 1933 - April 12, 2014

James F. Jennings, M.D., COLONEL USAF, Retired, was born January 25, 1933 to Floyd and Florence Jennings in Chicago, Illinois. He was spiritually born again in October 1950, and went to be with his Lord on April 12, 2014 at 81 yrs. of age. He is survived by Betty Sue Jennings, his best friend and wife of sixty years. They were blessed with five children - Richard, Kevin, Rex, Debbie and Jonathan, and 16 grandchildren, all of whom survived him, except Ashley, a special blessing, who God took home at 4 months of age. They also had one great-grandchild. Together, Jim and Sue tried to walk together with God and grow in Christ in the ministries entrusted to them. These included, but are not restricted to: degrees from Murray State College now University -1950 - 55; Doctor of Medicine - University of Louisville School of Medicine 1955-59; Rotating Internship at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Dayton, Ohio - 1959-60; then, as a US Naval Medical Officer at Argentua, Newfoundland - 1960-62. He then transferred to the US Air Force to do a Residency in Pathology at the Ohio State University Hospital - 1962 -66; His USAF assignments in pathology were at Carswell AFB - 66-71; Torrejon AFB, Spain - 71-74 and Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center - 1974 - 80, where he served as Chairman, Department of Pathology, and was a Clinical Professor of Pathology at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Because of his interest in the medical and spiritual causes and cures in psychiatry, he did a second residency in psychiatry at the Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center from 1980 – 83. They were then assigned to Lakenheath, England from 1983 - 86,

when he was invited back to the Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center to be the Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Director of Mental Health Services, He was also appointed to the position of Clinical Assistant Professor in Psychiatry at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD. In 1988 he retired from the USAF and became the Medical Director of JENNINGS and ASSOCIATES, a Christian-based psychiatric practice and counseling center. He was also the Medical Director of the San Antonio branch of RAPHA, a Christian-oriented Inpatient Psychiatric Program. He retired from this ministry in 1998 and devoted his time to the Board of Elders at Wayside Chapel, where he became Chairman of the Elder Board, and continued to serve until 2005. He looked upon all of his work as a ministry from the Lord, and in 2004 began doing Locum Tenens work in psychiatry. Eventually an opportunity opened up and he became a Contract Psychiatrist in the Outpatient Mental Health Clinic at the Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center where he continued to work from 2006 to 2010. Both he and his wife were active in many different ministries, the most important being working with their children and grandchildren. An avid sports fan, he loved to cheer on his grandchildren in the many sports they played. He was a wonderful grandfather, father and husband and will be dearly missed.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. A church service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 18, 2014 at Wayside Chapel. Graveside services will be held privately at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests for donations to be made to the Wayside Chapel Missions Fund.